

Educational scholarship campaign receives modest response

The appeal to support the foundation’s mission, “educate a new generation,” has received modest response to date. After a mid-spring visit to Cassé-Pied by foundation board members, this urgent plea was shared with HNL members and supporters.



Here is the situation. Fortunately, the children attending the Cassé-Pied Elementary School have dedicated

teachers. However, the supply of basic materials, such as paper and pencils, has been depleted. The chalk boards have fallen victim to the weather and are in desperate need of replacement.

The contributions received so far to support the elementary program must now be used to provide the most essential items but the facility improvements will have to wait.

There are two hundred and five children enrolled in the elementary program supported by HNL. Older students must go to a government-operated school after grade six. Unlike our American school system, these students must pay tuition to attend high school. The cost can range from 800 Haitian dollars (\$100 USA) to several hundred USA dollars. This summer ninety-two children formally applied for financial assistance. Based on the response so far, *only* twelve students will receive help.



It is not too late. If you want to support the mission objective to “educate a new generation,” send your donation to Hope N Literacy and note Education support.



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Do you need an excuse to get a new computer?

Here it is! Hope N Literacy needs your old one to improve communications with its various locations.

You might ask why a computer would be helpful in a village like Cassé-Pied, where they do not even have running water or electricity, and it is a fair question. First, they do have limited electric through a gas generator and one small solar system.

Our hope is to place a computer and printer in the custody of our school principal, Mr. Wilson, which, along with the software that we supply, will enable him to print study materials, homework, and teacher-help materials. This equipment will require more electricity in a location currently without. So we'll need a small solar system for him, too.

Our church and Haitian "Command Center" in Pétiion-Ville could easily make use of two computers. One computer would support the Tutoring Center. As with the school in Cassé-Pied, this computer will support the educational needs of the children who come to the church for supplemental education.

Another very valuable use of a computer is to provide communication with our foundation in the USA. Yes, there is cell coverage in their area so they could

connect to an internet supplier and we could have regular and immediate communications with the pastor, principal, and others.



It is hard to believe that a village so remote that it has no power, running water, or convenient access to neighboring communities could have the luxury of cell phone and internet capabilities. Something is wrong with that picture but we believe we can change that with educated residents and the support of loving people who care.

A second computer at the Command Center would help us manage the foundation's regular operations and essential communications. Today our only way of communicating is through expensive phone calls or emails but our Haitian colleagues must go to an internet store and rent a computer. This makes our communications sporadic and expensive.

We will be making a shipment of material to Haiti in early October. Will you help us include these needed computers in that shipment?

Children lose their parents - receive educational support

Within a span of eight days in late August, Mr. and Mrs. Delva suddenly die of unrelated natural causes. These tragic deaths follow the loss of their home during the January 12 earthquake. Now their two teenage girls are left with no parents, no home, and no hope.

This situation changed when two friends of the foundation committed to pay for the girls' education for the next five years, giving these young women their only chance to make a life for themselves. In a nation where most children cannot afford to pay the required tuition for a high school education, this commitment gives these girls a chance to succeed.

There are many other children who seek the same opportunity to enjoy a better life than their parents. They cannot do it without our help. That is why Hope N Literacy exists. "To instill hope, educate a new generation, and provide humanitarian assistance." The more success we have in educating the youth of Haiti, the easier it will be to instill hope and less assistance they will need.

Please consider how you can help a child today.

An Open Letter

At times, I wondered if HNL's (Hope N literacy) involvement in Haiti was necessary and valuable. During my last visit to Haiti in July, it became



very clear that HNL's presence is not only needed, but is worthwhile. In 8 days, we were able to travel from southeast Haiti to

the northwest. There are so many valid reasons for HNL to be involved in Haiti. Due to my last venture, I uncovered great urgency for assistance.

On Friday, July 2, 2010, I landed at the Port-Au-Prince airport at 9:30 AM where Dickens was there awaiting my arrival. Once I was there, we quickly did some minor repairs on the truck we shipped earlier this year. We picked up a few leaders in Pétion-Ville and off we went to Seguin, Jacmel, southeast of Port-Au-Prince. My father had been working with the people there since 1974. The purpose for the July visit was to organize HNL as one unit, one vision and voice. Early Saturday, July 3, 2010, the leaders from

Furcy, Pétion-Ville, Cassé-Pied and Seguin met to discuss our future. We realized that we needed the guidance of the Holy Spirit more than ever. Next, we needed to restructure the way we do business. With the help of the supporters from the United States, it appears that the restructuring process would be easier.

Later during the day, we drove back to Pétion-Ville. The next day we traveled to Furcy for the Sunday service. After church, we met with a few people that attended the service. There again, we brought some clothes, food, toiletries and medical supplies. Then we assessed the damage caused by the earthquake. The building's foundation was damaged. There is a great need for a new building. After our meeting, we returned to our headquarters where we had evening worship.

On Monday, we repackaged more supplies and prepared the truck for a long journey to Cassé-Pied. It took us the whole day to get the truck ready for the vigorous journey. Tuesday, we traveled to

Cassé-Pied. We got there



very late because we were pulling a 17-foot trailer. On Wednesday, we started the application process for scholarship awards for the students that will attend secondary school this year. We had over 85 applicants.

I want to thank all of you Hope N Literacy supporters. I am humbled by your support. These people may never have a chance to say thank you, but you help regardless. Everything that we have accomplished so far in Haiti is because of you. None of this would be possible if God has not endowed the spirit of giving on you. He has bottled my tears, mended my heart, lifted my head, redeemed my life, delivered my mind, and has given me the foundation that it takes to provide for others. Giving the amount of support that is provided to the people in Haiti, I know that only God could make it possible.

My God Reigns.

Joe Raymond

Seguin church property near resolution

Many years ago, when the church in Seguin, Haiti, was first organized, property was promised for the church. As often happens in Haiti and other third world countries, the legal formalities did not get done properly. In recent years ownership of the church property has come into question.

In a meeting between Josue (Joe) Raymond and the other party claiming ownership, it was agreed that the church would be given the deed to the property.

However, this would not happen without a cost. The foundation committed to pay 8,000 Haitian dollars to acquire title to the property. The initial payment was made in July. The balance of the fee will be paid when the foundation receives the deed to the property.

We expect this situation will be resolved this year and the church will feel secure knowing that it has a future in Seguin where it first started.

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Hope N Literacy International Foundation, Inc. was organized in 2004, by its founder Joe (Josue) Raymond, for the purpose of advancing the religious and academic education of the children and adults of the village of Cassé-Pied, Haiti.

Cassé-Pied sits on top of a remote mountain where there is no running water, no electric power, and, before *Hope N Literacy*, no church or school building. The children were required to walk 5 miles down the mountain to the near-by village of Jean Rabel. Only the strongest children were able to make the difficult round-trip down and up the mountain, walking along dirt paths and washed-out roads. As a result, many children never got even a basic education.

Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

We cannot change the entire country, but with God's help, we might make a difference in one small village and allow His work to spread beyond its borders as young - *educated* - children hear and follow God's word.

We thank God for the faithful supporters of this very special ministry.

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