

To all our friends and supporters:

Since the last update in December 2003, the Hope for Haiti Foundation (HFHF) has been busy: we went on our third medical mission trip to Haiti January 28–February 4, 2004 and the third annual Zorangé Classic was held April 26, 2004.

We continue to have a very dedicated team of volunteers who have grasped our vision and who hope to make a difference in the lives of people who are far away but are in their hearts and minds on a daily basis.

### **Brief Historical Background**

As most of you know, we started HFHF nearly five years ago and thank God we are still in existence. HFHF was incorporated in July 1999 and since then we have:

- Provided medical care through three clinics, all with donated supplies and medication
- Conducted three teachers workshops
- Conducted two revivals
- Began a water project - digging a well to provide water for the village of Zorangé
- Held three Zorangé Classic golf tournaments
- Planned to build a school building
- Provided educational access to and purchased school books for over 1,000 students
- Launched a website to provide updates to our supporters and friends ([www.hope4haiti.com](http://www.hope4haiti.com))

### **Medical Trips**

During our three medical clinics, we have administered basic medical care to over 1,500 people; residents from over 18 villages attended the three clinics. During our most recent trip, we instituted a system in which we took recorded basic patient information on medical record cards and attached photographs of the patients to the cards. Our objectives were to record who came to the clinic, how far they came, and their complaints. We are currently putting this information into a database, which will help us evaluate the health needs of people in this area and determine what medications and supplies are needed for future clinics.

One of our goals is to teach and equip the local residents so that eventually our medical professionals from the United States will be just teaching and making improvements. We want the local villagers to be able to do the actual work.

During our 2004 medical trip we also ran a pharmacy. A local nursing student and others worked at the pharmacy; we believe that within two years they will be running the pharmacy, and we will be there strictly to advise when necessary. In addition to training pharmacists, we are also providing basic first aid training to local residents so that they can tend to small problems that could become disasters if proper first aid is not administered. Prevention is our key medical objective as we continue to work in remote villages of Haiti.

### ***A Story Worth Sharing***

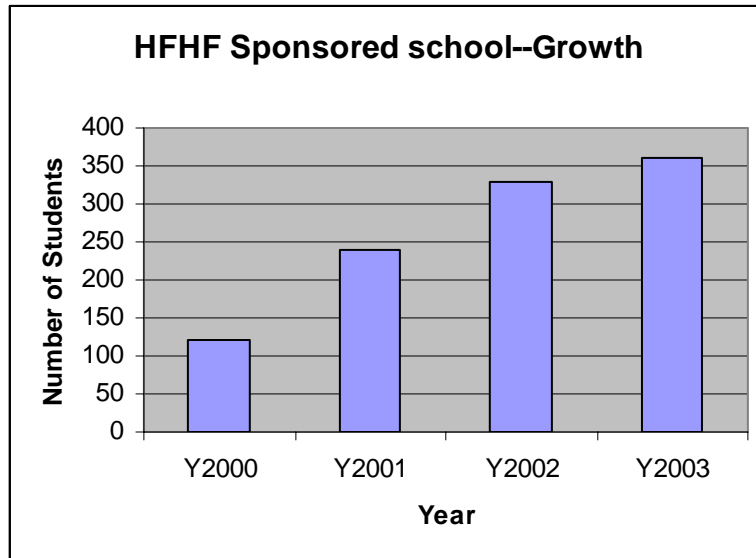
One patient at the clinic, Johnny, a 14-year-old boy, could have lost his foot to amputation if it had not been for the missionaries. But after we left, his foot needed to be cleaned and the dressing changed daily in order for his foot to completely heal. That job fell to our newest first aid trainee, Sonnie Adam—a teacher—who was given some basic training by one of our nurses on how to care for wounds. We have learned that Johnny's foot was completely healed within six weeks after we left. We are making progress.

### **Teachers' Workshops**

We conducted workshops for the teachers at the school to provide support and to help them learn to use their limited resources more effectively. We are fortunate enough to have two teachers on our team who are determined to provide any help necessary to have a well-run school. We have

a long way to go, but we are making progress. We expect to have a library at the school by January 2005. This library will consist of French reading books for all ages and some reference books. There are no more than a handful of libraries in the whole country. We will work with the teachers and the school staff to ensure that other students in the area will be able to participate in reading programs.

The school continues to grow, from 120 students in the 2000–2001 school year to over 360 students in 2003–2004.



**Figure 1.** School growth: from 120 to more than 360 students in the last four years.

There are still scores of school-age children who are not attending school. Their parents cannot afford to pay the tuition and/or there are not enough schools to accommodate them. Our school has been over its capacity since its inception, yet we continue to accept more students. It is entirely possible that the school can grow to over 500 students, but we have many issues to deal with, such as lack of space and availability of qualified teachers and other resources. We intend to have one of the best elementary schools in Haiti, despite its location in this remote village in southeast Haiti. In the last three years we have enjoyed the highest passing rate for students on the mandated state board exam required for students going from sixth grade to seventh grade. We will continue to do our best to provide students with the best fundamental educational to help them succeed in their secondary education.

**Spiritual/Bible School**

One of our goals is to work with local church leaders in an effort to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. During our mission trip in 2003 we were able to conduct a revival in Zorangé. We were also able to show the Jesus film in Haitian Creole. We hope to send a student to Bible school within the next five years. In the future, we hope to establish a Bible training center in Zorangé that will equip the local leaders. We will soon have a place to worship in Zorangé. This worship center will be part of the school building that we intend to build this year.

**Update on Projects**

### Zoragé Classic Golf Tournament

This year marks our third annual Zoragé Classic. We started this event three years ago with the hope of raising funds to help with the operational costs of running the school in Haiti. We also wanted to provide a way for people to help Haiti without having to go there. So far the golf tournament has been successful; people come and have fun and, at the same time, they can make a difference in the lives of hundreds of families in Haiti. Our objective is to run the best golf tournament possible year after year, so people will continue to come to this tournament. We are making great strides, and our best is yet to come. The people who are running this tournament are dedicated and passionate about helping Haiti; we hope to have over 100 players next year. Here is how we have done so far.

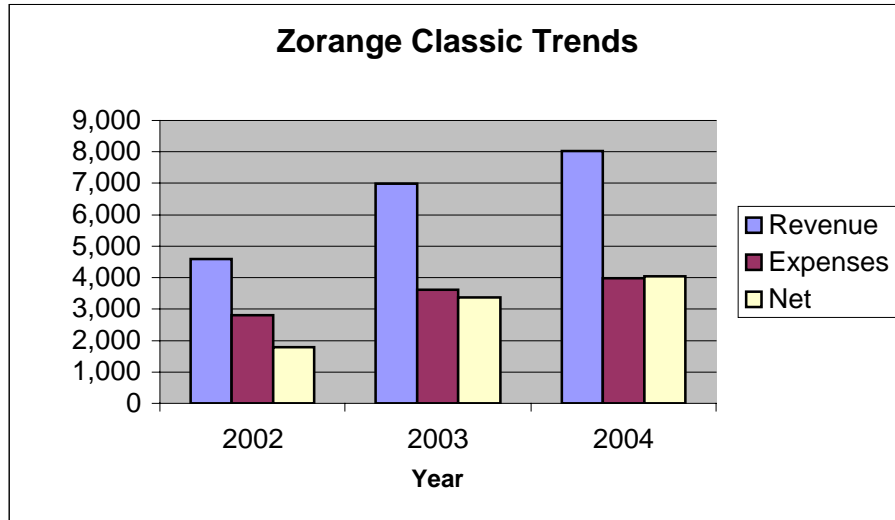


Figure 2. Zoragé Classic tournament revenue in the last three years.

Our gross revenue has been increasing, our expenses have stabilized and our net revenues are increasing from year to year. That is the exact trend that we need. We are planning to have a banner year next year because we plan to advertise quite extensively through our website ([www.hope4haiti.com](http://www.hope4haiti.com)) and the mailing of brochures. Approximately 50% of the revenue covers the expenses of the tournament, and the remaining 50% constitutes our net revenue.

### Construction Project

This year will be a memorable one for us because we are planning to undertake our biggest project yet—the construction of our new school building. We set a goal four years ago to have a new school building in use by 2005, and we are on target to meet this lofty goal. Construction is set to begin in June 2004. Three years ago we had an engineer draw the blueprint, and we will be using this blueprint to build the school. The construction will comprise at least 10 classrooms, a kitchen, a cafeteria (which will be a multipurpose room for seminars, church services, weddings, etc.), a library, and an office.

We cannot imagine the teachers' joy when they can begin using the new school building. Currently, we have five classrooms that meet under one roof, with no walls to separate the classrooms; the younger students meet in a tin-roofed shelter outside. The challenges the teachers and students face are beyond belief, yet they continue to work without complaint because they hope that their dream of having separate classrooms will become a reality, sooner rather than later. We are in the last phase of preparation before construction begins. This construction project will have its challenges, but the whole community will embrace it. Parents and students will be involved in bringing rocks, sand, and water because they know that this is

their project. Because of their involvement, labor costs will be reduced by 50% (local workers and volunteers will do most of the work).

### **Water Project—Digging a Well**

There is little or no potable water in the remote villages of Haiti, including Zorangé. Last year we began digging a well to provide drinking water for the community, and we are still working on this project. We have actually dug a well over 100 feet deep; we have over 200 feet of pipe and a pump, but we still have not found water.

We have been in contact with a company referred to us by Water for Life; this company has the equipment to dig the well and provide water. The challenge will be whether or not the equipment can make it to Zorangé. We believe it is possible to get the equipment there, but we cannot be certain until the company visits the village. The company's visit is scheduled to take place in June 2004. Once they visit the village and determine if they can bring the equipment to Zorangé, then the job of digging and installing the well and having drinking water will take only a few days—not weeks. There is still hope for the people to have potable water. This will happen, although the timing remains unknown (updates to come).

### **Goals for the Next Nine Months**

We intend to accomplish the following in the next nine months:

- Build the new school building with a cafeteria that will also serve as a multipurpose room for worship, conferences, and workshops.
- Have potable water for the students and the residents of Zorangé and the vicinity
- Volunteer at Duke football and basketball games (yes, we will need volunteers) to raise funds for operational expenses, construction projects, and other HFHF projects
- Inaugurate the school during our next mission trip to Haiti
- Conduct a mission trip to Haiti (January 25–February 2, 2005)
- Run our fourth annual Zorangé Classic Golf Tournament (April 15, 2005)

As you can see, there is never a dull moment at HFHF, and yes, there is room for anyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of people in Haiti who may never have the opportunity to enjoy the privileges that we have in this wonderful country.

There is a reason for wanting to do what we are doing, and our overall objectives at HFHF are as follows:

- Bring relief to thousands of parents who might otherwise never be able to send their children to school.
- Provide education to underprivileged children throughout the remote villages of Haiti, starting in the village of Zorangé, Baintet, in southeast Haiti.
- Bring the compassion and love of Jesus Christ to the children, parents, teachers, and leaders throughout the remote villages of Haiti.
- Provide medical care to communities where there are no clinics, hospitals, medical doctors, or nurses.

We hope to 1) train a new generation who will be equipped to participate in and influence the development of Haiti; 2) train a new generation of spiritual leaders to equip others to carry out the great commission of Christ; 3) train a new generation of political leaders who will have the integrity and vision to lead their native land in the right direction; 4) and establish medical relief within walking distance throughout the remote villages of Haiti.

We thank you all for all you have done for HFHF and all that you continue to do.

Sincerely,

Jean Elade Eloi