

Hope for Haiti Foundation

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To all our friends and supporters:

Since our last update back in May 2004, a lot has happened. Chief among them were a mission trip to Haiti in January and February 2005 and our fourth annual Golf Classic.

The Hope for Haiti Foundation continues to have a very dedicated team of volunteers who have grasped our vision; these wonderful people hope to make a difference in the lives of people in Haiti who are in their hearts and minds every day.

I. Brief historical background

We started The Hope for Haiti Foundation over 5 years ago, and thank God, we are still in existence. Since July 1999 we have been able to

- ❖ Run four medical clinics
- ❖ Conduct four teachers' workshops/seminars/conferences
- ❖ Conduct two revivals
- ❖ Initiate a water project (began digging a well)
- ❖ Run four golf tournaments (the Zorangé Classic)
(Now known as the Hope for Haiti Classic)
- ❖ Start the construction of the school with a multipurpose room
- ❖ Provide education to and purchase school books for over 1,100 students
- ❖ Launch a website to provide updates to our supporters and friends
(<http://www.hope4haiti.com>)

Medical Trips

During our four medical clinics we have administered basic medical care and provided medication to approximately 3,000 people. Residents from at least 18 villages have attended these medical clinics. During our January 2004 medical trip, we instituted a system in which we filled out patient cards with basic information and took pictures of patients to attach to the cards. In January 2005 we continued to use the index cards, but we did not take pictures of patients because of the cost. The patient cards were used in the pharmacy to provide needed medication and they also helped us to determine who came to the clinic, how far they had come, and what their health problems were. We are currently putting this information into a database so we can evaluate our needs and better prepare for future clinics.

One of our objectives is to train the local residents so that eventually the U.S. medical professionals will be teaching and making improvements, but the actual work will be done by the villagers.

During the 2005 medical trip, a local nursing student and other Haitians worked in the pharmacy. Within two years we expect that they will be running the pharmacy and we will be there strictly to provide advice. In addition to training pharmacists, we are also providing basic first-aid training to local residents in the hope that they will tend to small problems that could become serious without proper care.

Prevention will be our key objective as we continue to work on the medical front in remote villages of Haiti.

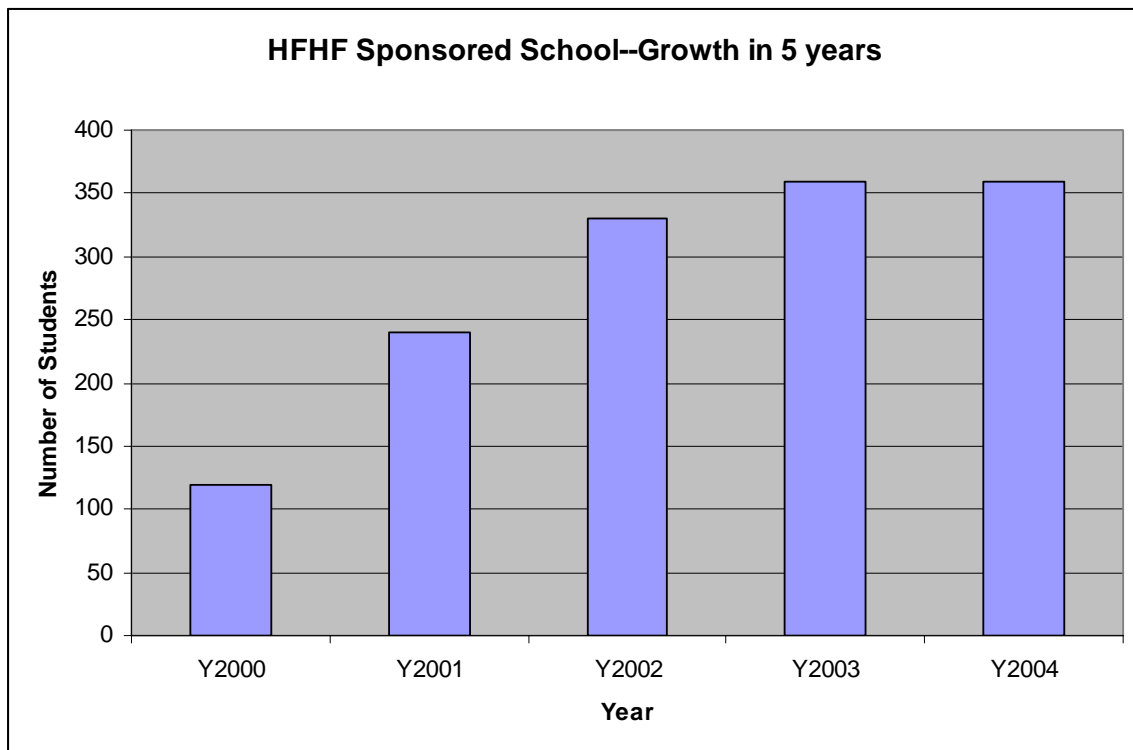
Teachers' workshops

In 2002 we began conducting workshops for the teachers at the school with the objective of supporting them and improving the quality of education, even with their limited resources. We are fortunate enough to have two teachers on our team who are determined to provide any help necessary to develop a well-run school. We have a long way to go, but we are continuing to make progress. We expect to have a library at the school by January 2006. This library will consist of French reading books for all ages and some reference books. It is safe to say that there are no more than a handful of libraries in all of Haiti, and one will be at the École Chrétienne Unifiée (Unified Christian School). We will be working with the teachers and the school staff to ensure that other students in the area will be able to participate in prospective reading programs.

One of our new initiatives is a somewhat radical approach to Haiti's national education system. The current system in Haiti allows one teacher to teach all of the core subjects at both the elementary and middle school levels. A teacher may teach up to six subjects in a school day. Starting in September 2005, we will initiate a system in which each teacher teaches a maximum of two subjects. We will have dedicated classrooms for science and math and for social studies; these classrooms will be set up to include materials that are needed to help the students understand and use what they are taught. We will evaluate the new system on a yearly basis to ensure that we are making improvements in the school and that are empowering both the teachers and students alike.

The school continues to grow.

Figure 1: School growth in the last 5 years (120-360 students).



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 could reach over 500 students, but we will have to deal with issues such as lack of space and the availability of qualified teachers and other resources. We intend to have one of the best elementary schools in Haiti, despite its location in a remote village. In the last four years we have enjoyed the highest passing rate for students taking the mandated state board exam required for students between sixth and seventh grades. We will continue to do our best to provide students with the best basic fundamental education that will serve as a springboard to help them succeed in their secondary education.

Spiritual/Bible School

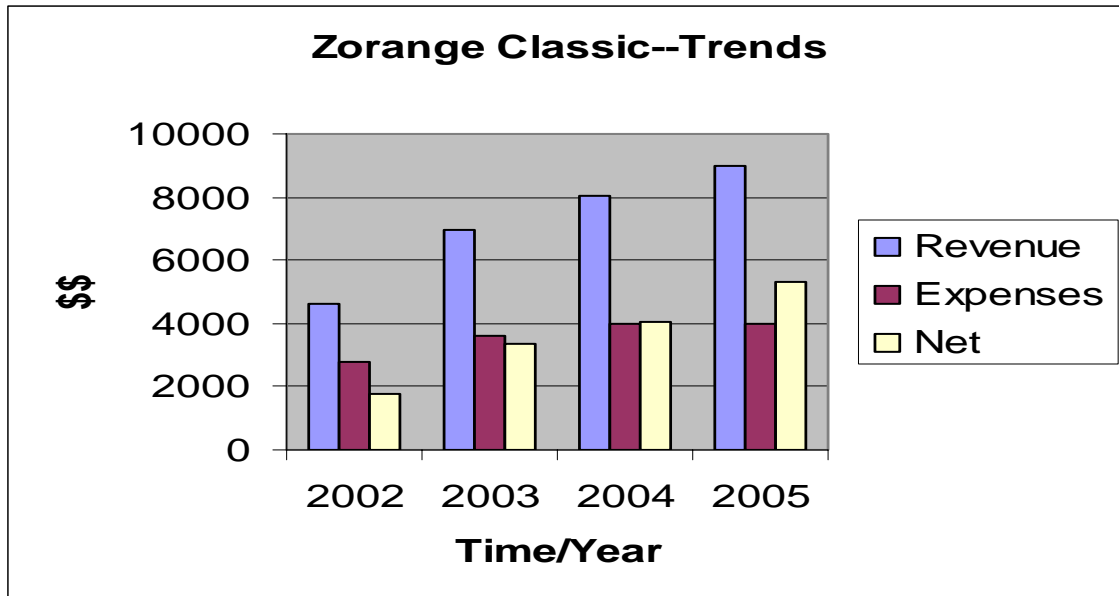
With the completion of our multipurpose room, we will have a place of worship. We are praying about finding and/or partnering with someone who feels called to serve the community in a spiritual capacity. We plan to use the cafeteria as our sanctuary until we are able to build a church for the community. Once we find our pastor, we will also start a training program for young men and women who feel God's call to be evangelists, pastors, teachers, or missionaries. After they are trained, they will continue to teach others.

II. Update on Projects

Golf Tournament—Hope for Haiti Golf Classic
(previously known as the Zorangé Classic)

This year marks our fourth annual Golf Classic. We started this event 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, we have run a good golf tournament where people can have fun and, at the same time, make a difference in the lives of hundreds of families in Haiti. The tournament is improving year after year. People are continuing to come to the tournament, and we expect to break the 100-player mark in 2006.

Figure 2: Zorange Classic tournament revenue in the last three years.



Our gross revenue has been increasing, our expenses are becoming stable, and our net revenues are increasing every year. That is exactly the trend that we need. We expect to have a banner year next year because we plan to advertise extensively through our website (www.hope4haiti.com) and through mailing brochures. About 50% of the revenue covers expenses of running the tournament. The remaining 50% constitutes our net revenue.

In years 2002-2005 we have raised \$1789, \$3380, \$4041, and \$5299, respectively. With the dedicated team that we have in place, this tournament will continue to grow even faster.

Construction Project

Five years ago, we set a goal to have a school building in operation by 2005, and we are on target to meet this lofty goal. We kicked off the construction project in June 2004 and started to dig the foundation in September 2004.

Today we have finished the foundation and three walls, and we have started to prepare for the roof on the front and one side of the building.

Our ultimate goal for this year is to begin the 2005-2006 school year in the new building. We have many challenges, such as getting the material to Zorange in a timely manner; dealing with impassable rivers when it rains; and the astronomical cost of materials and transportation to the remote location.

We have been blessed to get relief on transportation costs because, last year, we received a donation to purchase a vehicle. We were able to purchase and ship the truck to Haiti, and it was in operation by March 2005. This truck will continue to be a blessing to us because it gives flexibility in how we continue with the project.

III. Goals for the next 12 months

Our goals for the next 12 months are as follows:

- ❖ Finish construction of the school building with a multipurpose room that will serve as a cafeteria and a library, as well as be used for worship, conferences, and workshops,
- ❖ Kick-off a sponsorship program to allow people to sponsor a child for \$25 a month to cover operating expenses and the school construction project
- ❖ Provide potable water for the students and the residents of Zorangé
- ❖ Sell concessions at Duke football and basketball games (we will need volunteers, more info to follow) to raise funds for operating expenses, construction, and other Hope for Haiti Foundation projects
- ❖ Inaugurate the new school in January 2006
- ❖ Conduct a mission trip to Haiti January 16-24, 2006
- ❖ Run our fifth annual Hope for Haiti Golf Classic in April 2006

There is never a dull moment at HFHF; there is room for anyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of people who do not have the opportunities and privileges that we enjoy in this country.

Our overall objectives at the Hope for Haiti Foundation are the following:

- ❖ Bring relief to thousands of parents who may never be able to send their children to school.
- ❖ Provide education to the underprivileged children throughout the remote villages of Haiti, starting with the village of Zorangé, Bainet.
- ❖ 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, doctors, or nurses.

We hope to see the following results:

- ❖ A new generation who will be equipped to participate in and influence the development of their country.
- ❖ A new generation of spiritual leaders to equip others to carry out the great commission of Christ and political leaders who will have the integrity and vision to lead their native land in the right direction.
- ❖ Medical relief that will be available within a reasonable walking distance throughout the remote villages of Haiti.

Once again, we thank you all for what you have done for HFHF and all that you will continue to do.

Sincerely,

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