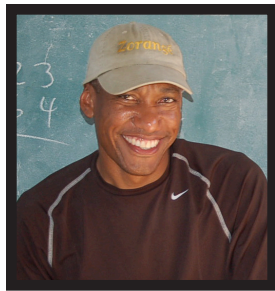




# HFHF Impact Update

Changing a nation one life at a time...

## News from the Founder



On our first 2011 trip to Haiti, I can't begin to tell you how excited we were to see that the barren place acquired in 2002 is now a thriving community. This once empty land has a multipurpose building that houses a primary and secondary school (425 students), a chapel, a clinic with a laboratory and pharmacy. This construction was not done without sweat and tears. Nonetheless, your everlasting resilience has brought us this far.

I conducted our second town hall meeting in Bainet, and the people wanted to know how they could help. The oldest attendee, who could barely see or speak, offered two truckloads of gravel to be a part of the solution for his town. He wants to see his grandchildren have access to medical care before he leaves this world, and he will help any way he can. That's the energy boost! That's the driving force!

We know our work is cut out for us this next decade, but instead of worrying, we are excited. We are confident that your engagement will continue, and your passion for this work will be contagious.

My dream is to sit in a plane on the way to my home country and see visitors coming not for aid, but to be with their friends and enjoy the beautiful land. We won't need to provide support, because the next generation of Haitians will have fulfilled their dreams and plans for their country. Until then, we go to Haiti and collaborate with our current staff, we empower our medical team, and work with our teachers to provide the best possible education to the kids. We work hand in hand with the farmers, learning from each other to bring better results and diversity in their farming. We will continue to work with the leaders (religious and political), because we know they have something to offer.

On behalf of all our Haiti staff and volunteers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am confident our collaboration will continue. Be patient, because this work takes some time. But as you know from the past 10 years, we will see the results! Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you here in the States or in Haiti. God bless you.

- Jean Elade Eloi

## News from the Field: A Heart for Haiti



*L to R: Elade, Denise's parents, Denise, Dr. G in 2009 in Zorange.*

It takes a village to raise a child, but what does it take to save that child's life when they have a heart defect? Dedication.

It was on HFHF's medical trip in January 2009 that we first met Denise. In a community where retrieving drinking water requires a one-mile uphill trek, her shortness of breath was of great concern. Seventeen at the time, Denise received a cardiogram from Dr. Gerry Gacioch, HFHF's volunteer cardiologist, using a battery powered EKG machine. Dr. G diagnosed Denise with severe mitral stenosis, a heart valve condition that can be fatal unless operated upon.

With no surgical capabilities available in Bainet, the team rallied to find another way to save Denise's life. Rochester General Hospital in New York, agreed to do the surgery at no charge. A Texas businessman stepped up to offer his plane for the transport from Haiti. After 10 arduous months of securing passports, medical visas and paperwork, we now have the means to bring Denise to the U.S. to save her life.

There are still many obstacles ahead. Travel, immigration and security, the surgery itself. And yet, we are hopeful we can make a difference for Denise. It is only through the dedication of volunteers and supporters like you that this work is happening. And we are blown away by your dedication to make impossible things, like Denise's surgery, happen.

We are inspired to believe that we can do more. We believe that we can help more than just Denise. We believe that with your help, we can make surgery available in Bainet. Because while some can be patient while we get paperwork in order, many more cannot wait. We are getting closer -- we now have solar power, increased access to medications, a dedicated staff of Haitian nurses. But we need a doctor to perform surgery, midwives to help with complications in labor, and additional equipment and supplies to ensure that patients receive the best care. We know these things will come, despite obstacles. And we are inspired by your dedication.

# Building a Community of Hope: From Rubble to Resilience

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**I don't remember where I was** at 4:53 on January 12, 2010, but there are 9 million people in a small Caribbean nation who will never forget. As the reports poured in, we began to realize the scope of the event. "More than half of Port au Prince destroyed" the headlines read, pictures of the collapsed presidential palace reminding us that earthquakes don't discriminate. As the death toll rose, we struggled to comprehend what was happening. Despite the fact that we've experienced enough to accept the world is broken, we all like to think it has limits, a certain fairness to its blows. We like to think it distributes pain evenly, or has a sense of decency, to know when enough is enough. A disaster like this was unthinkable anywhere; in Haiti, it just seemed unnecessarily cruel. Haiti already faced so many challenges before the earthquake – extreme poverty, poor sanitation and public health, lack of infrastructure, lack of access to education.

Thanks to people like you, at Hope for Haiti Foundation, we've seen great progress in the areas where we work. We've been able to help more than 3,000 families get back on their feet, rebuilding more than 400 homes and providing cement to repair 22 schools and three churches. Our students were back to learning within 3 months as construction teams buzzed daily to fully repair our school. Our clinic began seeing patients quickly, providing them with both emotional and physical support. We're so thankful for our supporters who came together to make this possible, and we're thankful that we were able to get on the ground quickly and make a tangible difference, especially as we saw so many organizations that faced red tape or serious logistical difficulties. Even with our multipurpose facility complete, being prepped for paint (a dream 10 years in the making), we knew we could not stop there. We must continue on with our mission to equip these communities so that they can restore their nation. So, we brought in solar power, and built a computer lab. We realized our dream to build a community library. We added a dormitory for our Haitian staff who walk an average of 2 hours daily to serve this community.

And we expanded our support in the U.S. We set up an office space in Raleigh thanks to the generosity of IT Xchange. We brought on our first full-time staff member, and we are expanding our base of support. Because we know if the Haitian people have not given up hope, neither can we.

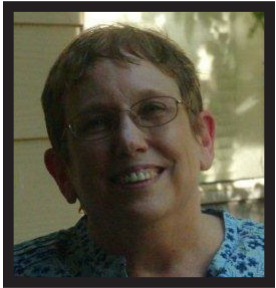
We want to honor the strength and resilience of the Haitian people. Not only do they live with strength through often unspeakable conditions in their daily lives, they also have not lost their joy, love or determination, despite having their homes, lives and families completely torn apart in just an instant. We are daily impressed by our friends there who carry on, who work in the hot sun to repair their lives and who grit their teeth and move forward – pursuing an education, investing in their communities, finding ways to improve conditions for themselves and their children. And we want to honor you. Where the world might see poverty, social issues, corrupt government, you see potential. Where the world might see rubble, you see resilience.

– Kristen Pope



Top Left: Computer Lab, Top Right: School & multipurpose facility  
Bottom Left: Library shelves being constructed, Bottom Right: Solar Power Generator

## Donor Spotlight



**Lyn Askew** has been a faithful supporter of HFHF since 2006. Without passionate and committed supporters like Lyn, none of this work would be possible. Lyn is a proud grandma of three and mom of three, who loves being in service to the Lord. "Severe asthma and a life threatening surgery in 2008 left me without a lot of the physical abilities to serve...as I used to," says Lyn. "I have been deeply moved by the people of Haiti. Their faith is such an awesome thing in light of the many trials they have endured. Making a steady contribution can help make a difference in our ministry there and for this wonderful nation that can grow and bloom. The pictures I have seen of what a difference can be made really touch my heart."

Thank you, Lyn, for your continued support, and for sharing and serving with Hope for Haiti Foundation.

## Want to Join the Change?

### Donate your talents:

HFHF is currently seeking volunteers with the following experience:

- Graphic design, video development, or web design
- Event coordination
- Grant writing
- Database management

### Donate your time:

HFHF is currently seeking volunteers for the following events:

- Annual Golf Tournament
- Fundraising at Duke Football Games
- Spreading the word about HFHF!

Contact [info@hopeforhaitifoundation.com](mailto:info@hopeforhaitifoundation.com) to express your interest.

### Donate your resources:

Online at [www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/donate](http://www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/donate)

Or Hope for Haiti Foundation, PO Box 4794, Cary NC 27519-4794

## Business Partners

HFHF is grateful to receive support from a wide array of individuals, businesses, schools and churches. Here are just a few of the recent donors who have been inspired to join your cause. We're thankful for:

- **SONY Ericsson** for donating more than \$50,000 worth of office furniture and equipment for the Zorange school and local HFHF office
- **IT Xchange** for the donation of office space for HFHF's local office in Morrisville
- **Trinity School**, NY for donating 50 solar graphing calculators for our school in Zorange
- **GE, Philips, and Pamela Shiovone** for donating two ultrasound machines
- **The Vancouver Clinic and Dr. Duane Webb** for donating an X-ray machine for the Zorange clinic
- **Direct Relief International** who have provided the Zorange clinic with more than \$500,000 worth of medication since January 2010
- **S2 Jeans** who donates a portion of their gross profit to HFHF
- **EducateNCare**, an online tutoring business that donate school supplies for every hour of online tutoring completed

## Upcoming Events

**March 14:** HFHF Board Meeting

**May 2:** HFHF's 10th Annual Golf Classic

11:00 am, Crooked Creek, Fuquay-Varina

\$150 per player; sponsorship opportunities available

**May 6 - 7:** Rodeo for Haiti

**May 7 - 14:** Medical Trip to Haiti

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