



Thank you for your faithful support as we work to bring hope and resources to the people of Fond-des-Blancs, Haiti. The Haiti Christian Development Fund (HCDF) is a faith-based, tax exempt organization that depends on contributions for its ministry to the people of Haiti. You are a critical part of this ministry and we want to share with you a couple of the places that God has been at work in Fond-des-Blancs in 2013. We also invite you to imagine with us what God might do in 2014 and prayerfully consider joining us in that work.

### **This Year – 2013**

#### ***Caleb Leadership Center***

To assure that there is a new generation of leaders for the holistic community development programs, churches, and schools, HCDF began the “**Caleb Project**” in October 2012, a three-year, intensive training program for promising young leaders. The six current students, pictured here with the HCDF Field Director, have been learning throughout the year, and have already selected areas that are in need around the perimeter of Fond-des-Blancs. They are currently dividing their time between Fond-des-Blancs in continued course work and hands-on learning, and their respective communities where they are focusing on the most pressing needs and positioning themselves as leaders in those communities.



#### ***L'Exode Secondary School***



To break the vicious cycle of poverty and superstition, HCDF has been offering a quality education to the children of the community since the 1980s. Currently **L'Exode educational programs** include over 1,500 students in HCDF-supported schools across seven campuses. Responding to the tragic destruction of so many high schools in the 2010 earthquake, HCDF launched its own high school in 2012, partnering with Knoxville University in the US to assure the buildings are durable in earthquakes and other storms. The academic standards at L'Exode schools are as high as any in Haiti. HCDF began extending even greater opportunities this year for its top high school graduates by offering university scholarships to advance beyond high school and then return to the community in leadership roles. We finished some

critical areas of the main campus this year, which includes five classrooms, a library, a computer lab room, a cafeteria, and restroom facilities. Much remains to be done but the campus is already a beacon for the community.

### **Next Year – 2014**

#### ***Farm Project:***

A national program that supplied food for the schools in our region closed this year. This left us with an urgent need of resources to feed the children in our schools. To fill that void, as well as provide the Fond-des-Blancs

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community with increased food production, income, and job opportunities, an **Agricultural Coop** venture will begin in early 2014. The project, which will ultimately include production on 100 acres, has already received encouraging support through a couple of successful pilot projects, local participation, and the generous contributions of materials by several donors. However, we still need approximately \$70,000 for shipping and custom fees to get all the farm equipment, generators, storage containers, etc. to the farm.

### ***Child Sponsorship:***

The numbers in the L'Exode schools continue to rise, and with the addition of university-supported students, there is a great need for more **child sponsors**. Of our 1,500 students, less than 10% of the L'Exode students currently have sponsors. The annual contribution is \$300, which can be paid in one lump sum, monthly or quarterly. This amount covers school fees, their uniform, a hot meal each day, and their school supplies for the year. You may select a boy or a girl and you are welcome to visit your sponsored child during a visit to the area. In addition, we help sponsors keep in touch with their children through online correspondence and sponsors are welcome to send gifts to their children for their birthdays and the Easter and Christmas holidays.

### ***Computer Equipment:***

We only have 10 working computers to share between 100 students. We'd like to increase it to 25; four instead of ten students per **computer**. If you have working laptops that you would be willing to donate, please contact me to arrange shipment of the computers.

Would you prayerfully consider joining us in one of these 2014 projects? Your partnership in joining what God is doing in Haiti to help the people of Fond-des-Blancs is a tangible expression of Christ's words in Matthew 25:40: *"Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* You can make an online contribution via our website at [haitifund.net](http://haitifund.net). We also invite all of our supporters to see for themselves how their financial and prayer support helps exemplify the love of Christ in providing for the basic needs of the poor; if you are interested in visiting us in Fond-des-Blancs, please let us know and we'll be in touch to help you arrange a trip.

In the spirit of this Christmas season and our mission of proclaiming good news to the poor, we are grateful for you and the work that God has called us to.

Merry Christmas and thank you!

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