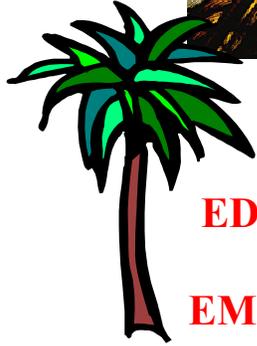


# BON NOUVÉL!

Good News in Haiti!

December 2010

**Fete Nwèl! Happy Holidays! ¡Feliz Navidad!**



**EDUCATE**

**EMPOWER**

**LOVE**

**Thank you to everyone who participated in THEA's 1st Annual Caribbean Night!** It was such a fun evening with live music, dancing, tropical drinks, cultural displays, a silent auction, and more!  
**Save the date!**  
The 2nd Annual Caribbean Night is June 25th 4-8pm.  
See you there!



Your tax-deductible donation can be made payable to "THEA" and sent in the enclosed envelope to:

48 East 80th Street  
New York, NY 10075  
or

through the THEA website:  
[theahaiti.org](http://theahaiti.org)

## What's New?

We want to introduce you to a remarkable young man and the 20 children he has been caring for since the January earthquake in Haiti. The children were sent to him from Port au Prince to escape hunger and devastation and to build a better life. He is a minister within his community and has become our dedicated THEA Field Director.

THEA in its amazingly short existence has accomplished so much:

- 1) provided tuition, uniforms, and school supplies for the Fall semester of primary and secondary school for these 20 children and several others;
- 2) began supporting a college student toward a career in medicine;
- 3) provided salaries for teachers within THEA's Teacher Cash-for-Work Program (see page 2);
- 4) began setting up Community Enrichment Programs including sewing classes and backyard gardening training for planting and maintaining vegetable gardens for food year round.



Such community education programs are so vitally important for empowering strong, self-sustaining Haitian communities for generations.

Thank you for your donations and prayers! Together, we are making a difference and bringing hope to those in Haiti who desperately are searching for hope and a bright future.

## How Can You Help?

- 1) **Pray.** This has been a very difficult year for Haiti. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti desperately ask us to keep those affected by the earthquake, Hurricane Tomas, and the cholera epidemic in our prayers. Also, please join us in praying specifically for the cholera epidemic to dissipate and for those we work with there and others to be protected, including THEA's work in Haiti.
- 2) **Give financially.** Help provide tuition for the 2nd semester of school beginning in January and to support the community educational programs sponsored by THEA.
- 3) **Donate teaching materials.** Empower schools, teachers, and students by providing hands-on learning resources. See website for details: [theahaiti.org](http://theahaiti.org)
- 4) **Be a THEA translator.**
- 5) **Volunteer.** Host or help with a fundraising event including flea markets, penny wars, Caribbean Night, and others.

Your support is needed now to ensure the continuity in education for the children, stability for families, and hope in the beginning of the new year.

*Thank you for your support and prayers!* →

## Teachers Empowering Teachers Women Empowering Women

One of the effects of poverty in Haiti is the inability for teachers to be paid for their work. We've seen so many either schools closed or dedicated teachers continuing to teach without pay, sacrificing their time, energy, and families. THEA's Teacher Cash-for-Work Program:

- Provides consistent education for children who otherwise could not afford to go to school;
- Contributes to the economic development of the community; and
- Empowers teachers in Haiti, both women and men, to do what they love, that is to teach and encourage the future leaders of Haiti.

**Keep schools open in Haiti! Donate to THEA's Teacher Cash-for-Work Program!**

### January 2011 Trip Plans

Our next trip to Haiti is coming up soon, at the end of January. During this trip we will be working with our Agriculture Training Program Coordinator to teach secondary school students and adults in the community how to plant backyard gardens. We have activities planned for the younger children to learn about gardening too!

This month, our Field Director has identified a local teacher to conduct sewing classes for the secondary students and other women in the community! We look forward to seeing their progress and getting the younger ones involved also!

Our sponsored medical students and physical therapy student are very excited to join us in our work at the local hospital! We are keeping a close eye on the spread of cholera. Our team will be taking every precaution to prevent infection. Part of our team's work will also be to provide informative seminars and literature to educate the people in those areas not affected to prevent further spread of the disease and in rehydration strategies.

The cost of the trip is just approximately \$600 per person which includes lodging at hospital dorms, meals, translator fees, and ground transportation. Prayerfully consider supporting this trip or going with us, especially if you're a medical professional/therapist, avid gardener, like to sew, or would just love hanging out with the kids!



#### Keep informed!

Sign-up for THEA's e-news, e-Bon Nouvé.

Visit [theahaiti.org](http://theahaiti.org) and sign-up today!

#### Immediate needs:

Supplies needed for the January trip including:

- Vitamins
- Prescription glasses
- Toiletry items
- Craft materials
- School supplies
- Medical supplies (i.e. over-the-counter pain medication, gauze, antibiotic and antifungal ointments, eye drops, splints, etc.
- Water purification tablets

#### Partner with us by becoming a THEA Member!

As a non-profit organization, your membership entitles you to receive our newsletters, invitations to all events, a certificate, and free gift! Click on "become a member" on the THEA website and join today!



*"As a native of Haiti, I can't thank you all enough for your generous contribution to*

*THEA this year. My emotive memory, unfortunately, can't help but reminisce the horrible images of the January 2010 earthquake and the widespread desolation that it left behind, including the cholera outbreak. I implore you all and pray that you keep Haiti in your prayers. May God bless you all, and have a wonderful new year."*

*Shubert Etienne  
THEA Vice President*



*"Thank you to all who partnered with us this 1st year to offer hope and a fresh start to children and communities in Haiti!*

*Please join us in praying for the people in Haiti affected by the earthquake, hurricane, and cholera epidemic. Through these disasters, it has been a heart-wrenching yet faith-building experience for me to work in Haiti these past few years. I pray you, too, will be blessed in your partnership with us this coming year. Have a blessed Christmas and new year!"*

*In Christ's love,  
Cynthia Mudd  
THEA President*