

## Project Proposal: Educational Building for Reformation Hope Haiti



*Artist's rendering of the proposed three-building facility when completed*

**Purpose** – The purpose of this proposal is to outline a strategy for providing the funds and oversight necessary to construct, furnish, and open for operations a multi-use educational facility located on the Reformation Hope Haiti compound near Port-Au-Prince. We believe this project is the number one priority for Reformation Hope at the present time based upon the following considerations:

1. Reformation Hope Haiti needs educational facilities in order to provide the finest possible educational opportunities for the orphans under their care, promoting a culture transforming worldview and marketable skills training at the lowest possible cost. Significant change in Haiti will only happen as well-trained younger generations move into the workforce in business, politics, and the arts and sciences. Reformation Hope's proposed education facility will promote that vision and enable its accomplishment through the lives of the students who will benefit from the training provided.
2. Reformation Hope Haiti needs additional streams of revenue and enhanced monthly cash flow from indigenous sources. Completion of the educational building project will permit Reformation Hope Haiti to charge monthly tuition to students from the community whose parents have means. This will further Reformation Hope Haiti's self-sufficiency and insure a secure future for ongoing efforts – independent of the U.S. donor base and U.S. economic trends.
3. It is apparent from our recent fact-finding trip to Haiti that the recognized anchor for any successful outreach to the Haitian people is a strong and well-recognized school. This has been the repeated pattern with Catholic, Protestant, and nonreligious outreaches. The existence of a permanent education facility, providing a high-quality curriculum and educational experience for its students, will enable growth in the diversity of church membership and thus improved indigenous financial support for all aspects of Souls Winning Ministries and Reformation Hope Haiti.



*An example of a completed two-story interdenominational school in Haiti near Jean-Paul*

4. Construction of an educational building at the compound will provide the economic and ideological base for further physical plant projects in the future. The building will serve a multitude of students from kindergarten to primary to secondary level. Additional uses will include classes in pastoral ministry, vocational training, and micro-enterprise development.
5. In order to attract Haitians above the lowest economic strata within Port-Au-Prince, Reformation Hope Haiti must have more permanent and substantial structures for education, business training and development, the orphanage, and worship.
6. The severe heat and humidity on the one hand, and the extreme rainy season on the other hand, require a well-built, permanent structure for the safety and comfort of those who use the ministry's educational, vocational, and religious services.

**Process** – The process proposed for accomplishing this project is to develop the facility in several phases, each keyed to the levels of funding necessary. The following considerations affect the methods, expense, and timing of this project:

1. Haitian weather patterns and susceptibility to hurricane force winds require a foundation excavated to a depth of no less than five feet. Recent lessons learned from the last hurricane season have resulted in changing the requirements from four to five feet.



*This photograph from another ministry's building site shows the depth of excavation for the foundation, the placement of masonry, and the installation of rebar.*

2. Large amounts (estimated at 60 loads) of rock, sand, and cement will be necessary to prepare the foundation required for this project.



*A stockpile of finer stone for use in the foundation of another ministry's building*





*Photograph displaying the significant amount of larger stones needed for a large building's foundation in Haiti*

3. The scarcity and expense of wood-based construction materials necessitates the use of various forms of masonry; i.e. concrete, block or brick, and stone.



4. Masonry construction using Haitian methods requires the use of large amounts of rebar, which adds significantly to project expense due to the high cost of steel in the country.



*This photograph illustrates the extensive use of masonry and also steel rebar.*

**Phase I** – We propose that phase I comprise the completion of the education building from the foundation through the first floor. A temporary roof will be utilized (perhaps of tin) until funds are sufficient to launch phase II.

- Step 1: Loads of stone, concrete, and sand must be accumulated
- Step 2: The block-making machine must be obtained (in process)
- Step 3: The initial amount of required steel rebar must be obtained
- Step 4: Excavation to five feet for the foundation must be dug
- Step 5: Rebar, stone, sand, and cement must be added to the foundation
- Step 6: Concrete flooring poured and any piping installed
- Step 7: Concrete building blocks must be made (and wooden planks obtained to stack the block)
- Step 8: Walls constructed from cement blocks
- Step 9: Temporary roof installed

*Estimated total cost for phase I – \$50,000 Goal for completion – August 2008*  
 (Due to the May – November rainy season, much work must be done in March and April)



**Phase II** – We propose that phase II comprise the addition of the second floor and the final roof.



*At another building site the first floor has been completed and rebar and concrete framing is in place to begin work on the second floor.*

Step 1: Concrete will be poured into wooden forms over rebar and stone to create the ceiling for the first floor/floor for the second floor of the building (any plumbing pipes installed)



*This photograph shows the concrete-imbedded rebar for the first floor ceiling at another building site.*



*At this building-site location, a portion of the ceiling for the first floor has been completed and work is ongoing with a view to adding the next floor.*

Step 2: Walls of concrete block for the second floor will be erected

Step 3: Steel framing for the roof and outer roofing installed

Step 4: Furnishings, etc. installed

Step 5: Exterior painting completed

Step 6: Exterior gardens installed

*Estimated total cost for phase II – \$100,000 – \$150,000*

(We estimate that much of this second phase cost will be contributed by the Haitians through providing the labor necessary at reduced cost, and through the sale of additional cement block to outside contractors, using their brick machine.)

*Goal for completion – August 2009*

**Funding** – The funding for phase I of this project will derive primarily from a generous matching grant offer through the PCA Foundation of up to \$15,000. Meeting this challenge grant will provide a total of \$30,000 toward the estimated phase I cost. Jean Paul has requested that NWGP allocate the raised monies toward this educational building project. At this time, Reformation Hope has approximately \$5,000 available for immediate use toward this project. Assuming receipt of the \$30,000 in donations and matching gifts, there remains a total of \$15,000 to be raised toward phase I.

We propose a special donor “Visioning Dinner” to be held at Smyrna Presbyterian Church in mid-April in order to cast a vision to our base for the educational building project and to seek financial giving toward completion of phase I.

In order to fund phase II, which will require up to \$150,000 between Haitian and U.S. sources in materials and labor, we propose a combination of fundraising through the following means:

1. Direct appeal to our donor base immediately upon successful completion of phase I (estimated to be August 2008) by means of personal letter and brochure. Added face-to-face meetings with key donors.
2. Scheduled presentations by members of the board to key targeted churches.
3. Utilization of FoundationSearch America and consultant Al West to seek grantors for funding phase II.
4. Increased exposure of the ministry to a wider donor base through the website and through the upcoming General Assembly in Dallas, TX in June.

***Conclusion*** – The indications are that the time has come to begin in earnest this long-anticipated project. In order for the mission of Reformation Hope to go forward in Haiti we must begin to build the facilities necessary to further our long-term goals and lay the foundation for a brighter, transformed Haitian future. Much of the funding and the wherewithal for completion of phase I is already within our grasp. Let us begin today, looking to God our Strength and our Provider, laying the building blocks for lasting kingdom change in Haiti.