

### **Activities of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation in 2013 in Haiti:**

The year 2013 started with a positive note as our new training centre finally opened for classes after 3 year of struggling to rebuild after the earthquake.

With your help we accomplished the following in Haiti in 2013:

- Completed 80% of the teacher training facilities,
- began training a new promotion of students who will graduate as teachers in July 2014,
- provided meals for students,
- bought books and school supplies for the students,
- bought a laptop and printer for the office,
- held in-service training seminars for teachers who already work in schools,
- bought batteries for solar energy system to power most of the centre
- developed and made new language materials for children,

We gave various materials to schools which had been started by graduates of our centre with the assistance of the Foundation, visited schools assisted by our Foundation to evaluate the standard of instruction and children's progress.

To uphold our promise to be an environmentally friendly facility, we planted over 90 trees and plants on the grounds of the training centre and we marked World Environment Day by giving 100 fruit trees to children from 4 different schools in the Artibonite.

### **Activities of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation in 2013 in the Ivory Coast:**

The Peter-Hesse-Foundation continued to support the budding Montessori community in the Ivory Coast. In 2008, the Foundation had funded the first Montessori school, with the goal of empowering cocoa growing households to increase educational opportunities, while reducing the prevalence of child labor on cocoa plantations. 23 teachers have been trained and 4 preschools have been started by the graduates.

In 2013 the Foundation purchased land for a permanent school which would improve the quality of education in the cocoa farming community and provided support to the pioneer schools.

### **In 2013, the "Peter-Hesse-Stiftung", the formal structure of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation in Germany, made a global commitment for child-centered**

**Education for All (EfA)** and consolidated its long-term existence and functioning.

To durably strengthen our ties with the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), AMI's President and the association's Executive Director became two new members on our board.

On 8 February 2013 the German state-authorities for foundations formally approved a significant alteration of the statutes of the "Peter-Hesse-Stiftung" making this independent German legal structure fit to continue providing a chance for future children in our global village. Originally – on 7 December 1983 – created to serve "*needy people in developing countries – preferably through help for self-help*", the foundation's formal statutes are now adjusted to secure its future existence beyond the founder's lifetime. The extended, yet more focused new "***purpose of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation is to contribute to a just and peaceful learning ONE world in diversity – with special emphasis on providing children a chance through child-centered early education to enable life-long learning***".

On 7 December 2013 we celebrated 30 years of helping to make a better life for Haiti's less fortunate children.