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Reach into your emotional self, and hear the voice of the child within you cry...cry for the beauty of the choices we have, cry for the joy of FAPE (Free and Public Education) and cry for the ability to help others find knowledge. Let those cries of joy release into school supplies; create a backpack full of potential!

Be The Hope – Bringing hope to the children of Haiti, is in full swing with the Backpack Project, to supply children in Haiti with backpacks full of school supplies and fuel for active imaginations of possibility. The organization, “has adopted 153 children in Cite Soleil which is the largest slum in the Western Hemisphere and considered one of the most dangerous in the world.” Many of the homes in the area are made from found objects and discarded trash.(period, new sentence) Add to that a lack of plumbing, and that in itself explains much of the devastation post-2010 earthquake. The Cite Soleil has an estimated 150,000 orphaned or abandoned children that with hope will feel a ray of sun after the storm. Help be that hope. The children come from different orphanages and youth

centers around the area - the goal is for Be the Hope to take complete backpack kits to all 153 children this May.

An inspired single mother took on a new challenge after a change in her career. When the door closed Heather Hinze opened a window. With a passion for children and education she knew that combining those loves would add so much to not just the children of Haiti, but to her own life as well. In May this adventure in living not just for herself, but for humanity will move from a dream to reality for Heather.

“We believe that education is a human right. Our mission is to provide children in Haiti with backpacks full of school supplies. This will help alleviate the financial strain on families, thus allowing the children to attend school and obtain an education that can help them break the cycle of poverty.”

Here’s how far skipping a few lattes can go: \$15.00 – provides a school with 144 pieces of chalk or 144 pencils, \$20.00 – provides a school with 12 chalkboard erasers, \$25.00 – provides a child with a backpack full of school supplies, \$50.00 –

provides a school with an 800 count class pack of crayons.

There are so many ways to get involved and Be the Hope. From hosting a school supply drive at your workplace, home, or through social network, use the Amazon wish list (links on the website) or drop off your own collection to one of the backpack drives already in motion. Attend the Carnival April 20th in Fountain Hills, fun for the entire family at this FUNdraiser, more information and where to get your ETSY ticket can be found on their blog, bethehopehaiti.wordpress.com.

Beyond the backpacks are more ventures continuously looking at how to be the hope of the children and families of Haiti. Long term goals for the organization feature assisting with school fees and uniforms, continued support of the children of Cite Soleil, and providing gently used / new clothing, shoes, and underwear to reputable orphanages in the area.

For more information visit www.bethehopehaiti.org or email info@bethehopehaiti.org.

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