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## Living Hope Ministries - Haiti

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## LHM Board of Directors & Earthquake Recovery by Stacy Lane

Living Hope Ministry's (LHM) Board of Directors meets two times a year, in May and October. LHM's constitution provides for between 7 and 15 board members and for certain officer positions. Presently, the board has 12 members. Five board members make up the Executive board; Mary Jane Jolibois is the President and International Director; Andris Jolibois is the Director of the Haiti Mission, Mark Breeding is Vice President, Hope Boring is Secretary and Bob Carpenter is Board Member at Large. Board members come from a diverse denominational group and from all over the country including Ohio, Michigan and Washington. Although the board is represented by diverse Christian denominations -- Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, non-denominational and others -- we are of a single mind and purpose in serving the Lord Jesus Christ through LHM.

During the earthquake crisis, the board met telephonically many times and had an additional meeting in March 2010. Pastor Bob Carpenter (a board member) travelled to the mission in March to take a first-hand look at the earthquake damage and use his construction skills to help build a small wooden shelter for Mary Jane and Andris to sleep in (since they were sleeping in a Jeep on the compound).

Our last board meeting was on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Our primary discussions centered around finances, school and church operations and the state of the buildings. The Lord was good in sending us a structural engineer with a concentration in seismic building construction (what a blessing!). The structural engineer (from Only One Foundation in Minnesota) visited the mission in May and provided us with an assessment of the earthquake damage.

Assessments were conducted on all structures and, unfortunately, we learned that things are worse for the buildings than previously thought. All of the buildings have some structural damage. The cooking school was condemned and must come down. All of the other buildings have cracks in the walls and other damage that makes them unsafe to use. While these structures do not need to come down, LHM must replace nearly all of the walls. To do this, LHM is committed to rebuilding in a manner recommended by the structural engineer so that the mission's buildings hopefully will withstand any future earthquake. More rebar, larger bricks, poured walls and roof tie-ins are some of the main recommended techniques. This will take time to do it right, and this will take money -- certainly more than we presently have. We trust the Lord to provide, and pray that friends of the mission (like you) will continue to donate.



Photo courtesy of Rick Abbott



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As LHM is committed to reaching the community with the truth of the gospel, LHM also is committed to teaching proper building techniques to the Haitian people. To that end, we hope to be able to use the reconstruction of the cooking building to teach Haitian construction workers the proper way to build stronger buildings. We give thanks to the Lord for the preservation of life and for his great mercy and grace through this difficult time, and we look forward to seeing Him do His work at LHM and in Haiti.

## Ways to Give and Make a Difference

Looking for ways to increase your giving and impact to Living Hope Ministries? There are several programs available that can help.

Many companies have employee matching programs for charitable contributions. These programs often make contributions to a charity to match financial contributions by the employee, as well as for hours volunteered on behalf of the charity. Employers who currently provide some type of matching program that benefits LHM include Microsoft, JP Morgan Chase, Thrivent Financial, and Abbott Labs. Some companies have a policy against donating to religious organizations but they will contribute to school and community programs. If this is the case with your company, please note that LHM is financially structured so that contributions may be designated specifically for the school and community programs which are managed from a separate account. Ask your employer if they participate in programs of this nature.

LHM is now registered for the Kroger Rewards program. (Kroger stores include Fred Meyer, QFC, and Ralphs stores to name a few.) Visit <http://www.thekrogerco.com/> to find a full list of all Kroger stores near you. If you already have a Rewards card, you simply have to register your existing Rewards card online at: [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) for LHM to start benefiting from your purchases. It is completely free to sign up and LHM will benefit from your shopping.

You can also help raise money for LHM when you shop hundreds of popular web sites through GoodShop! Sites include Amazon, Lands End, Best Buy, and Wal-Mart, to name a few. Go to [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) and enter Living Hope Ministries in Haiti on your 1<sup>st</sup> visit and a percentage of your purchases will be credited to LHM.

Help spread the word! Tell your family, friends and church about these simple ways to support LHM. For further information, contact Mark Breeding at 614-562-8310 or [mabread@gmail.com](mailto:mabread@gmail.com).



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## Trade School Student Success Stories

Several of our 2<sup>nd</sup>-year cooking students are using their new skills. Here are two examples. Bazile found a job with a new international organization in Haiti. She is the main cook and is even creating her own international menus. Bazile was thrilled that she is able to use her knowledge of American and International cooking in addition to Haitian. She is enjoying making pizza, lasagna, salads, sandwiches, cakes, pies, etc.



Another student, Michaëlle, helped her friends with several receptions. Her friend asked her to decorate a cake for a particular reception; the cake was beautiful. Someone at the reception asked who made the cake and decorated it. Michaëlle's friend took all the credit. Then she came and asked Michaëlle to decorate another cake and Michaëlle responded, "No. You told the people you did it.

Now you can do it yourself." Michaëlle has received many compliments on the receptions she has helped with. Often she is given many dishes to make and serve while the others only do one or two dishes.

## Come on Down

We are looking forward to many visitors and teams coming in to assist us in the near future. Things will be a little bit more primitive than in the past for visitors, but you will be able to assist us in repairs and clean up as well as ministry.



Sign up now and begin planning your trip to LHM. If you are interested, please call Mark Breeding at 614-436-8077 or email [mabread@gmail.com](mailto:mabread@gmail.com).

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

October 16, 2010 LHM Fall Benefit Dinner/Auction at Der Dutchman in Plain City, OH

## Prayer Needs

- Haitian government: stability and integrity in all their affairs.
- School year: a safe and successful year without political problems
- Christianity to prevail in the lives of the Haitian people and voodoo to be abolished
- LHM students: to grow in relationship to Christ, to others and to be living examples to their families, friends, communities and nation
- LHM board: clear and wise direction of the mission
- Mary Jane & Andris: wisdom, safety, and more vision for God's work
- LHM finances: abundance that many uncompleted projects may be accomplished and the operational needs of the mission (staff salaries, school food, books, etc) can be met
- Zion Church: the completion of the roof and building, and the continual growth of the children, youth and adults in word and action.

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### My/Our Gifts of Hope LHM

\*\*Your Donations will be receipted quarterly.

#### Options for Giving:

- 1) Electronic Giving Online at [www.livinghopehaiti.org](http://www.livinghopehaiti.org)
  - a) Direct payments from a Checking or Savings account (one-time or recurring)
  - b) Credit Card payments (one-time or recurring)
- 2) Check by mail, made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. Please note giving category in the memo field.

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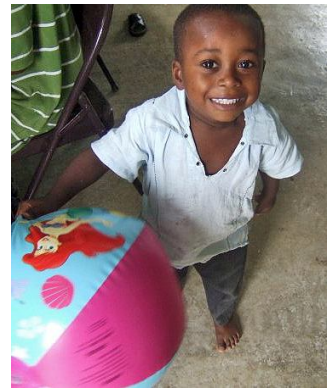
- Earthquake Relief
- Earthquake Relief– Tarp for a Family
- Primary/Trade School
- Church/Community Projects
- Student Sponsorship (please include child name or #)
- Building Fund
- General

## Additional Prayer Needs

- Continuing availability of food, water and medical supplies to the people around LHM and all of Haiti
- Protection of children orphaned or separated from their parents during the earthquake
- That diseases would not spread in the aftermath of the disaster
- For God to continue to protect his missionaries in Haiti and enable them to meet spiritual and physical needs
- Safe travels for mission teams visiting Haiti
- Cessation of the aftershocks so that buildings can be repaired and people can move back inside
- For honesty and integrity in the Haitian government and NGOs in Haiti

## Student Sponsorship

Student sponsorship is so important because it provides the children with a hot nutritious meal daily, textbooks and school supplies. Would you be willing to help by sponsoring 1 child at \$30 a month which is only \$1 a day or possibly even two children a month at \$2 a day? There are currently 100 sponsored students out of the 270 currently enrolled. Our prayer is 100% sponsorship. Thank you for your assistance in growing up the next generation in Haiti with a Christian education and vocational training. For more information, contact Mark Gunderson at [MLGondo@comcast.net](mailto:MLGondo@comcast.net) or 734-996-2435.



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### **Our Mission**

To train a generation of young men  
and women to change their families,  
communities, and nation with the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ  
in Word and Action.



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