



# Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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## Save this Date: OCTOBER 24, 2026

## Because the Fall Benefit and Silent Auction is Back!



The theme of the auction will be HOPE FOR HAITI. The auction will showcase how God continues to care for the people of Haiti through the mission and work of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti (LHM). So, mark your calendars, and come prepared for an evening of fun, food, and festivities, and learning about all that is new! There will be an auction, Haiti updates, kid's activities, and more. The Benefit will be held at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. See you there!

### ***Waiting on the LORD...and Trusting HIM with Everything***

How many times have we sung the hymn, "Great is thy Faithfulness" and never knew that the inspiration came from Lamentations 3? <sup>21b</sup>"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

This passage turns my thoughts to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. This passage in the Bible beautifully illustrates God's love and compassion, and our reason for hope.

If you have traveled to LHM, one of the first lessons that gets seared on your hearts is: "TRUST GOD." God's faithfulness in sustaining, protecting, and providing for the mission and its people is evident everywhere.

In recent years, as Haiti has been fraught with violence and instability, we have witnessed God's faithfulness on a whole new level. Many Christian missions have packed up and left, but Living Hope has been blessed to keep the Church and all three schools up and running (pre-school, primary school, and the trade school). In addition to maintaining the mission daily, God has also laid on Mary Jane's and Andris's hearts to expand the mission to include a medical clinic. The work has begun, and it has had its share of delays and obstacles, but it moves forward.

And so, we wait on the Lord's timing. Waiting does not mean doing nothing. The two things we are called to do are to pray and to prepare. The story of King Hezekiah (2 Kings and 2 Chronicles) tells us of how he prayed to the Lord and then prepared by building a tunnel to bring water into Jerusalem during the Assyrian siege. Then God delivered them. Likewise, we prepare to build and wait for God's go ahead.

We have witnessed God's faithfulness over and over again in Haiti. We trust God to show us when, just as we trust Him to provide for the needs of the mission. A budget? TRUST GOD: It belongs to God, and He gives us what we need in His perfect timing. And He has never failed us. Changing hearts? TRUST GOD: Sharing Christ and bringing people into a saving relationship with Him is the purpose, and ministering to His people in service and love is a means to that end. Changing hearts can take a long time, so we pray, wait, love, and work in the background. After all, "It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:26

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# What's Happening in Haiti?

## A 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Plant Trees in Zest

by Tamara Howes & Mary Jane Jolibois



May 1, 2026, Andris Jolibois, The Haitian Director took the sixth graders up the hill to the new clinic land for a field trip on 'Agricultural Day'. The children were so excited to be able to walk together to see the Clinic land and help plant over 30 trees that will one day give shade from the hot sun.

When I (Tamara) was talking to Mary Jane and was describing what I saw in the pictures it was amazing. She asked if I would share my thoughts about the pictures, these pictures brought back so many memories of how the roads are and how getting around the area by foot is not as easy as it is here in the states.

These are roads like they must walk on to get to school. There are no buses, no carpooling, this is not an easy journey to make to school every day.



The sixth graders were wearing their red shorts and white shirts which is their physical ed (sport) uniform. They usually wear this on Fridays. This Friday they were all excited to walk to the clinic area about two miles up the mountains behind the mission campus. Also, when they are headed up the mountain, everyone is aware that there may be gangs in the area. On this day the gangs didn't charge them for going to the clinic land to plant the trees.

The gangs also want a better future for HAITI, and they want a good education for their children's future, so the gangs are not working against LHM. This is an answered prayer; God is working here and it's wonderful. Thank you, Lord Jesus.



A lot of you have never been to HAITI and, when we start to describe it, you may think it's flat or asphalt paved, but nope, it's Mountainy Hills. Nothing is level, the ground isn't flat. It's loose gravel, ruts, or muddy.

The students were all behaving and staying together, and respecting that this is a very special field trip.

These awesome pictures show the vegetation and the mountains. Wow, what an awesome educational day with Andris, the staff and students. The sixth graders gained an understanding of the environment around them and what it can become with the planting of trees for the future of the Clinic. Such a special holiday from the normal school day. All the 6<sup>th</sup> graders together are holding the trees they plan to plant first.

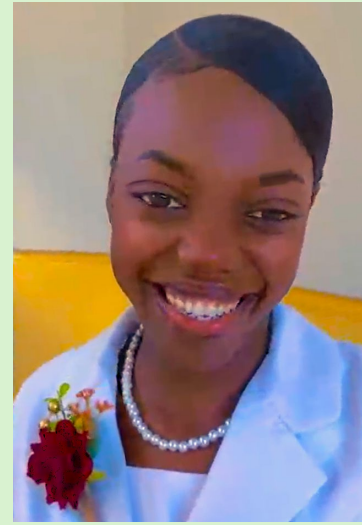


Look at the smiles on their faces and how happy they are to be out of school and do some hard work to benefit the future. The little bit of a wall you see is a must in Haiti: you must build a perimeter wall. Much is happening at LHM and the Clinic land with a lot of prayer and patience. God is truly blessing this ministry. One day these young sixth graders will look back and say they planted these trees and look at the wonderful shade that they helped to make. May God continue to bless the ministry of Living Hope Ministries of Haiti.



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**Spring is time for Nursing School Graduations! Congratulations!**



LHM has been blessed to have some of the students go on to advance their educations by going to the nursing college at The University Episcopal of Haiti. It is affiliated with The University of Michigan. At least two of them plan to work with the LHM Family Health Clinic in Zest. We are so proud of them. They have worked hard. And thanks to their sponsors who have helped to make it possible! God has truly blessed these young women.

## A Vacation Bible School Supplement from Living Hope Ministries

Whether in a Vacation Bible School setting, Sunday School, or even during the regular church service "minute for missions" time, we believe that raising kids' (or anyone's) awareness of God's work around the world is important. And we think we have an excellent way for kids to learn about praying for, helping, and supporting their young brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti.

At Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, we are developing a program that includes short videos and activities aimed at introducing our kids to yours. It can be used as an addition to your regular VBS program or in Sunday School or church! We can provide materials for 1 day or up to 5 days. We can even tailor a program to your needs and interests. Call Deanna Breeding for more information at 614-560-0180 or email [dhbread@aol.com](mailto:dhbread@aol.com).

**Learn More About Haiti:** Mary Jane is currently in Ohio. She would be happy to come and share with your church, Bible Study, or other group. No meeting is too small or too large. Please contact Mary Jane directly by email at

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You can also email to [livinghopeministries94@gmail.com](mailto:livinghopeministries94@gmail.com) to request a visit.

**Zoom gatherings for your church or group are also available upon request.**

### Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Two Projects:

- 1.) Build the perimeter wall for the LHM Family Health Clinic in Zest.
- 2.) Provide for the operational costs: supplies and materials for classes, salaries, building and yard upkeep, animals, etc.

*Thank you ahead of time for your generous giving to enable us to accomplish these projects.*

### How to Donate Gifts of Hope for LHM

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) **Checks by mail** made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti.

*Giving categories: Please note a giving category in the memo field if you desire (see examples below):*

- Church/Community Project
- Youth University Fund
- Student Sponsorship (include Student's number)
- Trade School
- Pre-School
- Operating Expenses
- Construction Projects

### Visit Haiti on a Mission Trip

We are praying for stability to return to the nation of Haiti. When it does, we look forward to welcoming you to Haiti for a mission trip. If you are considering a visit, let us know! We would love to have you. There are lots of exciting things happening at LHM!

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### Donations

Please send **checks to this Ohio address:**

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**(Do not** send cash or checks directly to Haiti.)

For **online electronic giving**, go to:

[www.livinghopehaiti.org/donation](http://www.livinghopehaiti.org/donation)

### Sponsor Packages

Please **do not** send any boxes or letters at this time. Traveling into Port-au-Prince to pick up packages/mail is still very dangerous. Therefore, Mary Jane and Andris are unable to receive things at this time. Thank you for understanding.

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