

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

Jan-Feb 2020 Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE: The next **Fall Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction** will be held on **October 3, 2020** back at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. Doors open at 5:00. Things are getting back to normal at the mission. You can now send your student packages if you are still holding on to them. Read on for a recap of 2019. You will see that, even amid all the turbulence, God has been faithfully working in Haiti! Thank you for your prayers!

The 2019 Annual Report

I. Zion Church – Haiti

The men of the church sanded and re-painted the outside, inside, and all the benches. They took down all the fans and lights cleaned them. Then we raised the front lecture area. We added 6 TV screens for the projection of the service. Then we had a project with Thrivent to help us obtain 7 new professional microphones. Yonel built 2 monitor speakers for the singers and musicians.

We were only able to hold one VBS during 2019, due to the political instability and security issues.

We hired a Choir director, Mr. Abakuk, and the choir is practicing twice weekly. Andris is writing the songs and Abakuk is composing the music for the songs. They have performed 2 concerts already and sang in the church service several times.

The children's choir also performed twice in 2019.

The church held Spring, Fall, and Christmas concerts.

The new believer's classes have approximately 50-70 participants.

Hospitality continues to serve Kool-Aid or coffee and bread to those who desire it.

We have 7 large Sunday school classes with 7 teachers and 2 preschool helpers.

We continue the twice-weekly Bible Studies, twice-monthly prayer services, and twice-monthly evening services. The men's group continues every Sunday night, and the Women's group every Wednesday evening. The children's group of 40+ and the youth group of grades 6-12+ meet every Sunday evening.

Sunday morning services have 400-500 in attendance, with an increase in adult (20-30) attendance.

Pastor Andris taught a leadership ministry seminar daily for 5 months.

We continue to assist many people and members with their homes, providing funds, materials, and supplies as we have them available.

We have assisted in higher education for 6 youth (high school) and 2 young adults with university or seminary.

II. Primary School

2018-2019 has been a very difficult school year in the country overall. 100% of our 6th graders enrolled and are attending local high schools.

We have 7 preschool classes and 10 elementary classes (1st - 6th).

The 3rd grade boys continue to begin with the recorder in the music classes. We have also added percussion instruments to the recorder classes. The 3rd grade girls started in the enriched embroidery classes.

We continue to use more new teaching methods, adding the 3-4 different learning stations/tables in each class. Weekly on Friday afternoons, Primary school teachers and aides have mandatory in-service training.

Hands-on classes continue: 1st grade – paper art; 2nd grade – plastic art; 3rd grade – shop, sewing, and first aid; 4th grade – cooking; 5th grade – knitting and crocheting; 6th grade – string art and origami.

We held a week-long teachers' seminar in the spring and again in September. In the spring, Kelly Arehart taught preschool and 1st and 2nd grade teacher seminars to improve the teachers' skills with the learning stations concepts. Meanwhile, and her son Nathaniel taught robotics and experiments in classes.

We now have two of our own primary school graduates working at teaching positions in the school and one working as a principle of the school.

III. Trade School

We have 350+ students enrolled this year in Sewing, Tailoring, Embroidery, Welding & Ironwork, Cooking & Baking, Business, Arts (including drawing, ceramics, painting, and calligraphy), and Music.

Our students continue to do excellent in their governmental exams every summer. In fact, we have raised the standard again with the gov't exams from CAP to BAP, adding in Technical Drawing also. Our graduates and current students are already finding positions in their trades or creating their own businesses. It is really exciting to be a part of their progress and success.

We have 12 previous graduate students teaching in the trade school. And 6 of them are also graduates of the primary school. The two office staffers are both graduates of the trade school.

Andris continues to teach special math classes to the Welding and Cooking students, and letter writing, to all the classes as well as anything else as needed. Mary Jane is teaching embroidery 4 days a week with Lysberly assisting. Mary Jane also teaches Nutrition classes to the Cooking classes and whatever else is needed.

Mr. Abakuk is the new Director of the Music Program. The music classes have new curriculum (pre-conservatory) this year, and we added violin to their options. Next year, more instruments will be added. We have received and are inventorying many of the instruments for the future classes. Many instruments were purchased and donated by Bob and Karen. We are blessed and see many more exciting changes and additions for the future of the music classes.

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Kids eating ice cream cones!

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IV. Entrepreneurship project

We have helped others to establish home-based businesses, selling foods and grocery supplies. We have helped one purchase a sewing machine for tailoring.

V. Visitors

Our visitors have been very few and limited due to the instability of Haiti, but we did have several different visitors and teams throughout the year. Kelly, Nathaniel, and Karen came in 2019.

VI. Upcoming activities and teams: (Visit us online with your team information; we would love to schedule you in.)

We are receiving visitors again as of February.

We are planning to begin construction on the apartment very soon.

We are discussing the purchase of a mission vehicle now.

IX. Future Construction Plans/Ideas

Our dream is to build a music building on the front corner of the mission near the gate. It would house the music classes, instruments, and offices.

We still would like to create a small library and cyberspace for our students and those in the community. There are none within 5-7 miles. We would try to stock it with books in French, Creole, and English. We would have Internet hook-up and some computers on-site for research and homework, with 1-2 good printers available. This would be a place for the local students of all ages to come and do research and study with lights, tables, and chairs present. We would man the library, and there would be strict rules in place for loaning books out and for participating in the library center.

We would also like to have a lab building for the primary school students with a science lab and a computer lab.

Eventually, we would like to run double sessions of trade school classes: one in the morning and one in the afternoons.

We would also like to add an office overflow area in the church, which will also be used for youth and children's ministries.

VII. Current Special Needs List

- 20 new Netbooks with Windows 10 for business classes (the ones we have are 10 years old for the upcoming September classes). Also, we have a total of 37 1st and 2nd year students and 56 Saturday computer students. We believe education is better accomplished when everyone has the materials needed in their classroom to do hands-on projects.
- We still need working, clean, used laptops to give to and use with our youth to help them in their schooling.
- New laptops to be used in the offices and ministry.
- 4 more storage cabinets for classes – to be purchased in Haiti at \$300 each
- New and used musical instruments (especially, 61 key keyboards, guitars, drum sets, violins, saxophones, cornets, clarinets, flutes, etc.).
- School supplies (geometry instruments, glitters, construction paper, preschool puzzles, preschool playsets, and toys, etc.).
- Sewing fabric, notions, etc. and embroidery floss and kits.

And whatever else the Lord lays on your heart. Most importantly, pray for strength, favor, and endurance always for Andris, Mary Jane, and the staff of LHM. And please continue to pray for the safety and protection of the President, the Prime Minister, and the people of Haiti.



Embroidery Project



Making Ice Cream

Sponsor a Student



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 sponsor one 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 200+ sponsored students out of the 600+ currently enrolled.

Our prayer is for 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 or at 734-996-2435.

The Mwen Walk is Coming Soon!

Join us for our LHM Spring Fundraiser benefitting our child sponsorship program! Child sponsorship benefits students and teachers, taking the burden off of families to provide needed school items. Be there or participate from your home, on your time! We will be sending more details soon. Stay tuned!

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Thank you for your support of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti.

Learn More About Haiti: If you would like Mary Jane or Andris to come and share with your church, Bible Study, or other group, please contact Cathy and Stacy Lane at cathystacy@aol.com or call at 614-792-6184. No meeting is too small or too large. Mary Jane and Andris are generally in the States for speaking engagements in the fall and in the spring.

Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Two Projects:

- 1.) An apartment for Mary Jane and Andris on top of the guesthouse.
- 2.) An extension on the front of the church for the youth and office overflow.

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
 - a. Direct payments from a Checking or Savings account (one-time or recurring), or
 - 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)
- Primary/Trade School

Visit Haiti on a Mission Trip

If you are thinking about coming to Haiti on a mission trip, let us know! We would love to have you.

There are lots of exciting things happening here at LHM!

Please contact Mary Jane and Andris directly at

lh-haiti@hotmail.com or skype phone #614-602-2802 in Haiti.

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