

Living Hope Ministries

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Haitian and Ohio Students Benefit from Pen Pal Exchange

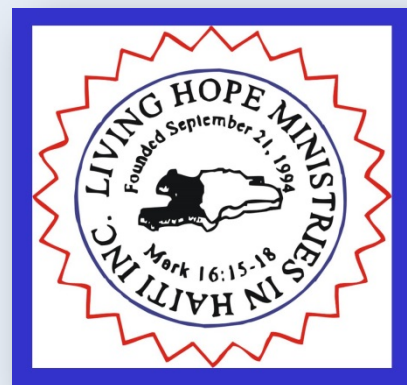
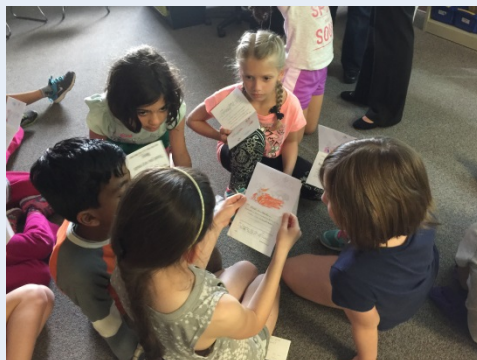
“Where is Haiti?” “What do their schools look like?” “What do kids like to do in Haiti?” These were just a few of the dozens of questions my second grade students asked me when they learned that they would be pen pals with the second graders at School of New Discovery. My name is Rachel Hoertz and I teach in Dublin, Ohio. In the fall, I was excited to help launch the first pen pal exchange between students in the U.S. with students at School of New Discovery in Haiti. To begin, I showed my students several photos that my parents, Stacy and Cathy Lane, had taken on one of their visits to Port-au-Prince. The class seemed transfixed that first day to learn as much as they could about life in another country.



They excitedly began writing letters filled with many questions and some information about themselves. Since then we have written back and forth with the second grade class many times. They sent us framed photographs and notes and we sent down a bag

of toys/schools supplies for each child.

This experience, in my opinion, has enabled children from both countries to feel more like global citizens. By learning about each other, they gain new points of view about the world and the people in it. They practice reading and writing skills for an authentic purpose as they communicate back and forth. Although I teach at a public school, the encouraging faith-based words that came from many of the Haitian students were a witness to my multicultural class. I hope to continue this communication with School of New Discovery every year so more children can benefit from this cross-cultural relationship.



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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.

H2O Church- OSU Winter Break Trip - Visitor Reflections

My time with Living Hope Ministries in Haiti was filled with humility, awe, heartbreak, joy, and love (so much love). The gospel focused VBS program for the Haitian children was an absolute blessing to partake in. The Christ focused community of LHM encouraged me to be more and more like Christ in how I live my life. Seeing LHM's absolute reliance on our Heavenly Father to provide, sustain, and flourish His will through the hope of the followers was encouraging and life changing. In loving those children and feeling cherished by them, I felt God moving in my heart. HE taught me how he actively cares for His people in all the nations of the world. The highlight of my time at LHM was our ending celebration at the closing ceremony of the VBS week. We were singing, dancing, and praising the Lord in a wild frenzy of more than 400 children. The dancing, leaping, excitement, and pure joy of that moment gave me a glimpse of what it will look like to praise the Lord with people from all the nations (Revelations 7:9-10). Jesus Christ is alive and working in our world for the good of God's kingdom! Hallelujah brothers and sisters! ~ Daniel Richie



This week was absolutely incredible and life changing. I had no idea what to expect coming in, but the Lord showed me the beauty of this country. The kids I met (Noldy, Enock, Jul, etc.) and the leaders were absolutely incredible people. It was so great seeing them come to Jesus and seeing the joy in the little things, or even a glass of water. There is no doubt in my mind that Living Hope has changed the world. I have learned about trust, gratefulness, love, respect, and joy. God is so good and my heart is incredibly full. This week was completely life changing, and a piece of me will always be here in Haiti. I can't wait to come back someday. Mwen renmen ou, Haiti. ~ Meghan Stifel



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 550+ 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 or **734-996-2435**.

H2O Church- OSU Winter Break Trip - Visitor Reflections cont.

I was frightened and hesitant about going to Haiti, but the Lord blessed me with one of the most wonderful weeks of my life. It was fascinating to learn about the Haitian culture and so encouraging getting to know the staff and workers at Living Hope who are so dedicated to the Lord. Our group participated in putting on a Vacation Bible School and I worked with 6 & 7 year old kids. I loved getting to spend time dancing, playing, and teaching the children that every good gift comes from the Lord, with Jesus being the best gift of all. The most beautiful memory I have from the trip was the chapel time during each day of VBS. During these times of worship, hundreds of precious children sang at the top of their lungs- I had no idea what they were singing, but I knew that they were praising God and that was beautiful. The most challenging aspect of the trip for me was the language barrier. It was incredibly difficult for me to be unable to communicate easily with both the children and the leaders. I felt as if I didn't know how to serve the kids because I didn't know their needs, and I felt as if I had no control over the situation. Through this experience, God showed me how to relinquish control to Him, and he taught me to depend on His strength instead of my own. Though I was afraid to come to Haiti, the Lord used the week to bless me abundantly. HE gave me peace and comfort when I was uncomfortable, and He gave me immeasurable joy through my interactions with my team and the children. God is doing amazing things through Living Hope Ministries, and it was a great blessing for me to get to be part of that for a week. ~ Taylor Willis



Current fund raising initiative: Professional School building Phase 2 stabilization project.

Visit Haiti on a Missions 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!

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****Your Donations will be receipted quarterly.**

- 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) Check by mail, made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. Please note a giving category in the memo field, if you desire. (See below).

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- Church/Community Projects
- Youth University Fund
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