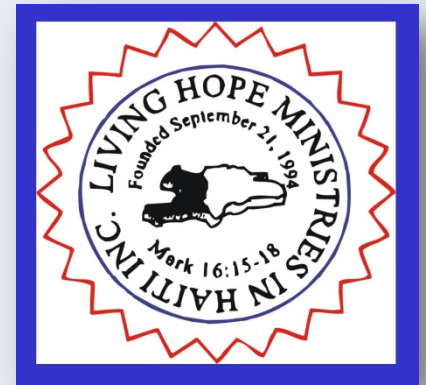


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H2O Church- The Ohio State University Winter Break Trip - Visitor Reflections



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This week in Haiti at Living Hope Ministries was an eye-opening experience for me in many ways. From the moment we arrived we were welcomed with open arms by Mary Jane and Andris. They provided for our comfort but even more importantly, they shared their lives and wisdom with us. Their trust in the Lord to provide for the mission and their Haitian community is something I aspire to. In the U.S., we tend to take many things for granted and expect that our physical comforts will be there at most times, but in Haiti people don't live like that. Having to rely on the Lord for everything can create such a strong faith, as evidenced by Mary Jane and Andris. This week showed me the power of prayer and what true hope in Christ looks like.

This week I also was able to form some awesome relationships with some of the teens that helped with VBS. It's amazing to me that even though we could only say about 10 words to each other; we were able to communicate through smiles, laughs, hugs and games. The Lord definitely showed me how big his love is this week through the teens, the preschoolers, and all the Haitian staff. I experienced more love this week than I do in most months, and it has changed my whole perspective of what love looks like. Every smile and hug and game was so undeniably full of joy, and I feel so blessed to have experienced that level of excitement for the Lord.



Throughout our trip, beginning with church on Sunday and continuing through VBS, I also loved to see everyone worshipping together. It was my first glimpse of all the nations praising Him, made even more beautiful by not speaking the language. Overall, I am so excited to see how the Lord uses my experiences on this trip to shape my future. I don't know what He has in store, but I have faith that this trip has changed my life. Thank you to Mary Jane, Andris, and Living Hope for your wonderful ministry.

~Jill Deatherage



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H2O Church – Visitor Reflections cont.

I really enjoyed my time serving alongside Living Hope Ministries. Partnering with the church members was powerful in a couple of ways. 1. We were able to see how the Haitian VBS leaders trust in God. 2. We were able to see how God builds His church when 10 kids gave their lives to Christ at the end of the week. I am excited to see how God will use those kids in the future as they get knit into the church community. I'm sure that they are going to be leaders in their school and local community along with church, like many before them. ~ Mike Malone



I had such an amazing trip to Haiti! This was my first trip out of the country so I was a little nervous and didn't know what to expect. As soon as we landed and I met Mary Jane, I was instantly excited. Her warm welcome made me feel right at home. One of my favorite parts of the trip was meeting and forming friendships with the Haitian ministry team. It is such a blessing to be able to be a part of God's work with them. It was apparent that all their actions were motivated by their faith, and they are some of the hardest working, spiritual people I've ever met. My other favorite part was interacting with all the kids. It amazed me to see how many kids showed up on the first day. I loved playing with them and talking to them about God. It was nice to be able to pray over their lives. On Friday, the last day of VBS, we shared the gospel, and 10 kids accepted Jesus into their hearts. What a beautiful end to the trip. Being a part of Living Hope Ministries showed me how much God is moving in Haiti, and I am so blessed to have been able to be a part of it for a short time. Out of this trip, my family and I are now sponsoring two of the students at Living Hope. I am so excited to be able to pray for them and their lives, and I look forward to seeing what they do in the future. I had a life-changing trip to Haiti, and I can't wait to go back. ~Katie Wenzel



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 170+ 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**.

Living Hope Happenings

- Mary Jane has been doing a special class for 2 months on Sunday mornings for the newly baptized ladies and 3 newly transferred members covering their Church doctrine/confession of faith.
- Andris continues to do Sunday school teacher training on Sunday nights. They have purchased the 1st year of the ABC Answers in Genesis program for the preschool thru 6th grade Sunday school classes. This is the 1st year of a 3-year through the Bible teaching series. They are translating the lessons and hope to begin this very soon.
- LHM is continually trying to improve the standard of education in Haiti. They have implemented an improved style of teacher lesson plans with table/group work plans. Change never comes about easily but it will come with lots of teaching, patience and training. No one likes change very well, but generally people like the good outcomes from change. Andris and MJ continue Friday teacher training with the teachers.
- MJ continues to assist with and correct the teacher lesson plans until they can rise up a preschool directrice to help in this area.



Current fund raising initiative: \$15,000 needed for the Professional School building emergency 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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 - a. Direct payments from a Checking or Savings account (one-time or recurring), or
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