



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

October – November - December 2023 Newsletter



In this newsletter, we would like to express our gratitude in a special way. The faculty and students have written notes and letters to you. We hope you enjoy reading these precious messages! As we count our blessings, our wish for you is that you will have a happy and blessed Christmas season this year!



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Letters from the Students and Faculty

November, 23, 17

Thanks Full

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So, we want to explain our gratitude for all kind of help that we find in our school. And we like our school, in this school we are learning crochet, music, sewing... That mean we are so proud of this school.

At last, we give you thanks, and you are in our daily prayers.

May God bless you!



5th grade of "Ecole Mixte Nouvelle Découverte".

Mwen se Samuel, mwen gen 7 an map fè 2^e ane Fondamental, map apran Flute mwen renmen lekòl-anpil. mē si pou Ed nou.

The 20th of November 23

I am Samuel, I am 7 years old, I am in the 2nd grade, I am learning the recorder, I love school lots. Thanks for your help.



Mwen rele Widnie.

Map fè 4^e ane fondamental.

Mwen gen gane.

Map aprann bwodri.

Mwen renmen lekòl la paske li edem nan aktivite m.

Mē si pou edou!

I am Widnie.

I am in 4th grade.

I am 9 years old.

I am learning embroidery.

I love this school because it helps me in my activities.

Thanks for your help!



La 20-11-23

My name Onès

I am a principal

I was working here since 2004

I like the new discovery school

because its Help me with my family.

Thank you for your help.



Student sponsorship is a very important way to support Living Hope.

We always have students that need to be sponsored – by a family, a couple, or an individual. If you chose to sponsor, you will be assigned a student. You can also partner with one of our preschool classes or one of our trade school classes.

Student sponsorship is so important because it provides the children with a daily hot and nutritious meal, textbooks, and school supplies. It also provides a substantial part of the teachers' salaries. And you have the added blessing of having the opportunity to build a relationship with your student if you like. The suggested donation to sponsor one child is \$40/month.

For more information, contact Mark Gunderson at markleegund@gmail.com or call/text at 248-521-9240.

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Netherlie
 3^{ème} AF B
 Bon Jour

Mwen rele Netherlie, Mwen gen 8 an.
 Map 3AF, Map apran Bwochri.
 Mwen renmen lekòl la paske
 li montre nou byen. Mèsi.

Good day.
 My name is Netherlie, I am 8 years old.
 I am in 3rd grade. I am learning
 Embroidery. I love the school because
 it teaches us well. Thanks.



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 Girault, Grande saline,
 Mariani, Haiti, W.I.
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 16th november, 2023

Dear Sir, Madam,
 The 6th grade is happy to have taken this time
 To write you this little thank you letter.

After several years at the new discovery Mixed school,
 the 6th grade students are grade full for all your support.
 And we were proud to be at a new discovery Mixed school.

Please accept, sir, Madam our distinguished greetings.

Sincerely

Josny, JEAN CLAUDE; Hergie Kerly FONTIN; Salanta, EMILE
 Williams, ETIENNE; Enokson, PETIT; Danielson, LEVKA
 Riche lande, ABRAHAM; Christence, BEAU BRUN
 Kerline, STVICTOR; Meyssa, LEM; Christ-Love, ABRAHAM
 Smarly, SINEAS; Myson, JOSEPH; Fredline Marie-shama
 FONTIN...

Other Mission Activities

The sixth graders work on their string art projects.

The 3rd grade boys in shop class are making boxes to carry their tools in.

Four new male puppies join the crew at LHM. Welcome to the mission, guys!

... and Mary Jane and Andris would like to thank you for your generous support during the 2023 Fall Benefit - Bridging the Community

We have always seen the hand of God working to care for us and provide for the mission's needs. He has never failed to see that we have what we need. He gave us a beautiful living space in the apartment that many of you helped to build and furnish in the 2020 "Help Make a Home in Haiti" benefit. The next year, the benefit theme was "Partnering With Haiti" and our goal was to create new relationships and to build stronger partnerships by bringing a greater awareness and deeper understanding of how the mission works and what is needed to keep it up and running on a daily basis. In 2022, our focus was "Safe and Sound in Haiti" and we were able to complete the last portion of the outer wall (Safe), rebuild the termite-infested Gathering Center inside the mission grounds (Safe), and raise funds to keep the mission operational (Sound) in Haiti.

For the 2023 benefit, God gave us a different vision. He is leading us to reach beyond our walls and into the community we live in to serve our neighbors by creating a safer way to get around the community: building drainage canals and bridges in the washed out and rubble-blocked areas around the mission. The rest of the story is told on the website.

And God has once again blessed LHM by supplying funds for the schools and operational costs, and laying the foundations in our fundraising efforts toward "Bridging the Community."

And we are part way there! Many, many thanks to all of you who contributed to the various areas of need and the Bridging project. We thank God for your generosity and thank you for giving so kindly and lovingly to help Living Hope and the community that surrounds it.

If you still want to contribute at any time, the Bridging project will be an ongoing, multi-phased project. So, whenever you feel led to give, please let us know that your gift is to go toward Bridging the Community, and the work will keep moving forward.

Thanks be to God, thank you again, and God bless you!

Mary Jane, Andris, and all of the people of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti



Learn More About Haiti: Due to the unrest in Haiti in recent months and years, it has been difficult for Mary Jane and Andris to travel in and out of Haiti to come and share with your church, Bible Study, or other group, or even to come to the Fall Benefit. But other members of the LHM Board would be happy to fill in for them in this regard. No meeting is too small or too large. Please write to LHM at PO Box 3578, Dublin, OH 43016-0290 or email to livinghopeministries94@gmail.com to request a visit.

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

Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Two Projects:

- 1.) Build safe bridges and drainage canals on the road outside the mission.
- 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
 - 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!

Please contact Mary Jane and Andris directly at:
MJJolibois14@gmail.com
or skype phone #614-602-2802.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from ANDRIS and MARY JANE in HAITI

Have a very special Christmas with your loved ones, family, and friends celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.



**JOY TO THE
WORLD!**

We are thankful for all of our Lord's blessings and protection over us, the children, our staff, and our neighbors in Haiti. We continue to trust and know that God is the only one capable of changing hearts and lives here in Haiti and abroad. We believe that God will one day in His divine timing intervene and bring change to this nation of Haiti. Therefore, we continue to pray, work, and minister as the Lord permits. When I (Mary Jane) first came to Haiti in 1986, the Lord impressed on me that my security is in Him and Him alone. True safety is in the presence of Christ and His will for our lives. One thing about Haiti – it often keeps you praying and trusting in Christ. We must always remember that nothing happens to us without God's approval.

The Church is going; we have seen a slight increase in the number of adults and young adults attending the services and Bible studies. Andris continues to teach about our personal relationship with Christ and then our families and others, and that we need to grow and mature spiritually. Baptism classes are going well; we have 7 people. We are hoping to have the baptisms in late Dec. or early Jan. The women's group learned basic first aid, and each received a basic homemade kit. We continue to study the women of the Bible.

The primary school and preschool are going well. We remain open, and the staff and students come. Christian education is essential to change the mindset and situation in Haiti. We continue to work toward preparing and enabling each new generation so that one day, Haiti will be as it should be. We are trying to instill an inner peace in our students and staff through God's word and truth.

Trade school, including music classes, is also open and progressing. We run shorter, intense classes with the students since many have to pass through local gang areas. We received the final results of the government trade school licensure exams from last year. 100 % of business, cooking, and men's sewing students passed. 80 % of the women's sewing students passed. THAT IS EXCELLENT, IN SPITE OF THE UNREST IN THE COUNTRY AND OUR LOCALITY.

Everyone is really tired of the unrest, gang activity, lockdowns, and violence here in Haiti. Those not involved with the political unrest or gangs want schools to be able to function well and the country to function with a measure of safety and security for all students and people.

It has been another intense and difficult year in Haiti, but God is sovereign in the midst of it all. God continues to watch over and keep the Haitian people in spite of these big obstacles. It has been over 2 years since we have been able to go to town or Port-au-Prince. I (Mary Jane) definitely miss doing the shopping for groceries and mission supplies. Thankfully, some of our staff is willing to do local purchasing for us when the streets are safe.

We continue to do maintenance, and have accomplished many tasks. We started the process of cleaning, painting, and re-organizing the guesthouse. However, paint supplies are now difficult to receive due to the DR (Dominican Republic) border closing. Every year, we work on revising and updating each of the curriculums for the trade school classes. The new textbooks for the cooking school are finished and in use. Our big problem now is getting ink, toner, and paper to do copies for the students. We have been cleaning up the school yard, putting some cement down for walkways (instead of using the muddy areas). We continue to train and enable the Haitian staff to do more and more of the mission work and business. We do a lot of small jobs that we never had time to do. We are patiently waiting for the local area to open and allow vehicles in and out to begin the 1st part of the bridging-the-community project.

Our 3 nursing students were able to come for a short stay this summer. Ludrenne is in her 3rd yr. now, while Loveline and Mayderlline are in their 4th and final year. They each have changed a lot and are happy to be advancing in their studies. Our other girls are all doing well: Joos is in the 10th grade, Neissa and Valerie are in the 11th grade, Darla is in the 4th grade. These girls spend lots of time with us and consider us Mom and Papa, they also love to talk to Mary Jane's Mom: they call her grandma.

It is our vision to challenge each and every person to grow in an active and deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and for there to be unity in the relationships one with another. Our goal is to give everyone the possibility to receive an excellent education – to advance and develop a hope and a vision for tomorrow.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! WE LOVE YOU ALL!

Mary Jane & Andris



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Stamp
Here

Merry Christmas!



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

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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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