

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

May - June 2019 Newsletter



2019 FALL BENEFIT CHANGE OF LOCATION

For the first time in the history of the LHM Fall Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction, our mainstay, Der Dutchman, is unable to accommodate our group due to scheduling conflicts. They had already booked the October dates when Mary Jane and Andris will be back in Ohio!

So...We had to scurry around to come up with a new plan. And we did.

THIS YEAR'S FALL BENEFIT WILL BE HELD AT:

NORTHWEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6400 Post Road Dublin, OH 43016

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

Doors will open at 5:00 PM

What HAS NOT Changed:

We will still have a GREAT Dinner! We will still have the Live and Silent Auctions!
We will still be brought up to date on what's happening at Living Hope in Haiti!

What HAS changed:

The Location, of course. And we will be treated to some Live Praise Music!
We are still working on some new ideas for a fun evening! Details to come later!

If you would like to donate an item to be sold at the Auction:

We are looking for NEW items, restaurant gift cards, sport/theater/concert tickets, special services, or other new ideas that generate excitement!
We appreciate your contributions and support!

The Mwen Walk!

On Saturday, May 11, the 2nd Annual Mwen Walk took Place.

Thank you to Kelly Arehart and Kara Johnson for dreaming up this wonderful event and then working the long hours it takes to make it a reality. And thanks to the many others who helped, too. The Mwen Walk, or "MY WALK for OUR STUDENTS" is a family-focused, active event created to increase awareness about the student sponsorship program at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti and to raise funds to help support the school. We hope to make this the ultimate Spring get-together and fundraiser! So, get out your walking shoes and meet us next May to walk, fellowship, and support the students at LHM in Haiti.



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News From Mary Jane in Haiti

... What has been going on in the early part of the summer?

1. WOW! What a blessing! – You all assisted us in gifts and prayers to purchase a Xerox professional printer for the mission. It is great, since we develop and print many of our own textbooks for the classes, especially for the trade school and the workbooks for the primary school. This will also help cut down on the hours we spend printing and then assembling the books. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

2. We received a big blessing from the “French Honor Society Club” from Temecula Valley High School in honor of a retiring French teacher who has been a supporter and sponsor over the 25 years of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. Thank you so much, Diane, for all your support, prayers, and assistance. This special gift allowed us to purchase 150 French classics, novels, and stories for the students at LHM. This is the beginning of the lending library for the Primary school students to encourage them in their reading skills and love of reading. THANK YOU.

3. Karen C. from Oklahoma returned for the 4th time, but this time alone, due to the political activity in Haiti. We had a super time of fellowship and ministry of encouragement. While she was here, she ministered together with us to the children, youth, embroidery classes, and the women’s group. Hope you’ll be back soon, Karen.

4. We have started seriously working with the church choir of 20 adults. They are having three months of Voice Training by a professional voice teacher. They meet twice weekly for three hours each time.

5. We have seen the need and felt led to hire a music director under our supervision. M. Abakuk is a professional keyboardist and Graduate of Music and Accounting from the university in Haiti. He has worked for us for several years and excelled. The work is too much for us to carry alone and we are training up the leaders of the future. He is improving and expanding the music program. Also, he has already written two new music textbooks and workbooks that we will be using in our classes, and others have already requested them. He is a blessing, and we are really excited about the future of the music program.

6. We will be doing a VBS July 15 – 19. We are looking forward to this. Many other things are being planned, including repainting the inside and outside of the church this summer. The church members will be doing all the painting and work.



The New Copier at Living Hope!



New French Books for the Students!

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.

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A New Need at Living Hope Explained in a Letter from Stacy Lane

After raising sufficient funds last month to purchase a commercial printer for the mission, the board would like to communicate the next major fundraising project – and it’s a big one and far overdue. The mission would like to raise \$40,000+ to build a second-floor apartment for Mary Jane and Andris. And what you may not know is that the 2010 Haiti earthquake significantly damaged Mary Jane and Andris’ apartment /residence. They lived in a car, and then a make-shift hut for a long time, and then moved into the guesthouse when it was completed. The old apartment was turned into classrooms because we were running out of space for the trade school. Our missionaries have not had a place of their own for over nine years, they have no place to work privately, and have to sleep in the living area of the guesthouse when groups come to visit. In addition, several family members live (off and on) with them at the same time. Mary Jane and Andris did not ask for an apartment (they are too unselfish to do so), but the board believes it is time to move in this direction. We have received some funds (\$15,000) from a generous donor and have bought some of the materials, but we would like to raise the rest of the funds by the end of the year, if possible, and will use at least some of the proceeds from the Fall benefit for this purpose.

If you would like to help, please send your donation to the Dublin address and earmark your donation for the Apartment. Thanks for your continued and loyal support. God Bless.

Stacy Lane, Vice President

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

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

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Mailing Address for Funds*

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***Please send monetary donations to this Ohio address only.** Please do not send cash or checks directly to Haiti.

Thank you.

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You are a blessing to us, and you are reaching the people of Haiti with Christ's love in Action.***