



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

May-June-July 2023 Newsletter



Do You Wish You Could See Mary Jane & Andris in Person?

YES, WE ALL DO!

So, we are hosting another **ZOOM CALL** with Mary Jane & Andris.

On Saturday, August 19, at 10:00 AM EST

join us to get a chance to talk with them in the next-best way to being in-person!

Details and the link to the **ZOOM CALL** will be sent to you in an email closer to the date!



What are we looking at here? These are pictures of the road that leads up to the mission. Over the last decade, the building and construction in the area has caused conditions that allow debris to wash down the hills and be deposited in the roadways of the village. The road outside the mission has been completely blocked to vehicle, motorcycle, and sometimes even foot traffic. No vehicles can get in or out of the mission, and when new rains bring in more mud, people have slipped and fallen trying to get to the mission gate.

We believe that God has laid a new purpose on our hearts with the goals of:

- 1) Creating a safe way in and out of our community and mission by foot, motorcycle, or vehicle.
- 2) Building the necessary bridges and drainage canals to direct rainwater flow off the roads.
- 3) Helping with our community infrastructure by being available for the needs of the people.

“Our true access road into the mission has been covered over with the rocks and rubble from the hillsides coming down and not having any canal to direct it away from the roadway. If there is an emergency in the area, especially after a rain, no one can get in or out except possibly by foot over the rubble and rocks. But when it rains the area becomes like active rivers.” -Mary Jane



Announcing the Fall Fundraising Initiative for 2023:

Bridging the Community

Our goal is to love and serve our neighbors by making it safe to come and go outside the mission.

“Just as we have seen the Hand of God time and time again as we submit to the Lord the projects He has laid on our hearts, He has always and will continue to always provide in His timing and divine ways.” – Mary Jane

The September issue of the newsletter will provide information and details about the project.

Follow Living Hope Ministries in Haiti on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for exciting and current videos and photos of activities at LHM.

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News from Mary Jane and Andris

The Mission and Grounds

- The political situation in Haiti remains the same. The streets in Haiti near LHM have been relatively quiet due to the rains and flooded areas. The roads had been mostly impassable for 2 weeks due to mud and debris.
- We found leaks in the church roof after the rains last month. They have now been fixed, but we had to remove the top layer of cement on the affected areas where it had become porous. A new top layer of white sand and white cement (which is finer and more compact) has fixed the leaks.
- The normal maintenance and upkeep of the mission grounds is ongoing. We had to repair or replace several animal pens due to wear and tear. Some were ready to collapse on the back wall, and the ceilings were descending. Due to the heavy rains washing away at the base of the school kitchen, we have made permanent repairs there. Also, the back of the trade school building has seen much weathering and cement erosion, so we are repairing and reinforcing it.
- The Gathering Center project has been completed overall. It is being used several times a day as a primary school recreation area and cafeteria; a receiving area for parents and students; the trade school students gathering area; a place for chapel, exams, classes, meetings, the church Bible studies, the women's group; and other activities. The gathering center is a huge blessing and is so useful to everyone! Some pictures are below. We offer a huge praise to God for providing it! Thanks to Him and our supporters who hear His call!

The Schools

- The LHM schools continue to operate under the political situation in Haiti and all the other problems of impassable roads, etc. But we refuse to give up!
- Mary Jane has completed an approx. 400-page textbook for the new cooking class curriculum. Now all that remains is fine tuning the textbooks and curriculums for next year.
- The music school is starting a band/orchestra. There was a 2nd trimester recital on July 1st. This has been a hard school year due to the shortness of it, the continuing situation in Haiti, the rains, etc., and some teachers leaving without notifying us.
- Several of our high schoolers are taking government exams in July (12th graders take their final classes/exams of High School). The 3 nursing school students we support are finishing up this school year. Our 2nd yr. student has 1 month of hospital training before she gets a 1-month break; she will return for her 3rd year in September. The two others are 3rd yr. students; and they will have hospital training for the months of July and August with no breaks. Then they will start their 4th and final year in September.
- The governmental trade school exams are scheduled for the 1st week of August. We have students taking exams in Sewing (Women's and Men's), Cooking and Baking, and Business (Computer).
- The kindergarten graduation was July 30th. The primary and preschools end in July and reopen in early September. (The government has changed the dates several times for the school year.)
- The trade school and music classes will end in August and recommence in early September.



The exterior of the completed Gathering Center. What a huge praise to our Lord!



The preschoolers have a snack in the Gathering Center during the graduation rehearsal.

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.

The Good Work Continues at LHM

The Church

- A month ago, a 71-year-old woman came to the church to accept the Lord! She has been in all the services. The women's group is so excited about what God is doing in her life.
- We have several youth and adults asking for baptism classes; therefore, we plan to start them this summer.
- Church attendance has been running in the 200's, with over 25 adults! Andris has been preaching about the role of parents in training up their children in the Lord. It has been very interesting. Bi-weekly Bible studies are well attended, and we encourage discussion and active participation. (The age range is from infant to 70's, all very individual and different people. It makes for some very interesting discussions!)
- We had 2 child dedications last month (one 18 months and one 8 years). Infant or child dedications are very important in Haiti: originally, only the Catholic priests could perform an infant presentation; and they did it in the form of baptism. When the government of Haiti finally recognized protestant and voodoo as individual religions, this enabled their priests or pastors to also be legalized to carry out such legal actions as infant dedications, marriages, funerals, etc., and to be able to sign the legal papers required in Haiti. All birth certificates must be signed by the legal priest or pastor that performs the dedication ceremony in front of the church. This action is a legal requirement for all people of Haiti. At times, you find an older child or adult that has never been legally recognized, and then a legal pastor or priest must do the presentation and sign their birth certificate. This is so important that anyone applying for a passport or visa is denied if his birth certificate is missing this important dedication information or the pastor that signed it is not legal!
- The Women's Group continues to grow slowly and includes members of our staff from other churches. We are up to about 15-20 women weekly. One of our members just had a baby, so the women's group went and visited her with some necessities, prayers, songs, a short message, and fellowship.

Love & Prayers, Mary Jane & Andris

HOW TO DONATE TO LIVING HOPE MINISTRIES IN HAITI

Donate online at the **WEBSITE:** www.livinghopehaiti.org. Click on DONATE to get started.

Donate on **FACEBOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti>. Click the LEARN MORE button at the right side of the page.

Write a **CHECK** and mail it to: Living Hope Ministries in Haiti; PO Box 3578; Dublin, OH 43016-0920. Write the project you are donating toward in the memo space.

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:
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Please send **checks to this Ohio address:**

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(Do not) send cash or checks directly to Haiti.)

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www.livinghopehaiti.org/donation

Sponsor Packages

For single boxes, cards, and letters to Haiti only (**do not** enclose checks or cash).

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