

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

August - September 2021 Newsletter

**You are invited to the New Living Hope Ministries Annual Benefit
In person at Der Dutchman! October 9, 2021. Doors open at 5:30,
Dinner at 6:00, Program and Live Stream at 7:00.**



Imagine what it would be like to be at LHM in Haiti...

Arriving in Haiti and setting foot on Living Hope Ministries, you know something special is happening. Hundreds of children and young adults are learning. Preschoolers are learning their ABCs and chefs are learning how to cook a five-star meal for a hotel. Elementary children are working on science projects and sparks are flying as welding is being taught. So many of these kids and young adults are working hard to create for themselves a fruitful and robust future. Education at Living Hope Ministries is so much more than book learning, it's learning about God. This education creates a desire for a Christian community that will change the way Haitians interact and live together in light of the love of Christ.

For many years mission groups have visited LHM for a week at a time. The purpose of these short-term mission trips not only serves to educate and change the visitors, but they provide a very practical need as well. Groups can bring in supplies for the elementary and trade school. They are able to give of their time.

Due to COVID-19 and the political instability of the country, groups have not been able to visit the past few years. This has put the burden of purchasing all school/trade school supplies in Haiti, which can be both very expensive and sometimes inconsistent. Groups also provide time. Groups provide seminar teachings, VBS, and one group regularly comes in and measures all the children for their uniforms each year. All these responsibilities have now been on Mary Jane and Andris.

We are excited to begin our new Partnering in Education for Haiti program. This program will allow you, or perhaps a small group, or even work colleagues to give monthly to a specific class or trade at Living Hope Ministries. This monthly gift will go towards salaries, supplies, and materials for classes and trades of your choice. You will receive quarterly updates about your class and what they are working on. We will be rolling out more details and what this Partnering in Education for Haiti looks like at our Annual Benefit on October 9th at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. The program portion of the Benefit will be a Live Stream if you are unable to attend in person. But please join us, in person or virtually. We would love to have you there.

Please Register for our annual Der Dutchman Benefit at our website

www.livinghopehaiti.org/fall-benefit-info.

**Contact Tamara Howes for Partnering information or questions at 810-278-0995 or
Tamarasmyl@hotmail.com**

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WHAT'S GOING ON? ... The MISSION UPDATES:

LHM Haiti Update August 10, 2021

1) Church

- * App. 35-50 weekly in Sunday service. Sunday, we began videoing the service again and uploading to YouTube.
- * Holding one service at 8:15 AM, no Sunday school at this time.
- * No extra children, youth activities
- * Bible Studies continue bi-weekly with Andris in the yard
- * Church choir sang 2 original songs last Sunday morning

2) Trade School

- * Having 3rd Trimester exams
- * Government exams will start Sept 13th
- * Doing new student registrations for the upcoming new school year. New school year will start Sept 21st.

3) Primary School

- * Inverter Batteries purchased and installed
- * ½ of school supplies purchased for the new school year
- * The opening date of the schools has been pushed back by the government from Sept 6th to Sept 21st.

4) Haiti

- * They are still arresting people involved in the assassination of President Jovenel.
- * They installed the new Prime Minister "Henri", a few weeks ago. He is supposedly in charge of the country
- * Gang activity continues as well as violence. Martissant is still unpassable most of the time.

5) We are doing fine. God is faithful and true.

- * All activities are done with masks and social distancing.
- * We continue to slowly finish moving things up to the apartment.
- * Continuing to do school and yard maintenance: painting doors and benches, etc., and cleaning.
- * Pierre is home and continuing to improve slowly.

Why are so many things different in Haiti? For one thing, LHM's purchasing power was significantly affected over the last year due to the large drop in the exchange rate in October 2020. The rate has been slowly increasing over the last year, however the financial effects of this are still significant. The political unrest exacerbates the effect as prices of food and materials have increased. Therefore, our monthly giving through student sponsorships has not gone as far as it did in the past. For this reason, we recently requested an increase to the monthly student sponsorship from \$30 to \$40 per month. This is also why we are hoping to add classroom sponsorships through this year's benefit.

About the earthquake: The Living Hope Ministries staff, students, and mission compound are all fine. Several have lost loved ones, and it has been a wake-up shock again, showing us the reality of the possibility of more earthquakes in Haiti and even in our area. We have felt some tremors – nerve racking for all that have lived through an earthquake already. We remain in prayer for the relief efforts and victims. However, due to the distance, road conditions, and lack of personal contacts in those areas, we feel that the best thing we can do is help encourage our contacts to support the relief efforts of others. Therefore, we have chosen to encourage anyone who wishes to assist in providing things for the victims and relief efforts, please contact **AGAPE FLIGHTS** (our mail service), at missionaryservices@agapeflights.com or mechanic1@agapeflights.com or 100 Airport Ave. E., Venice, Florida 34285; phone: 941.488.0990; Fax: 941.485.3020. They are already making relief flights to the missionaries in those areas and their contacts.

Continue to pray for the recovery efforts to continue and the healing of those hurt directly or indirectly by the earthquake. Please pray for physical, emotional, spiritual healing for all. Thank you for all your notes and messages of prayer and concern. Love and Prayers, Mary Jane & Andris.

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 \$40 a month? There are currently 190+ sponsored students out of the 350+ 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 markleegund@gmail.com or call/text at 248-521-9240.

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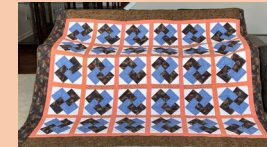
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At the Benefit ... The Annual Benefit will be a bit different this year. We have decided not to have the silent auction this year, but we do have **QUILTS!** Linda Berkemer has again made us 4 beautiful hand-quilted quilts to help raise funds for the Mission. They are pictured below, but the pictures here don't do them justice. They will be available for better viewing on the website on September 25th and will go on sale then. We would like to ask a price of \$1,000.00 per quilt to provide much needed funds for LHM. And these beautiful quilts are worth it. Go to the website on Sept. 25th to view the quilts: www.livinghopehaiti.org. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Deanna Breeding at dhbread@aol.com or 614-560-0180.



America, 78x72, is a nearly square quilt that is reminiscent of the 4th of July. Machine pieced and hand quilted with threads of the same bright reds and blues of the quilt pieces, this is a patriotic work of art.



Card Trick, 90x82, cheerfully blends the colors of fall to surround blocks of bright sky blue, rich browns, and pure white. Machine pieced and hand quilted, this quilt would be perfect for large beds.



Flower Garden, 95x75, is a mixture of rich blues, greens, and yellows that fill in around blocks pieced with shades of ivory, cream, and light tan, and is machine pieced and hand quilted in thread colors that accent the colors in the quilt.



Country Christmas, 95x84, a magnificent Christmas quilt, would be at home on a large bed or in a cozy room with a Christmas tree. Hand quilted with matching thread colors, this masterpiece is destined to become a family heirloom.

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.

Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Three Projects:

- 1.) Expansion of the cooking school.
- 2.) A room extension on the front of the church to add space for youth and childrens' ministries on Sundays and office overflow during the week.
- 3.) Shoring up and expanding the meeting area between the side of church and the primary school.

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

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:
lhlm-haiti@hotmail.com
 or skype phone #614-602-2802.

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

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

www.livinghopehaiti.org/donation

Sponsor Packages

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

Send to:

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