



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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THE WILL OF GOD WILL NOT TAKE YOU WHERE THE LOVE OF GOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti (LHM) has been many ministries over the years since its inception in 1994. Mary Jane and Andris Jolibois have responded to God's calling and the needs of the local community. This calling for ministry has evolved as the community needs have changed over the past 30 years.

It humbly began as a Boys Home where young and teenage street boys had a place to grow and be loved. This calling then evolved into a primary school that grew quickly, and enrollment peaked at over 500 girls and boys in 2016/17. Along the way, Living Hope added a preschool program for 3-5 year olds that also peaked above 200.

As LHM grew in primary school attendance, Mary Jane and Andris saw the need to add some vocational training for the older students. Trade school classes were added for the older children to attend daily after their traditional education classes were over. Many 6th grade graduates have come back to Living Hope to continue their vocational training in multiple disciplines. Living Hope also offers these trade school classes to the adults from the community as well, creating the need to add extra classes. Also, since LHM is licensed and recognized by the government for their educational programs and trade schools, many attend to receive their governmental licensure and diploma in advanced vocational trades.

More recently, due to the COVID pandemic and political unrest, some families with children have moved to safer places in the countryside, and other primary schools have opened in the community surrounding LHM. This has had the effect of lowering the primary school and preschool enrollment. On the other hand, the LHM trade school has continued to grow. Just last year, the trade school began to offer more classes per day to accommodate the increased adult enrollment.

Many LHM supporters participate in the primary school sponsorship program. Roughly a third of all financial support comes from the sponsorship program, and we are so grateful. LHM also has a trade school partnership program that was started about 3 years ago, and we currently have two partnership participants. But, with the increase in trade school enrollment, LHM would like to expand the trade school partnership program and invite more involvement.

The trade school partnership program differs slightly from the primary school sponsorship program in that a partnership involves supporting a trade school class instead of individual students. As a partner, you will be primarily helping by funding the materials the trade school students use as they hone their craft. For instance, the baking and cooking classes need all the ingredients to prepare the recipes. The welding classes need gasoline for the welder generator, and iron and steel to practice their skills. The same goes for all the trade school classes (Business, Cooking, Welding, Sewing & Tailoring, Embroidery, and Music).

So, LHM would like to enhance the trade school partnership to allow various levels of support:

- **Community** level: \$20/month, or \$240/year
- **Builder** level: \$50/month, or \$600/year
- **Entrepreneur** level: \$100/month, or \$1200/year

Each partner can choose which trade school and at what level they would like to support. If you are interested in partnering with a trade, please contact Tamara Howes at (810) 278-0995 or tamarasmyl@hotmail.com.

Follow Living Hope Ministries in Haiti on Instagram (www.instagram.com/livinghopehaiti) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti) for exciting and current videos and photos of activities at LHM.

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How has GOD changed me through Living Hope Ministries in Haiti?

Most of the people who have visited Living Hope Ministries in Haiti have come back with one thing in common: a changed life. Anna and Svetlana are sisters that were blessed to be able to go on internships at LHM as young adults. Both of them were able to attend the 30-Year Birthday Celebration for LHM last fall. They shared their stories with us.



It was a great joy and honor to come together with so many that support Living Hope Ministries at the Fall 'Happy Birthday' dinner celebrating 30 years of Living Hope Ministries. We celebrated and reflected on what God has and is doing through His people in Haiti.

In 2009, I had the opportunity to spend 3 months with Mary Jane and Andris in Haiti at LHM. I was 18 years old. The opportunity to witness the inner works of a ministry and the faith of two missionaries living out their calling by God was life changing. Many times throughout my adult life, I have reflected on Mary Jane's and Andris's example and faith.

One such lesson is absolutely faith in God for His provision, protection, and providence in our life. Mary Jane and Andris 'pray without ceasing'. Every day, they pray for all the students, their families, staff, and supporters. I remember hearing them pray together before getting up in the morning. Then they would come and pray with me and the house cook. Then they would pray with the staff. And then pray with the students. That was all in the first few hours of the day. I got to witness their faithfulness to bring ALL to the Lord.

Andris (and MJ) treated me like a daughter while living with them. Andris has a great sense of humor and joy that comes from the peace of entrusting God with the mission and their lives. While he takes faith and discipleship seriously, he knows how to make a good joke. When a team from Michigan came to visit, he pulled out his Ohio shirt and Ohio flag. And vice versa!

I love Mary Jane and Andris dearly. They are examples for all of us of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ – a Christian. They have invested in countless young people. I am thankful that they opened up their home to me and for their discipleship! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glorify forever!" – Anna Potts

When I was 18, I had the joy of going to Haiti on a 1-week trip over spring break with my sister, Anna, who had spent 3 months at LHM doing an internship. I felt so clearly the peace and joy of Christ in my week at LHM and I desired to return for an internship myself and learn from Andris and Mary Jane. They invited me to come, and I returned in the fall with one of my friends for a 3-month missions internship.

Over the next 3 months, I was stretched outside of my comfort zone in many ways, but it is in those stretching times that growth comes. As 3 months was coming to a close, I wasn't ready to go home yet, and on Christmas day Andris and Mary Jane invited me to stay for another 3 months! My friend returned home, and I stayed. I didn't expect the loneliness I felt when Kat went home. While I had many people around me, I didn't have my friend who was my age and spoke my language, but this turned out to be for the best. I started talking to God and spending more time in prayer and in the Word, and this changed my life forever.

Some things I admired and learned from in Andris's and Mary Jane's lives are their perseverance, strength, and trust in the Lord. Every day, they rise early in the morning and go until after dark serving the people God placed in their lives in Haiti. They have persevered through many trials and remain faithful to the call to educate through academics and the Word of God. And lastly, they lived with complete trust in the Lord to care for all their needs. There are many more lessons I learned during my stay at Living Hope Ministries, but these are three that come to mind. I'm so grateful to everyone at LHM for welcoming me with open arms. – Svetlana Patterson



SAVE THE DATE – October 11, 2025 – for the Living Hope Ministries in Haiti FALL BENEFIT at Der Dutchman

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

We always have students that need to be sponsored – by a family, a group, 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.

Connecting your **KIDS** to our **KIDS** at Living Hope Ministries

Whether in a Vacation Bible School setting, Summer Sunday School, or even during the regular church service “minute for missions” time, we believe that raising kids’ (and anyone’s) awareness of God’s work around the world is important. So, we have developed a great way for kids to learn about helping and supporting their young brothers and sisters in Christ in other parts of the world. At Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, we have put together program that will include short videos and activities aimed at introducing our kids to yours. It can be used as an addition to your regular VBS program, or in Sunday School, or church! We can provide materials for 1 day or up to 4 and even 5 days. We can even tailor a program to your needs and interests. (The following is a proposed schedule, and materials may change.)

Day 1: Overview and Welcome Video/Slideshow about the mission (aprox. 2 mins.) and printable pdf **Welcome Brochure** about Living Hope Ministries to send home with each student.

Day 2: A Day in the Life of a Preschooler Slideshow (aprox. 2 mins.) and printable pdf coloring page with Creole words/phrases for “Bible,” “Jesus loves me,” and words for boy, girl, dog, church, school, etc.

Day 3: A Day in the Life of a Primary School Student Slideshow (aprox. 2 mins.) and printable pdf activity page of finding a route to the school and/or matching a Creole word to a picture (review of words learned in day 2).

Day 4: A Day in the Life of the Sunday School Slideshow/Video (aprox. 2 mins.) and Sing-along teaching Jesus Loves Me (or other familiar song) in Creole and in English. Included is a printable pdf page of song lyrics in English and Creole.

Day 5: A Wrap-Up Video of Students and A Thank-You from Andris & Mary Jane (aprox. 2 mins.)

Let us know if you would like to receive more information about this program. We will be happy to work with you! Contact Deanna Breeding at dhbread@aol.com.

Haiti Update: Our schools and church and all are functioning in Haiti as normal. Andris has run special teacher training for the teachers in the month of March after primary school classes went home. One thing he also taught them, and the trade school teachers, was for them to do the online and WhatsApp teaching for the students if the students can’t attend school. For some time, many of the schools in Port-au-Prince have not been able to function due to gang activity. We have also seen Carrefour schools close several times again due to gang activity. The gangs continue to have the county seat near us blocked and have now included Leogane also. Carrefour has been blocked again recently. We continue to watch the situation closely. Please continue to pray for the mission and all of Haiti; REMEMBER, GOD AND GOD ALONE CAN AND WILL CHANGE HAITI. HE WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW HIMSELF TRUE AS HE HAS CONTINUED TO DO FOR US AND THE FEW OTHER MISSIONARIES THAT REMAIN IN HAITI AND DO THE WORK OF GOD.

Thank you for your love, support, and prayers as we move forward in God’s calling. – *Mary Jane & Andris*

Learn More About Haiti: Mary Jane is currently back in Ohio helping to care for her Mom. She would be more than happy to come and share with your church, Bible Study, or other group. No meeting is too small or too large. Please contact Mary Jane directly by email at MaryJane-Andris@outlook.com or by phone at 614-519-4460.

You can also email to livinghopeministries94@gmail.com to request a visit.

Zoom gatherings for your church or group are also 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!

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

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www.livinghopehaiti.org/donation

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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