

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

May - June 2020 Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE: The next **Fall Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction** will be held on **October 3, 2020** at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30. Please join us for an evening of great food, silent auction shopping, the latest updates on what's happening at Living Hope!



News from Mary Jane & Andris

We are all doing fine. Keeping busy with yard work, paperwork, and connecting students and teachers with homework, lessons, etc. on WhatsApp.

We are still on general isolation, masks, and social distancing. However, here, many people still don't believe that Coronavirus exists in general or in Haiti. The government opened some textile factories, etc., with very strict standards and rules, therefore several of the local churches have begun holding services again against the government mandate for them to remain closed. We are remaining closed until the government gives permission for churches to reopen. We continue to pray for the safety and protection of the people here in Haiti who are lacking wisdom in obeying the government's measures for safety in this country.

After talking with Stacy and Cathy Saturday morning, they reminded me it would be good if we would share some of the ways we are helping people here.

We have been assisting those in need as they request help, or we see they are in need. One example of a family we have helped: many of you know Paulene the primary school directrice (she has Valens, the youngest boy, who has had multiple illnesses during his 1st year). Also, besides her immediate family of 4, they also took in her sister-in-law and her pre-teen son last fall. Then, both of her parents have also been very ill and had to be moved from the country (to Jacmel) for her brother to help care for them. But the financial stress lies on Paulene and her family. We have also continued to pay all the staff so that they can respect the government's rules to stay home. We certainly don't want any staff obligated to go out and seek food or assistance and put themselves and their families in danger.

Donal, the young mason and a member of our church, lives off the income he makes day to day for his family of three. When he has no work, he has no income. Therefore, since we already had the funds for starting the apartment, we hired him to do the septic tank for the apt. This has given him several weeks of work. The septic tank is finished, and he is finishing up the removal of the dirt from digging the hole.

We were gifted with many boxes of gifts for the students, teachers, men church leaders and ladies; this has been an added blessing to many of the church members. The students must wait for church to re-open for theirs and for their sponsorship gifts.

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News from Mary Jane & Andris (continued)

Carlos and his live-in girlfriend didn't feel they had the funds for marriage even though they already had one beautiful little girl Carla and another baby on the way. So we assisted them with legal fees, the wedding rings, the bride's gown, the bridesmaid's dress, Carlo's suit and shoes, the ceremony, etc., permitting them to be able to repent and get married in front of their families, friends, and church with honor and respect. It was a beautiful service and an encouragement to many.

When Yves' new little girl was born, she suffered from lack of oxygen and needed to be hospitalized for 2 months. All hospitalizations are costly for the families because you must pay upfront for all services and medications prior to them being administrated. We were able to help them with the continual cost for medications, hospitalization, and food for the baby, Yves, and his wife Rose Darline.

Sometimes, even when someone is working, their income is not sufficient for medications or urgent needs, and we continue to see the Lord permit us to intervene with dignity and honor for the individual and family.

In September 2019, Carline, one of our Preschool teachers of 8 years or so, announced she was taking this year off, because she was pregnant and due in Dec., but assured us she planned to return in 2020. However, about 4 weeks after she delivered, her father passed away and then she died, leaving her husband with 2 young children and a newborn. The school staff and Andris went to the funeral, and they were appalled at the way the in-laws were treating the husband because he is not a wealthy man. We immediately wrote him out a check to help with the funeral expenses.

God is good all the time and has placed LHM as a beacon of light in a very dark nation, to preach the gospel in words and action.

Continue to pray with us for the governments of Haiti and the USA – for truth to abound and for the Lord to lead and guide our presidents by the Holy Spirit with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding beyond themselves to lead and direct our nations and people.
Mary Jane & Andris

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18

"Well the men have been working real hard on the apartment. I was shocked to learn that they will be pouring the roof on Monday. Also, we will be putting in a staircase to the top of the apt. Anyway, God is moving along." – MJ



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.

Apartment Progress / Funds Still Needed

A note from Mary Jane: Hi everyone. Well it has been a good and tiring week. Monday morning, they started setting up here by 7am. The roof pour started at 9:15 AM and finally finished after 8 PM. At the same time, once an area was poured, Andris had a guy putting sand down on top of it to help the concrete dry slower without cracks. We then cleaned up the entrance into the mission. We ate and it was already 9 pm. Andris had been on the roof most of the day. I was supervising the cooking, the yard, other staff. Lysberly and Grandma were supervising the entrance to the guesthouse. I think there must have been at least 30 guys doing the roof pour. We had to order more gravel. Then we had some sand and gravel down below the church and they carried that up to finish the job. Praise the Lord all went well. God is always faithful and true. The cost of the sand and gravel of each load increased by \$14 a load. PRICES continue to rise. Monday or so they will begin to remove the metal posts and plywood frames. Then we will stop until we see the funds for the next phase. The price is already growing. But we know and believe God will provide abundantly to continue and complete this project. God is so awesome!

(The cost to finish the apartment will be \$15,000 to \$20,000 (that includes interior furnishings).
Please prayerfully consider helping to complete this project. Thank you.)



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.) Continued funding for the apartment.
- 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!

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