

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

October - November 2021 Newsletter

We are updating our contact lists. If you are currently getting a paper newsletter and would like to receive it by email instead (or vice-versa), just email Deanna Breeding at dhbread@aol.com or send a note to the P.O. Box. We would also like to know if you have moved and have a change of address, even if you get the newsletter by email. Thanks!

Dear Friends of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, we are so grateful for you and all that God is doing through you to reach people in the nation of Haiti with His Word and the love of Jesus Christ.

We have a new video for you: The Campus Tour! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8A1C6lGni0>

The Virtual Annual Fall Benefit is wrapping up, and although virtual has been a 'not-altogether-new-frontier' for us, and certainly nowhere near as good as being able to see you in person, we have to admit that it is a blessing to be able to connect with you through technology. If you get the paper version of the Newsletter through the US Mail, we urge you to have a friend or family member bring over their laptop and help you visit our website to click through ALL of the pages and videos. It is truly amazing what God has done at the mission campus! (Every now and then, one of our board members goes online herself to just wander through the various pages and menus on the website. It refreshes her soul!) <https://www.livinghopehaiti.org/>

This year's benefit theme was **"Partnering With Haiti"** and our goal was to create new relationships and to build stronger partnerships by bringing a greater awareness and deeper understanding of how the mission works, and what is needed to keep it up and running on a daily basis.

For instance, who would guess that it takes \$250/month to feed and care for the dogs on the campus? Yet they fulfill the important role of providing security to the mission, especially crucial right now. In a country where electricity is unreliable at best and nonexistent at times, there is no place for an electric security system! If you want to see other ongoing costs of running the mission, click this link for a detailed summary:

<https://www.livinghopehaiti.org/operating-expenses?lightbox=dataptem-kujv5h60>

We will always need partners for the Preschool Program, the Trade Schools, ongoing construction and repairs, operating expenses, and of course, the Church and School. Many of you have poured yourselves into the various parts of the mission over the years by supplying funds, sending gifts for special projects, loving and encouraging Mary Jane & Andris, sponsoring a student, and, most importantly, praying. Please Keep Praying!

And if God is working on your heart to become closer to this mission, please don't resist HIM! Prayerfully visit the website and look over the Fall Benefit pages again. And if some area tugs at your heart, maybe this is your calling and opportunity to become involved more deeply, or even to become involved for the first time. Whether you dip your toe in the water, dive in all the way, or just take a look around, we'll be happy if you just check us out! The Fall Benefit pages on the website will be up and running for a while, so please come in any time!

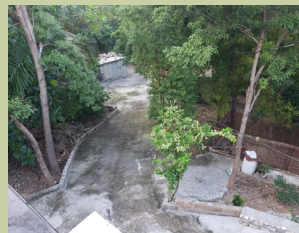
This link will take you straight to the Benefit page: <https://www.livinghopehaiti.org/fall-benefit-info>



These tables and chairs were made by welding students.



Precious preschoolers line up to start the school day.



Repair and construction is a fact of life at LHM.

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Reflections on spending time at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti...

LHM has not been able to host mission groups for a while now. But many of the board members have been to visit and volunteer at the mission in the past, some of them several times! And all of them have a unique story to tell. So, we have decided to feature our Board members in the newsletter to share some of their experiences and the blessings they have received. Our first featured Board member is Tamara Howes. She has been visiting Haiti since before she became a board member a few years ago, and she has loved and served Living Hope in many ways.



Hello, my name is Tamara Howes, I am a Living Hope Board Member. I have had many opportunities to visit Haiti since 2013. And in 2017, I was blessed to visit the Living Hope Ministries campus and was completely amazed at what I saw. So many people wanting to gain a skill and learn a trade to better their own lives as well as their families, to have an education, and food to eat. I feel blessed to have witnessed all this; it has forever changed my life.

My first trip to Living Hope Ministries was in 2017. Mark Gunderson, Student Sponsorship Coordinator, and our mission team leader gave me my first look around the campus, we walked through the church where, every Sunday, children and their families come for worship and fellowship with one another. And every day before school starts, the children come together to sing and share their Bible verses. We walked through the school and saw so many happy little faces so eager to learn, and hardworking teachers who may have received their education at LHM that have come back to teach – so amazing and wonderful at the same time.

Then Mark took me to the trade school. It's a U-shaped building. During the day, it serves the lower elementary students and after 3pm, the trade school. They offer courses in cooking, welding, sewing, embroidery, business, and music: keyboarding, violin, and drums, just to mention a few. These dynamic courses offer the Haitians a wonderful opportunity to complete and earn certifications that allow them to gain prideful employment, which really touched my soul.

I was filled with emotions, and I love to take pictures, so here are a few I would like to share: In the cooking school, ladies dressed in white hats and clean white aprons were proud of the way their cookies had turned out. Sewing class students worked with their teachers to learn everything so they can to pass their exam to receive there certifications so that they might be able find work. And welding class the men work together measuring to weld tables, chairs, and cabinets. It is a two to three-year commitment to learn a trade to be able to take care of their families and help pay for school and food for their families.

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” Mathew 4:19

I feel blessed to have witnessed all this, I continue to pray for Haiti and its people. For they have forever changed my life. May God bless you as He has blessed my life.

...Tamara Howes, Living Hope Board Member and Mission partner.

Photos below: Girls in Sewing Class, Welding Class, Cooking Class, Boys in Sewing Class

(To see some of the beautiful welding work of the school, please visit the website and go on the Apartment Tour video on the Fall Benefit page.)



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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What's Happening in Haiti?

A note from Mary Jane and Andris -

Hello to all of our friends and family,

We are all doing fine at the mission. The political and economic situations are not good at this time in Haiti due to the increase in violence and kidnapping. Our schools are operating when it is safe and the streets are open.

Please continue to pray for those in authority at this time in Haiti. Pray also for the gangs and kidnappers that they would be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent, and be converted to Jesus Christ. Pray for the victims of violence and kidnapping for healing, courage, safety, and God's peace.

Pray for the students, staff, and their families for peace and safety.

Pray for us that, in spite of all the difficulties, we would continue to reflect Christ in our lives.

Thank you so much for being a blessing, partnering, and supporting LHM and Mary Jane and Andris during our online benefit.

Love and prayers,
Mary Jane and Andris



An interesting FACT about Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, Inc.

Did you know that if you search the Internet for Living Hope Ministries, there are at least four (4) other organizations in Haiti that use the phrase "Living Hope" in their name? And many more worldwide? So, if you are looking for us on the web, we are

www.livinghopehaiti.org. Yup: .org. (not .com)

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.) 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.
- 2.) Shoring up and expanding the meeting area between the side of church and the primary school.
- 3.) Finish the entrance road.

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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Donations

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

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OH 43016-0290

(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:

Mary Jane & Andris Jolibois
Living Hope Ministries
C/O Agape Flights (Acct # 16278)
100 Airport Ave.
Venice, FL 34285

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