

# Living Hope Ministries

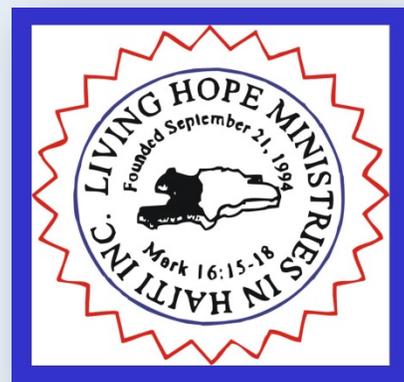
*Oct/Nov/December 2016 Newsletter*

## Teacher Seminar Offered at LHM

I am sure many of you can point to one teacher that had a great impact on you. It might have been the first time you succeeded at a skill you struggled with, or a teacher's kind words of encouragement that gained you confidence. Many teachers spend hours in training and workshops to help them develop their skill. Most teachers have the gift set that allows them to see how to work with children in a way that uniquely fits the child's needs. No matter the teacher, training is always for their best. I had the privilege to go to Living Hope again this year and lead a seminar with the Early Education teachers. It's not flashy and it's not a huge production, but it challenges me and it challenges them. We discussed Biblical Permeation in the classroom; the need to live out the Gospel in their lesson plans, relating with children and their families. Everything they teach and do should come from a Biblical world view. This was a significant heart challenge to many of the teachers. We also worked on practical ways to structure classrooms, reviewed lesson plans, and began independent learning in the classroom. Every time I do a seminar I can't help but wonder how many of you would have resources and perspective that would breathe more depth into what we have already begun with the teachers. If you are a teacher, an administrator, or have a desire work with teachers, it's my desire to create a team of people to work with the Living Hope teachers. Please contact me: [kellyarehart@gmail.com](mailto:kellyarehart@gmail.com)

## Mission Team Reflections from October

This trip for me was both familiar and different from previous trips. It was familiar in that I looked forward to visiting my extended Christian family, Mary Jane and Andris. Sharing their home with them, not feeling like a guest, but like family. The children's faces have now become familiar and my face to them. I notice how they've grown and matured, and how some of the older students are now becoming the future leaders. The ride to campus and the campus itself is familiar, but it seems even more busy and bustling than in the past. Even though the Professional School classes and schedule are the same, it seems to have reached yet another level of maturity, excellence and size. My two primary activities during our week were



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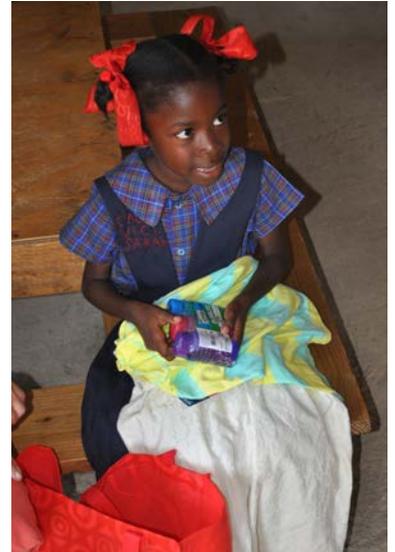
taking photos and size measurements of ~300 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders for our Sponsorship program. This team was so efficient at it that we had 95% done in the first two hours Monday morning. I have led mission teams in the past, but this small but mighty team was active from sunrise to sunset, each engaged in their own activities without any guidance, using the gifts and talents God provided – truly inspirational. The daily routine seems comfortable, but it is nice sharing the activities with new team members. As in past trips, I start the trip with team members that are usually just acquaintances, and by the end of the week, I can truly call them sisters and brothers with wonderful shared experiences. ~Mark Gunderson

A visit to Living Hope Ministries for me is challenging, inspiring, awesome and spirit lifting. This is my second trip to Living Hope and my 6th trip to Haiti. Since January 2013 there have been a lot of changes to the Living Hope compound: there are no longer the plywood “sheds,” one of which was Mary Jane and Andris’ home and the other the men’s guest house, nor are there classrooms under tin or leaf roofs. There are no longer guest bunk beds in the cooking school! But more than what’s missing is what has been changed or added: new baptistery, new burn area for garbage, new trash bins, repaired classrooms (from the 2010 earthquake), more classrooms, new storage area, new welding area and a new guesthouse, which was under construction the last time I was there. Classrooms and the church sparkle with fresh paint and inspiring scripture. Staff is being encouraged to try new teaching methods. The use of “centers” is being introduced. Teachers participate in craft and learning activities. Education and faith are at the heart of everything at Living Hope.

New construction continues as the steep hill to the guest house was paved while we were there. Construction is ready to begin on a second floor of the Primary School to add more classrooms. Plans for more expansion are awaiting implementation as God provides. What hasn’t changed is the faith that God WILL provide.

The warm hospitality, love and grace that are showered on us by Mary Jane and Andris and all the staff are also unchangeable. The children haven’t changed either. They have grown taller, many are new, others have graduated or moved on but they are still the funny, smiling, lively, spirit-filled brothers and sisters in Christ that we expect and love. Working with a team of people I’d never met before gathering at the airport was a joy. They were a group of dedicated, creative, energetic, talented and Spirit-filled Lutherans and I learned so much from each of them. Leaving Living Hope I realized again how it lives up to its name. No one who encounters the staff and people of Living Hope can help but come away with a renewed Hope for the future of Haiti and the future of our world. ~Judie Schafer

## 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 550+ currently enrolled.

Our prayer is 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](mailto:MLGondo@comcast.net)** or **734-996-2435**.

## LHM Update

- Four Vacation Bible Schools were held this year
- 35-50 students accepted Christ
- Mary Jane is using English in youth group meetings
- The school was not ready to open September 1 due to the hurricane and supplies being stored in the classrooms as a result of the Professional School building construction. The school began October 9th.
- There are 580 students enrolled in the primary school for 2016 which includes 9 classes of preschoolers.
- No classes are being held in the church; all outside temporary classrooms have been taken down. The plan is to have multiple classes in the Professional School building and then to construct new classrooms on top of the Primary School building.
- All structural problems in the Professional School building have been fixed. Phase 2 will involve plastering and painting interior walls and finishing outside walls. Completing construction of new primary classrooms will cost \$15,000, and Zion Lutheran church has given \$3,000 for the initial construction.



*Current fund raising initiative: completion of Professional School building stabilization project and Primary School building addition.*

### Visit Haiti on a Missions 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!

### Mailing Address

(For single boxes & personal correspondence to Haiti).

**Mary Jane & Andris Jolibois**  
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- 1) Electronic Giving Online at [www.livinghopehaiti.org](http://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) Check by mail, made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. Please note a giving category in the memo field, if you desire. (See below).

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- Church/Community Projects
- Youth University Fund
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