



# Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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## The 2025 Annual Report

God is great and greatly to be praised. We are so blessed and thankful for all your prayers, support, and encouragement over the 31 years of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti (LHM). God has accomplished so much throughout these years. And He has called you to be involved in accomplishing His ministry in Haiti and in the lives of those we minister to in Haiti. We look forward to all that the Lord will continue to do in the upcoming year and years.

Haiti is still in a very precarious situation because of continual political uncertainty and instability, gang activities, shutdowns, and roadblocks, etc. The Haitian news continues to state that over 90% of Port-au-Prince is gang-controlled, and gangs are reaching into other parts of rural Haiti for control also. Yes, we do have gang activity in our area. However, God has allowed us to continue to function in our schools, church, and ministry, a testimony to the Lord.

Most of our shopping, mission business, or going anywhere is very limited due to safety issues. Thank the Lord, He always supplies our needs, maybe not in the way we expect or desire, but He does supply.

In last year's annual report, I wrote about how the Biden Administration's Humanitarian Parole Program for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans (sometimes referred to as Biden visas) had a direct impact on our mission. We are still feeling the effects. As a result of these "visas," many hospitals, banks, businesses, schools, and missions, etc. in Haiti have lost scores of valuable, trained staff. This has directly affected our mission. By the end of 2025, we had lost 12 trained staff. In other words, one fifth of our staff left us on these visas, so we have had to hire and train replacements for them. And the healthcare vacuum left by the losses in the health field have played a big part in how God is moving our mission forward. You will read more about that later in the report. It's pretty exciting ...

### Our Church (Zion Church-Haiti)

As we serve our children, church members, and visitors, we continue to do handwashing at the entrance gate, which is a good health practice at any time! And then we practice some healthy distancing of the children and youth. This also really helps to keep the children (over 80% of those in attendance) orderly. After the church service, we have a hospitality time and serve bread and Kool-Aid or coffee to everyone. Communion is always served after the regular service with the members and their small children, as well as a 15–20-minute Bible teaching special for the members.

Tuesday and Thursday evening Bible studies continue to be held with Pastor Andris for anyone who desires to come. Generally, we see children, youth, and adults all together in the interactive Bible Study, and usually have 30 or more people in attendance.

We had a very fun and successful VBS, run by the church members and youth in the summer. Everyone was thrilled to be there.

Sunday School classes have reopened and are being taught by our church members. Pastor Andris and the church and mission leaders decided it was time to reopen these activities, despite the ongoing gang presence in our area. We know that God is present.

The Women's Group meets weekly and has begun to sing in the church services. The church choir is growing and sings in the services, too.

We continue to help those who need medicine, doctor visits, education (around 20 youth), food, and housing, etc. The need has increased even more with the rising prices and lack of access to many things.

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## **Our Primary School (The New Discovery School)**

Our 2025 school year was another rough year for the students, families, and staff as the gang activities continued and were often unpredictable. Some families who left our area have returned because we continue to stand. But others chose to leave our area for rural Haiti, hoping for more safety. Most of our staff and teachers remained faithful to their jobs and ministries, even though we lost several to dreams of another land.

School goes on. We do the regular academics, and the practical hands-on classes give the younger students some good training and skills that they will carry on into future classes and trades: 1<sup>st</sup> grade – paper art; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – plastic canvas lacing; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls – basic sewing; boys – wood shop; 4<sup>th</sup> grade – cooking; 5<sup>th</sup> grade – crochet; and 6<sup>th</sup> grade – string art. Now, the teachers and staff continue to teach these classes.

Also, the vocational classes are held 2 times weekly during the school day. All the 2<sup>nd</sup> second graders are in music classes with recorders, and they love it. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders then choose either 2nd year Recorder or 1<sup>st</sup> year Embroidery. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are in Computer classes using our netbooks.

All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders attend the afternoon trade school classes or Saturday music classes. Drums and violin are still the most popular music classes.

Andris supervises and teaches in all classes as needed including math, geometry, and other basic life skills. He does weekly teacher training on Fridays 12-2pm and seminars during the summer and holidays.

## **Our Trade School**

The trade school classes are going well. Andris had a teacher training seminar prior to classes opening. The teachers and students all need to be able to be present when it's safe but also know how to use our online and WhatsApp class information. Sewing and cooking are the most popular classes in the trade school. We have many students in the sewing classes: we have five Sewing and Tailoring classes and two Embroidery classes. There is currently one Welding & Ironwork class. We have two Cooking & Baking classes, three Business classes, and two Technique Design classes for all 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. All music classes are 3-year programs. We offer Keyboard; Strings – Violin and Guitar (Ukulele, Classic, and Bass); Drums & Percussion; and Saxophone, Clarinet, and Trumpet.

100 % of our students passed their national licensure exams in June and July. Many of our graduates and current students have already found positions in their trades or are creating their own businesses. It is exciting to see their progress and success.

Seventeen of our graduate students teach in our trade school. Also, all our office staff are graduates from the trade school. Andris continues to teach in all the classes as needed and oversees the entire mission.

## **Other Things**

Sister Cam's orphanage children are still living in the guesthouse on campus. They had to leave their area due to the instability, and they have been unable to return. All the children attend our schools and are happy. We feel that it is safer for them to stay with us, and the orphanage staff continues to give the guest house's propane stove a good work out as their cook makes the children's breakfast and supper on it.

Mary Jane continues to work in the mission administration from the USA. There are no plane flights back to Haiti at the present time. If you would like to schedule any speaking engagements, please contact Mary Jane directly. Her cell phone is 614-519-4460 and email is [MaryJane-Andris@outlook.com](mailto:MaryJane-Andris@outlook.com).

Two more of our nursing students we have been supporting have graduated, and we have just learned that they both passed the government licensing exam they took on Jan 11, 2026. Andris and Mary Jane have adopted Ludrenne and Love, they will be applying to continue their nursing education for a master's degree online (and periodically on campus) in Haiti.

## **Upcoming Activities and Teams**

We can't wait to receive visitors again as soon as the country is safe and more stable. We could not have visitors in 2025. We will let you know as soon as that changes. Let us know your team information. We would love to have you in when conditions allow.

## **Future Construction Plans/Ideas**

We are hoping to begin the "Bridging the Community" project as soon as possible with the startup funds we received for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project. The funds are all being held for this important project; and we will start when we can safely get supplies and deliveries.

The current situation in Haiti also caused shortages in healthcare. We shared this before, but it explains the situation we have here in Haiti: "As of April 2024, 31 more hospitals and medical facilities have stopped functioning in Haiti, and over 80% of trained medical staff has left Haiti, due to politics and insecurity," – Haiti News.

God gave Andris and me (Mary Jane) the vision to start a clinic in the mountains to the west and south of the mission, about a 40-minute walk, where there has never been a medical facility. The people there asked us to open a clinic. After much prayer, Andris & Mary Jane decided to begin purchasing the land. The entire piece of land has now been purchased for the clinic project. We began the fundraising in October for the perimeter wall and clinic building. As we have funding and the area is safe, we will begin construction, since this area has remained accessible to supplies and possibilities. Our trained and licensed nurses will help work in the clinic. Mary Jane and a governing clinic committee will help oversee this clinic project. We are really excited to see what God will do there.

This will be a time-consuming and costly project. To give you an idea of the scope of the clinic project, we expect that this large project could eventually cost over 200 thousand dollars. Our LHM Board is considering various scenarios to break the project into phases to manage the costs. The content of the first phase will depend on the funds we have available for the project. We have more details available, and invite you to be a part of this important project. Please let us know if you want to know more or if your church or group would like to participate in fundraising activities. We know that God will provide.

## Prayer Requests

We want to thank you for your faithful prayers over the years. Please continue to pray for us:

1. The students and staff of LHM – for their safety, protection, provision, and that they can continue their education without fear and interruptions.
2. We cherish your prayers for strength, favor, and endurance for Andris, Mary Jane, and the staff of LHM.
3. The safety and protection of the people of Haiti and the few missionaries left in Haiti.
4. Forgiveness and a change of heart of the leaders, gangs, and all people in Haiti.

Thanks so very much for a successful and prosperous year 2025 despite all the issues of Haiti and the world. Thank you for all your love, prayers, and encouragement for us and the children, youth, and adults of Haiti.

**Always remember: That God will never lead you to a place that He can't care for you. Wherever God leads He enables us to do His will by His Grace and Strength.**

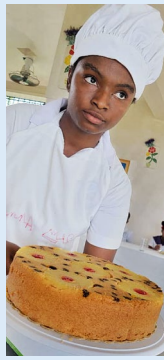
*Love & Prayers, Mary Jane & Andris*

Mary Jane's mother passed way in early Feb. of this year. Please pray for their comfort and peace.

If you wish to send a card or note, please send it to the P.O. Box. Thank you."



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Desserts!



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Yummy Foods!

## A Vacation Bible School Supplement from Living Hope Ministries

Whether in a Vacation Bible School setting, Sunday School, or even during the regular church service "minute for missions" time, we believe that raising kids' (or anyone's) awareness of God's work around the world is important. And we think we have an excellent way for kids to learn about praying for, helping, and supporting their young brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti.

At Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, we are developing a program that includes 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 5 days. We can even tailor a program to your needs and interests. Call Deanna Breeding for more information at 614-560-0180 or email [dhbread@aol.com](mailto:dhbread@aol.com).

**Learn More About Haiti:** Mary Jane is currently in Ohio. She would be 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

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You can also email to [livinghopeministries94@gmail.com](mailto: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 the perimeter wall for the LHM Family Health Clinic in Zest.
- 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](http://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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### 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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You are a blessing to us, and you are reaching the people of Haiti with Christ's Love in Action.***