



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

August-September 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to the Living Hope Ministries Annual Benefit issue!

On these pages you will find everything you need to know about our annual fall fundraiser. It is online this year. It starts October 1, and continues throughout the month. Read on for the details.

The Fall Fundraiser has a long history, and for many years, Mary Jane and Andris came back to Ohio to visit family and churches, meet with friends and supporters, and host the fall fundraiser. It was always a fun evening with dinner, silent and live auctions, and in-person reports on the mission church and schools by Mary Jane, Andris, and others. There was usually a theme, or a special project or need that the mission hoped to raise funds to build or complete. When Covid-19 struck, the ability to travel and gather were impossible, so the online fundraiser was born of necessity. Lately, the political upheaval and gang violence in Haiti has had the same effect. Going outside the mission and especially traveling to the airport can be very dangerous.

We hope to have the in-person fundraiser and Mary Jane and Andris back in the future, but in the meantime, having the fundraiser online has been a blessing to the mission. It is no longer a "local" event, but reaches out to our nation-wide group of supporters. And the outpouring of your prayers and generosity keeps the mission growing and improving. As the result of past fall fundraisers, Mary Jane and Andris now have a safe and permanent home, and the church and various schools are better-equipped and well-staffed.

This year, we are embarking on our third online fundraiser with new goals. We want to secure the safety of the mission by completing the wall around the mission; enlarge the outdoor meeting area (also called the Gathering Center); and shore up support for the monthly operations of the mission. So, there are two construction components of the fundraiser (building the wall and re-building the Gathering Center). And then make sure that the operational costs of running the mission on a day-to-day basis are met. Each week throughout October, there will be emails and new videos posted on the website and on Facebook. If you get the newsletter by paper mail, please ask a friend or relative to help you visit the online sites to see the fundraiser in much more detail. Information on how to contribute to the fundraiser is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Thank you so much for your continuing interest in Living Hope, and for your prayers, support, and friendship. God has truly blessed us through you, our supporters. We thank God for you. God bless all of you.

Mary Jane and Andris

Follow Living Hope Ministries in Haiti on Instagram and Facebook for exciting and current videos and photos of activities at LHM.

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Safe and Sound in Haiti

The 2022 Living Hope Ministries Annual Fall Benefit

God has blessed Living Hope many times over through your generous gifts in the past years. Because of the online Fall Fundraisers, we have been able to make many improvements like building and furnishing a new apartment for Mary Jane and Andris and constructing an extension on the church for people to fellowship and wait for appointments. We have also introduced the Partners in Education program (a program for partnering with and sponsoring the trade schools and the preschool), raised much needed funds to keep the mission running from month to month, and completed numerous other large and small projects.

This year, we have a new theme for the Fall Fundraiser. As the present state of political upheaval and gang violence in Haiti makes it necessary to continue the benefit online, we have decided to focus on making and keeping the mission **safe** and **sound**. Two construction projects will help ensure that the mission is safe both inside and around the perimeter. Over the time the mission has been operating, we have finished over 80% of the outside wall, but we still have the last 20% to complete. Due to the state of the country, it is even more imperative that we remove an old tin part of the wall and replace it with the concrete block and cement that rest of the wall is made of. And a gathering structure inside the mission campus that was constructed soon after the earthquake has become dangerous. This space is important for the work of the mission, as it provides shelter and space for Bible studies and other outdoor gatherings.

In order to keep the mission **sound**, it's important to understand what it costs to run the mission on a daily basis. As with everywhere in the world, LHM is not immune to the effect of global inflation. The country has felt it deeply. We have felt it deeply. It's already challenging to provide food, salaries, and materials needed for a mission in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. But now, with the country ravaged by gang wars and the rising prices of everything, keeping the mission going depends on regular monthly contributions. These are some of the things that monthly support funds:

Feeding the dogs and chickens: roughly \$430/month. Dogs are absolutely the best security system in Haiti (and really the only one in the LHM area). With the country's unreliable electricity, there is no other practical way. But the dogs need food and care. Chickens provide food and eggs right inside the mission, especially important now, when going out is so risky. But they need to be fed daily, too.

Groceries: roughly \$1700/month. The cost of providing a daily meal for all the students and staff at the mission and school, besides the regular daily needs of those who live there, has increased greatly.

Drinking Water: \$50/month. Even though the mission has a well inside the campus, clean and safe drinking water is still needed by some.

Electricity: \$120/month. The cost of powering the computers, printers, lights, refrigerator, and other modern necessities of the mission continues to rise.

And these are just a few of the monthly expenses that it takes to run the mission.

During the next month, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a general monthly donation to help cover the expenses that keep the mission *financially sound*, or to contribute to the construction projects to help make the mission *physically safe*.

Thank you for supporting Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. And thank you for your continuing prayers for LHM. Through this season in the life of LHM, your prayers are needed more than ever.

Each week in October, a new video will be posted on the website with more information about the mission and the various focus areas. Every Saturday, we will send an email with links to take you straight to the most current information.

Student sponsorship is another important way to support Living Hope.

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

For more information, contact Mark Gunderson at markleegund@gmail.com or call/text at 248-521-9240.



Finishing The Wall

Most of the wall around the mission is cement and concrete block, and helps to give the mission safety, security, and privacy. But there is one area of the wall that has never been finished with concrete block. There is a building on the other side of the corrugated metal wall, so it is not very visible from the road. But this is a weak area. As political instability, gang violence, and kidnappings all over Haiti continue to be a serious problem, we feel that God has laid finishing this wall on our hearts.

Enlarging The Gathering Center

Beside the church, there is an outside multipurpose area where Bible studies take place, students gather and play, classes are held, and other church activities take place – like our fellowship halls. Our goal is to enlarge the paved area, surround it with low walls, and construct a new permanent cement roof. There is a safety issue here because the current metal roof is supported by wooden beams that have termite damage, making the existing structure an increasing safety concern. Expanding the area and installing a new roof will provide a safer shelter for many activities and gatherings.



Providing for the Costs of Operating the Mission

As we have seen in the US, many costs of running the mission have increased significantly! Groceries, supplies (including school and maintenance/improvements) and fuel are just a few examples of these rising costs. Besides the expected expenses of salaries, groceries, maintenance, phones and internet, there are expenses that are specific to the mission. Electricity is inconsistent, so the LHM maintains a generator for the times when electricity is not supplied by the government. The preschool, primary school, and trade schools also have monthly expenses. There will be more detailed information on the website in October.

We have been blessed to have three beautiful quilts to sell at the fall benefit. Each one is pieced by machine and quilted by hand. If you would like to purchase a quilt, please contact Deanna Breeding at 614 560-0180 or dhbread@aol.com
The suggested donation for a quilt is \$800.

OHIO STAR—STEPPING STONES

101" X 71"



Ohio Star/Stepping Stones, 101"x71", is a mixture of various shades of green and turquoise that range from deep to pale and warm to cool. It has a white backing. Depending on how it is placed on a bed, it could fit up to a king-sized bed, or make a beautiful throw/coverlet on a couch. Machine pieced and hand quilted in the "stitch in the ditch" technique, this quilt will bring a cheerful atmosphere to any room. *(By Linda Berkemer)*

USA

102" X 79"



USA, 102"x79", is a beautiful Americana-themed quilt pieced in bright red and royal blue on a bright white background. Machine pieced and hand quilted with threads of the same bright reds and blues of the quilt pieces, this large and beautiful quilt would make a wonderful bedspread, coverlet, or even a wall hanging. *(By Linda Berkemer)*

BLAZING STAR

82" X 70"



BLAZING STAR 82"x70", features stars blocks of lovely shades of green surrounded by purple borders. The back side is a soft green print, making it a perfect "fold-down" or reversing quilt. Machine pieced and hand quilted with white thread, this quilt would be perfect on a smaller bed or make a lovely coverlet for larger beds. *(By Linda Berkemer)*

Something New This Time:

You are invited to the First Ever Fall Fundraiser ZOOM Meeting!

If you miss seeing Mary Jane and Andris in person, we are hosting a Zoom meeting for you on October 15 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Time Zone)

An email invitation will be sent later. Thank you for your faithfulness.

The Benefit Wrap Up

During the last week in October, we will wrap up and review the Fall Fundraiser, letting you know our progress toward the various projects. Thank you so much for participating!

HOW TO DONATE

There are **FOUR** ways to donate toward the benefit projects:

Send a **TEXT** message to Tamara Howes at (810) 278-0995. She will call you back and assist you with your donation.

Donate online at the **WEBSITE**: www.livinghopehaiti.org. Click on DONATE to get started.

Donate on **FACEBOOK**: <http://www.facebook.com/LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti>. Click the LEARN MORE button at the right side of the page.

Write a **CHECK** and mail it to: Living Hope Ministries in Haiti; PO Box 3578; Dublin, OH 43016-0920. Write the project you are donating toward in the memo space.

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. Be sure to use: .org. at the end (**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.) Completing the Wall
- 2.) Expanding the Gathering Center
- 3.) Providing for Operational Costs

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:
MJJolibois14@gmail.com
or skype phone #614-602-2802.



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Donations

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

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(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

Do not send money to this address.

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