

# Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

April-June 2018 Newsletter



**SAVE THE DATE:** The next **Fall Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction** will be held on **October 13, 2018** 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, and lots of FUN!

## The Mwen Walk

The first annual **Mwen Walk** took place on May 12, 2018. The Mwen Walk was created to raise awareness and funds for student sponsorship. It is what LHM hopes will become a way for **families** to gather each spring for a morning of fun and a chance to learn about the students of Living Hope. "Mwen" means "my" or "mine" in the Haitian language. So, think of it as **"MY WALK"** for the students at Living Hope.

The walk course took about 15 minutes in each direction, and was preceded by a yummy breakfast of muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. Afterward, there were lots of games, face painting, and even a bouncy house! Check out all of the pictures on the website or Facebook, but a few are posted below. Please make plans to come and join us next year for this very family centered and fun-filled outdoor event to raise awareness and support for the students of LHM. Strollers are welcome!

*A huge thanks to Kelly Arehart and Kara Johnson for dreaming up, bringing together, and carrying out the Mwen Walk!*



These are some of the beautiful, smiling faces of the students of LHM. Sponsoring a student is one way to be a part of this wonderful ministry!



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You are helping us to be good stewards of your donations and utilize them in the best possible ways. But, if you like, or don't have a computer, we still send paper newsletters via the Post Office, too! 😊

For more information, please contact: [cathystacy@aol.com](mailto:cathystacy@aol.com)

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# What's Happening at Living Hope? Meet Hope!

Hope has been an active supporter who has served on the board of Living Hope for many years! Among her many talents is photography, and she is a great photographer. She graciously shares her time and talents with the ministry and has visited Haiti many times. After her most recent visit this past spring, she wrote the following letter. Hold the control button and then click on the links below to see examples of her recent photos and experiences at Living Hope Ministries. The ministry is truly blessed to have such wonderful volunteers!

## Changes to LHM

Trees and lots of them!  
More kids and starting to outgrow the space  
Meals are more American with Haitian food mixed in  
Church services have increased with more children and youth VS adults  
Church service attendance has really increased to 300 from 600  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wly8GCrZL8oTNI1R2> LHM Campus  
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## Changes in Haiti

More roads and less dirt  
Cell phones  
Heavy presence of American food in grocery stores  
Motorcycles are everywhere  
More houses are being built and upgraded  
Country is cleaner, which is a major progress  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YvrTlxL7K2LFEgx2> Life in Haiti

## God's work from April 6 to April 16, 2018

Recorded receipts from primary school and trade schools to notebook paper for balancing the books from 2016 to present.  
Presented two children's messages, led a women's Bible study, a Saturday morning devotion, and assisted Mary Jane in the classroom with crafts, judged a cooking class lunch presentation, photography of LHM (see photos in this email) and did some traveling.

## Closing comments:

I was blessed and encouraged by the people of Haiti, LHM, Mary Jane and Andris. It was neat to have some of the Haitians remember us from years ago and neat to see they grew up/older. I was moved by the children and their respect for their country. It was an eye opener to live a week of Mary Jane's and Andris's life from 4:30 AM (wake up call for the girls) to bed time at 9:30 PM. They were full days with many responsibilities – from discipline, administrative duties, studying God's word, fixing toilets, dealing with repair people, computer work, emails, juggling electricity, praying, eating when you can, teaching primary school, teaching Bible classes, traveling back in forth to Port Au Prince to run errands, grocery shop and fix cell phones. What does LHM do next? Do we buy more land, build second/third floors or ??? God's Spirit is truly alive and moving at LHM and in Haiti. The Holy Spirit has been truly amazing, and you have to go to Haiti to see its fruit. For it was wonderful and blessed trip! Thanks be to God!

Easter Joy,  
Hope

## 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](mailto:MLGondo@comcast.net) or at 734-996-2435.



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Above: The Kindergarten Graduates! What beautiful children!

Right: Students display their decorated ponies!



**Pray for Haiti and LHM:** Please continue to pray for the Mission: for God's blessings and mercies for all who serve and attend; for health, safety, and protection; for healing of the sick and injured; for comfort for those who are hurting; for provision for the many needs (physical, spiritual, and material); for strengthened faith; and especially for hearts and lives changed through the love and power of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the nation of Haiti: Calming and turning toward the one true, almighty God.

**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 Lane at [cathystacy@aol.com](mailto: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.

**Ways You Can Become Involved With the Ministry Here at Home:** Each summer, everyone at the Mission gets really busy preparing for the next school year. Did you know that it costs about \$8,000 – \$12,000 to purchase textbooks and school supplies to have the school ready to operate in the fall? That comes out to approximately \$20 to \$35 per student for each of the 350 students enrolled in just the elementary school. It doesn't seem like much compared to what it costs in the schools in our country. But in Haiti, that can be a fortune to a needy family! And, unfortunately, it's a reality that summer is our lowest giving time. If your church puts on a Vacation Bible School, do you collect offerings from the kids who attend for a special use or project? Would it be possible to allocate some or all of the offerings to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti to supply the students with school books and other school materials? If that might be possible, I would be happy to visit your VBS coordinator to tell them all about Living Hope! (We would also welcome individual donations designated for the purchase of textbooks/school supplies.) You can email me, Deanna Breeding, at [dhbread@aol.com](mailto:dhbread@aol.com).

## 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), or
  - b. Credit Card payments (one-time or recurring)
- 2) **Checks by mail**, made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. Please note a giving category in the memo field if you desire (see examples below):

Giving categories:

- Church/Community Project
- Youth University Fund
- Student Sponsorship (please include your student's number)
- Primary/Trade School

**Current fund-raising initiatives:**  
Generous summer giving for school supplies to prepare for fall, and for funds for a new generator and repairs to keep the existing generator in working condition. Thank you for giving to enable us to reach this stage.

## 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!

Please contact Mary Jane and Andris directly at [lh-m-haiti@hotmail.com](mailto:lh-m-haiti@hotmail.com) or skype phone #614-602-2802 in Haiti.

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Thank you.

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