

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

May-June-July 2022 Newsletter



Save the **MONTH!** (Yes, the entire month) of October for the Living Hope Ministries Annual Benefit online.

Details coming later.

A note from Mary Jane and Andris

Dear family, friends, and partners in the ministry,

We greet you all in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We want to let you all know we are safe and well. We continue to do the Lord's ministry here in Haiti. Our church and schools are all functioning. We trust and believe God to continue His work here among this people to train up a new generation that is God fearing and honest. They in turn will train up the next generation and on and on till we have new mindset in Haiti of integrity and God's love one for another.

We are happy to share that we just completed a full academic school year of in-person learning. Although there continues to be political unrest in Haiti in and around the capital of Port Au Prince, we are doing our best to create a school environment that promotes learning and caring. Our students and staff enjoy the safety of our protected campus. It's our hope and prayer that when students feel safe and loved, it creates the best conditions for learning. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

— Love, Mary Jane and Andris

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Meet Board Member Craig Boggs

Craig and his wife Penny live in Oklahoma. They have been actively involved with Living Hope for many years and have traveled to Haiti several times to put on a VBS and work on projects at the mission. And they have started some at home, too!

Penny and I have been blessed to go to Haiti 4 times with our church. Each time we did a Vacation Bible School for the kids. At our home church we usually have 50 - 100 kids. VBS in Haiti was 400-500! The kids were well behaved and loved learning about the Bible and Jesus. More than 75 kids accepted Christ as their Savior during those Bible Schools. The most popular story was about David and Goliath. We made a full-size Goliath and put it on the outside of the classrooms. All the kids wanted to see how they sized up next to Goliath.



VBS kids measure themselves up to Goliath!



Craig and Penny with the student they sponsor.

In the afternoon after VBS, we worked on different projects for the mission. We built chalkboards, bookshelves and even painted the pews in the church. In the evenings we would have a Bible study for men and women separately. The most special thing was getting to meet the boy we sponsored. We had brought gifts, clothes, and school supplies. Seeing the joy on his face as he opened everything was a special blessing.

We haven't been able to go to Haiti for several years but still wanted to help out in some way. We came up with a way to do a fall fundraiser of our own at our church – a smoked meat contest and craft auction. Several guys and one women's team make a full day of smoking the meat. We all bring our smokers to the church and have a great time smoking meat and enjoying fellowship. We finish in the evening with people voting with their money on who has the best smoked meat. We have a silent auction going during and after the meal for the crafts. The first 2 years we have raised over \$5,000 for the mission and are already planning for this year.



Guys at Craig's church cooking meats for their fundraiser.

We miss going to Haiti terribly. We miss seeing all of our Haitian brothers and sisters and all the kids. The work that Mary Jane and Andris do is amazing! We are proud to call them not only our brother and sister in Christ but also our friends.

—Craig and Penny Boggs

Would You Like to Sponsor a Student at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti?

Living Hope student sponsorship is so important because it provides the children with a daily hot nutritious meal, textbooks, and school supplies. It also provides a substantial part of the teacher's salaries. There are currently 190 sponsored students out of the 290 currently enrolled. Our prayer is for full sponsorship of all 1st - 6th graders. 100% of our graduating 6th graders pass the government exams and go onto a local high school. Help support the next generation in Haiti with a Christian education and vocational training. Would you be willing to help sponsor one child at \$40 a month?

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

A note from the Board of LHM

Dear Sponsors,

As you know, costs of goods and particularly challenges with logistics have increased significantly this year around the world...and Haiti is no exception. The cost of shipping goods from the US to Haiti has gone up substantially. Would you believe that the cost of shipping even a small shoebox to a student at LHM costs more than the full monthly sponsorship cost for that student? And the logistics are so unpredictable and unreliable that it is difficult to predict when a shipment might arrive.

In addition, since the assassination of the President in Haiti, gang violence and occupation has made any trip outside the mission a much higher risk than normal. A few months ago, one of the planes for Agape Flight (the charitable support service that LHM uses to get supplies and goods to the mission) was overtaken by gang members on the runway and burned.

In an effort to protect the safety of our LHM staff, and to try to allow the mission to find ways to cover the increasing cost of necessary goods and materials for operations, we have asked that you consider alternatives to shipping gifts for your sponsored children. If you feel truly compelled to send something to your student, we would ask that you also include a \$50 payment to LHM to cover the cost of the international shipment.

Thank you for your understanding in these challenging times, and your support of the safety and well-being of our mission staff. In Christ, The LHM Board

Another idea...

Want can you do in place of sending gifts to the student(s) you sponsor? Personal letters or pictures (which can be scanned and sent electronically to the mission) are a great alternative. This is a great way to build a more personal relationship with the students, and it costs almost nothing. Mail your letters to the Dublin PO Box address and a staff member will scan your note/pictures and email them to Mary Jane. She will deliver them to your student and help to translate them so that you and your student can get to know each other better.

Some interesting FACTs about Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, Inc.

Did you know: Living Hope Ministries employs 50 staff daily? Did you know: LHM has 6 sewing classes in the trade's school?

Did you know: LHM has 3 adult ducks and 5 teenage ducks?

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:

Two Projects:

1.) Shoring up and expanding the meeting area between the side of church and the primary school.

2.) Finishing 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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P.O. Box 3578 Dublin,
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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.