

# Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

July 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!

## Special Need for New Generator

A few years ago, our electricity went out for four days in the middle of the Summer following a bad storm. We thought we could barely survive. No refrigerator; no air conditioning; no lights; no fans; NO FUN! Well, that happens on a regular basis in Haiti at the mission. Following the 2010 earthquake, electricity finally became available to the mission. However, eight years later -- the electricity is sporadic and unreliable. Which is why the mission relies so heavily on our industrial generator which is over 15 years old and needs repairs nearly every week. It is on its last leg and needs to be replaced.

The price is astronomical for a small mission like ours – \$21,500, and we are not sure if that price will stick following the recent riots. LHM is embarking on a drive to raise the funds for a new industrial generator. Several churches have already responded and have donated (or will donate) over half of the purchase price. We need to raise \$10,000 more, and we are asking supporters to help us raise the remaining funds. If not raised by the October 13, 2018 Benefit (at Der Dutchman in Plain City), we will try to use some/most of the funds from the Benefit for the generator.

Please consider a special gift to LHM for the generator. Any amount would be greatly appreciated! If sending a check, please designate the check as “For Generator” in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support and prayers. – Stacy Lane, Vice President.



On a beautiful Sunday morning the people walk around outside the entrance of the church that says:

**Jesus:  
Washes me  
Purifies me  
Frees me**

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The congregation fills the inside of the church to worship God and to hear God's word.

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# What's Happening at Living Hope?

## Reflections on Haiti

from some team members sent by Zion Church in Michigan

HAITI OVERWHELMS ME! The time always goes by so quickly; I become sad when I realize all the things I wanted to do but didn't have the chance to. How much I will miss all those who tugged so hard at my heart-strings. Then, the wind blows and I feel the Holy Spirit and I rejoice with a gladful heart for the opportunity to have been there and over all of the things I did with my team mates, the countless children, the many teachers, and especially with our host family.

It's what they *don't* have (running water, electricity, sanitation controls...) that we first see.

It's the joy, happiness, sweltering heat, fun, loving & caring spirits of the people (young, old & in between) there that we **feel** – intensely.

It's the roosters crowing, dogs barking, turkeys gobbling, kids laughing, music being played and sung, that we **hear** – and it resonates to our soul.

It's the mouth-watering aroma from the grill, the garbage being burned, strolling by the fowl-coop, the sweat and perspiration of the young men working, a walk by the dog kennel, an exceptionally pleasant waft from the cooking school that tickles our sense of **smell**.

When the time comes to leave, in our own ways, we each do an assessment, where we each come to the conclusion, the Haitian people *have* so much **more** in so many ways than we *ever* will. Is it any wonder I can't wait to go back again? I think NOT! – Terri

Living Hope Ministries is a 3-acre campus, including a church, a school for pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> graders to learn English, math, and science, and a trade school for grades 6<sup>th</sup>–adult, that teaches cooking, sewing, and welding. After learning their skills, the students may often go on to start a small business or come back to teach at Living Hope trade school. This is truly God at work.

I witnessed firsthand the joy of children receiving gifts from their Michigan sponsors; each gift was opened slowly and with great care, and then each child wrote a thank you note to their sponsors. I am now sponsoring the cutest little boy who is going to be three years old in December. I look forward to our friendship and the opportunity to visit him on my next trip.

Mary Jane and Andris and their wonderful family made us feel right at home from the time we arrived. Living Hope is definitely doing God's work. You could see that the children loved the school. The teachers were great to work with. I taught crafts to over 250 kids, making Christmas ornaments as the teachers read about the birth of Jesus. One of the biggest moments for me was the opportunity to share with the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys some gently used soccer uniforms and balls collected by the Donaldson family. The joy in their faces as they received their soccer jerseys was a ministry in itself. TLC Mission team donated 12 Singer treadle sewing machines. We also brought 6 world globes, giving the children the perspective to see that we are all on the earth together and to show them where we all call home: Michigan, Ohio, and Haiti. It was exciting for all of us. This trip to serve in Haiti was my first time at Living Hope. I fell in love right away; I could clearly see the work of God everywhere I looked. Thank you again for your loving support and the opportunity to serve God. – Tamara is a member of St. Peter's Mission team and working with Trinity Lutheran Mission group of Richmond, MI.

## 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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## How Can You Be More Involved With Living Hope?



**Please 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 [lhm-haiti@hotmail.com](mailto:lhm-haiti@hotmail.com) or skype phone #614-602-2802 in Haiti.

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