



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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THE LHM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ISSUE

VBS. Vacation Bible School. I am sure many of your churches host a summer vacation school where children from the community and your own church can experience and learn about Jesus and all of the amazing things he has done for each and every one of us. The week of VBS gives children a unique opportunity to experience God through singing, playing games, and building friendships.



Even at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti, we host a VBS every year. It gives children the opportunity (whether they attend church on a regular basis or have never experienced the Word of God) to come and make crafts, play games, and hear stories of God's goodness to them for a whole week. This special week each year blesses the entire community around Living Hope as well as the families who attend both the school and the church on a regular basis. In years past, before there was so much upheaval and turmoil in Haiti, I had the opportunity to participate and help at the Vacation Bible Schools hosted at Living Hope Ministries. The excitement and joy that both the volunteers and the children experience during the week is no different than the joy and hope we experience here at our home churches. As you read this, think about the Vacation Bible School at your church considering partnering this year with LHM. We would love to share student resource activities and videos you can share at church, with your congregation, and children's ministry program. Please reach out to any board member and we will be happy to help with all the resources you need for your church. – **Kelly Arehart**

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What's happening at LHM? We see God's goodness to us! We are grateful!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Over the last few years, the circumstances in Haiti have made life difficult. There have been “ups and downs,” but many times we seem to notice only the “downs.” We want to share some of the “ups” with you this time. Here are some excerpts from Mary Jane’s and Andris’ emails:

“Here is a Praise report for the newsletter about how God is providing for us here – Back on Sept 18th we finally found and purchased diesel fuel for the generator. It then became very difficult (again) to find diesel fuel until lately in our area. Our area was very dangerous and impassable in Oct, Nov, and Dec, even early January. Normally, we purchase diesel fuel at least once every 1-2 months (especially since we really have not had government electricity for over a year – except for five days or so). Since January, we have been limiting generator time to only the essentials: pumping water for the school, the kitchen, the orphanage, us, etc. We fill tanks and containers with water to last for several days. During this time, I know I was praying for God to keep us going with the little bit of diesel in the generator, just like He did for the widow with the dwindling meal and oil (1Kings 17:8-16). We just got some diesel fuel last week!!! God is so good to us! Now they are hoarding the fuel again.”

“Another really important thing happened. In 2022, we set up a large inverter and solar panels for the church building and one for our apartment and the guesthouse. Then we set up smaller inverters with their own solar panels and placed one in the primary school, one in the cooking school, and one in the U-building (Sewing and Computer classes). This was an important upgrade for the mission and has allowed us to keep church services and classes functioning without the generator. God is awesome!”

“In March and April: It was quieter overall in our area. We have been able to run the schools and even return to more normal school hours. The orphanage staff and children remain here. Currently, we have no other staff or families staying on campus. We know God has us here for a reason. We continue to pray and believe God for the safety of our staff, students, and community.”

“Andris continues with overall supervision of the mission, maintenance, church services, Bible Studies, and whatever else needs to be done. Mary Jane fills in, teaching the cooking and embroidery classes as needed and continues to work on paperwork, curriculums, and fixing computer and printer problems as possible. Our primary school administrators are becoming more efficient in making good decisions during these difficult times. We lost our Primary School website, which has all the class curriculums for the parents, so we are working with the person who originally helped us set it all up. They have had to start over with a new program (actually, this one appears to be free and even better in many ways!).”



Boys and their woodshop projects



Who had a birthday?



Crochet projects on display



A wedding at Zion Church

Student sponsorship is a very 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.

Welcome to: "Ecole Mixte Nouvelle Découverte" (EMND) or in English: "School of New Discovery"

Did you know that the school at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti is called the "School of New Discovery"? Many people don't, but now you do! And another fun fact: The trade school is called "Ecole Professionnelle Ministere de l'Espoir Vivant" which means "Professional School of Living Hope Ministries." The church is called "Zion Church – Haiti." With those facts in hand, we now want to introduce you to some of the staff members of the school at LHM. You may recall that the mission of LHM is: **To train a generation of young men and women to change their families, communities, and nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Action.** Well, these are some of the people that work alongside Andris and Mary Jane to do just that!



Good evening! I am Johnny, I am on the staff in the office of EMND since 2023. I am a computer technician (and teacher), Artist and Plastic Artist. I love LHM because it has given me a good education in teaching and spiritually.

I love working in the area of education, because I want my country to advance. I love to spend my free time as an artist and listening to music. I live with my family (wife and little girl). Thank you for all your support.



My name is Ones. I am a principal. I was working here since 2004. I like watching TV and doing research. I like the new Discovery School because it helps me with my family.



Good afternoon. My name is Ismonde. I am a principle; I'm working here since 2016. I like LHM and the New Discovery School because they give me a Christian foundation. I'm also working for helping my country or society. Thank you for your help.

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.

Zoom gatherings for your church or group are available upon request.

Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Two Projects:

- 1.) Build safe bridges and drainage canals on the road outside the mission.
- 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
 - 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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(Do not send cash or checks directly to Haiti.)

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www.livinghopehaiti.org/donation

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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