



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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LHM Celebrates 30 Years in Haiti!

A Very Brief 30-year Overview of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

We started with the vision of “training up a generation of young men and women to change their families, communities, and nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and action,” in 1994.

When I arrived in Haiti to start Living Hope Ministries, I began to visit and learn about the people of the community and the other ministries in the area. I did whatever I felt the Lord was leading me to do by showing Christ in my actions and words – just to be available as needed, to answer calls from those with urgent needs, the sick, hungry, and homeless. I allowed some street people to stay on campus until we could find them homes and food. I started translating a Bible Curriculum (I had permission to translate) for our upcoming Bible School classes and visits to the local churches.

A visitor found some boys on the streets at the local gas station, and he brought them to me to be housed and fed. So, we began a boys’ home for street boys. It was now necessary to open the live-in Bible School and Church for the local Bible students and those coming from a distance. I also did community English classes for a necessary period of time.

By this time, we had 20+ street boys. We tried to send them to local schools, but no one wanted them. In the meantime, we needed to purchase our own mission property. Once we found a property, we decided to start a primary school for the boys. We began with a few grades at a time and added another grade level yearly until we reached 6th grade. We also we opened it up to the community because there was a big need for a quality school in the area; the only one present in the area was failing. We also discovered that it was essential to open a preschool for all the local small children.

Besides all the academics, we offer an enriched program for all the classes to give the students practical life skills: animal care, gardening, first aid, art, music, sewing, cooking, lacing, crochet, string art, and embroidery. Our vision has always been to provide a quality, high-level education for the poor and needy. Our primary school is recognized and licensed by the government of Haiti. Our students have always passed the government exams well.

We graduated several Bible school graduates and ordained many for the pastoral ministry over the years. Then, with the rise of several other Bible Schools in Haiti, we decided it was time to close the Bible School and continue to train and support our existing pastors – we had the main church and four outlying church locations and were beginning new primary schools with them. In Haiti, churches are supposed to provide schools, etc. for their communities. After several years of assisting our outlying churches, their pastors, and schools with training, supplies, land, and operations, we felt it was time to set them free to operate independently.

Also, we assisted local orphanages and other schools and ministries with supplies, food, and training for many years, as we were able, with extra donations and gifts we received. We have always been a ministry to other ministries, offering supplies, books, information, curriculums, etc.

Follow Living Hope Ministries in Haiti on Instagram (www.instagram.com/livinghopehaiti) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti) for exciting and current videos and photos of activities at LHM.

Our Mission: 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.

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During our early years, I assisted another organization by building, setting up, and working in their clinic on a small piece of our property. Later, we sold the land to them at their request.

We started a trade school for the boys' home, primary school students, and community. The trade school is recognized and licensed by the government. We offer classes in Women's and Men's Sewing & Tailoring, Cooking & Baking, Embroidery, Welding & Iron Work, Computer & Business, Art Plastics, and Technical Drawing & Design. At least 90% of our students pass the government licensing exams every year.

After several years of sending our church youth to other music classes (that would not function regularly), we decided it was time to add a music school to the trade school for all those who desire to learn and apply music, especially in the churches. We offer Drums & Percussion, Stringed instruments, Brass instruments, Woodwinds, and Keyboards.

We have written and prepared all our own curriculums over the years and continue to update and write textbooks as needed. We have encouraged and assisted our Music Director to write, copyright, and publish new music theory books in Haiti; he has already finished eight books and continues to write others. We encourage our Haitian staff to improve themselves continually.

We have yearly or bi-yearly teacher training seminars and weekly in-service training. Also, we have done several Bible seminars of a week or longer – generally yearly. In the past, we held at least 1-3 VBSs yearly for our students and community, with our church youth assisting, with and without visiting mission teams. We always have bi-weekly interactive Bible Studies with church members and our community. We also encourage and assist our post high school students in furthering their education: Music, Nursing, Art, Science, Engineering, etc. We help staff children and youth in their education even if they live a distance from the mission.

The mission campus and buildings have been constructed and continue to be maintained and improved as necessary. Many projects have been accomplished over the years: the perimeter walls, the Primary School building, the Trade School building, the Church, the Gathering Center, our Welding classroom and workshop, the Cooking School and its 2nd floor, the remodeled guesthouse, and the apartment for Mary Jane & Andris, among others. We also had two community water wells dug and installed many bread ovens in the communities.

Due to current local gang activities, we have again opened housing to others as needed. An orphanage of 18+ has been living in our guesthouse since November 2023 due to gang violence near their orphanage building.

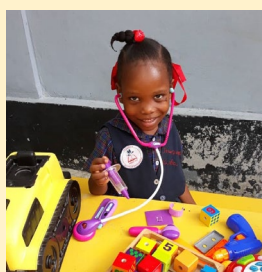
Over the years at LHM, many difficult things have happened. My cook/housekeeper passed away while she was with me when I was translating at another missionary's compound for a large women's seminar, and people tried to convict me of killing her. Andris was taken away without charges in what today would be called extortion and kidnapping in an effort to destroy Living Hope Ministries. Various people and parties have attempted at different times to take or steal our purchased land. We survived the 2010 earthquake, several hurricanes, and gang activities, etc. Each and every difficulty has caused us to grow spiritually in maturity, and God has proven this ministry time and time again. God has always shown himself faithful and true, and He always will.

We have learned to be flexible and seek the Lord for the needs of the local area and community. We have learned that there is sometimes a time to close one door and open another into the ministry God is calling us to, so that we can continue to grow and meet the needs of the people where God has called us. Our ministry is a ministry to others and the needs of this ministry change from time to time.

Mary Jane Jolibois



Busy making sewing patterns



Need a doctor?



Kindergarten Grads



Computer & Business Class

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 again to the “Ecole Mixte Nouvelle Découverte” (EMND) or in English: “School of New Discovery”

In the last issue, we featured some of the staff at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti’s “School of New Discovery.” This time, we would like you to meet Pierre. Pierre has been a part of LHM for many years, serving in various ways. I (Deanna, Newsletter Editor) visited LHM in 2011, and I remember him leading songs during the Sunday morning church service. He sang with a clear, loud, and inspiring voice to lead the congregation in worship.

Below, Pierre tells the story of how he first came to LHM and what LHM now means to him. Pierre is a wonderful servant of God and a witness to the mission of LHM, which 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.**



Pierre writes this about himself: Bonswa tout Manm Lhm mwen salye nou nan nn Jezi. Pou mwen te antre Lhm sets you chabon mwen te pote bay Matant mwen Madan Popo lèm rive Matant mwen di Popo Sè Marijane t dil bezwen you moun bal Pierre nn Popo reponn li pap vini mwen di hoo map vini mwen te vini 13 mas 1996 pou kòmanse mwen te nan lakou pou fè netwayaj aprè mwen te vin fé anpil lòt travay ankò mwen te 25 lane mwen renmen tout aktivite yo nèt paske chéf kitap mennenm lite kreyènn tout sal we pou ede lòt moun ki nan bezwen mwen te renmen sa anpil pou spirityèlman mwen toujou kenbe lafwa m nan Kris pa Gen anyen kika seprem ak Kris sa kipi bél Lhm mou trem Viv youn ak lòt e aprann pateje mèsì bokou Bondye beniw pase bòn fen jounen ak Jezi Dervil Jean Pierre fils

Translation: Good evening, all the members of LHM, I greet you in the name of Jesus. For me to come to LHM, I was bringing charcoal to my aunt Mrs. Popo. When I arrived, she told Popo (one of LHM's yard men), that sister Mary Jane said she needed someone (a worker): give her Pierre. Popo responded to her Pierre won't go. I said, 'yeah I'll come. I came the 13th of March 1996. I began by cleaning the yard and afterward I did lots of other work. I was 25 years old. I love all the activities of LHM because the head [boss] leading me was a Christian that was pushing ahead to help other people in need. I loved that lots. Spiritually I always hold onto my faith in Christ. There is nothing that can separate me with Christ. What is most beautiful is that LHM has taught me is to live one with another and learn to share. Thank you so much. God bless you and have good rest of the day with Jesus. DERVIL JEAN PIERRE FILS

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!

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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

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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