



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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The 2023 FALL FUNDRAISER Edition

This year, the LORD has put a new need on our hearts that takes us beyond the mission walls. It is not really a new need, but one that has been developing and worsening for some time. As homes and other structures have been built uphill behind the mission, there has been a loss of vegetation and the exposure of a lot of loose soil and rocks. When it rains, there is nothing to stop the rocks and debris from washing down the hill and blocking the roads around the mission and the neighboring homes and businesses. The streets have become impassable to vehicles and even to pedestrians at times. We feel that God is calling us to help fix this situation by literally building bridges and drainage channels to make a way for the rain and debris to wash away from the buildings. We ask you to prayerfully join us in our efforts to make our community and its people safer by making the roads passable again.

And so, to this end, we announce our 2023 Fall Fundraising initiative:

Living Hope Ministries Bridging the Community



Benefits for the Community



- Improved access to homes and protection against washouts
- Connect the neighbors to key roadways (and each other)
- Feeling cared for by the mission and that their concerns are recognized

Benefits for LHM



- Provides safe and easy access to the mission for members of the community
- Allows for safe travel into town from the mission, even after heavy rains
- A visible sign to the community of God's love and the mission's permanent commitment to the region

With Your Help.....The Best of Both Worlds!

The Fundraiser will go from October 1st through Oct. 31st.

This is going to be a big project, probably one of the biggest we have attempted in a long time. And the need may be big, but GOD is HUGE. We believe that God has given us this way to serve the community that we have been a part of for so many years. Please join us.

Follow Living Hope Ministries in Haiti on Instagram and Facebook for exciting and current videos and photos of activities at LHM.

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Bridging the Community



Rocks and rubble fill the streets around the mission and pile up against the walls of buildings and homes. No one comes to take them away, so it just gets worse.



After a rain, the streets are filled with muddy water, rocks, and debris that get left behind when the rain dies up.

“Bridging the Community” is a very important project for both our community and our mission. Due to the lack of infrastructure in Haiti, nothing has been done. Currently, our roadway from the north has 20 feet of rubble to pass over. During rains, the area becomes washed out and treacherous to travel through until it dries out and gets packed down again. Even then, there are still large ruts which are difficult to travel over.

Our access road into the mission is covered with the rocks and rubble that have washed down from the hillside. There are no canals to direct it under the roadway. This road goes by other homes which now have rubble piled up to their windows, blocking their entrances. Every time it rains, the drainage problem gets worse.

With no effective infrastructure in the country, we don't feel we should continue to wait and hope for the government to do something to solve the problem. We believe, since we are the Christian mission in the area, that we need to reach out and help the community.

The need is urgent. If there is an emergency in the area, especially after a rain, no one can get in or out except possibly by foot over the rubble and rocks. But when it rains, the area becomes like active rivers: one at the base of the mission wall where our overflow water goes, one in the road up the hill beside our wall, and one in the next pathway between the next two houses. We have had students and staff on foot fall down in the mud and rubble; we have seen vehicles stuck and unable to continue into our area.

Andris, as an engineer, worked on helping to create roads in southwestern Haiti prior to working with LHM. He and Megene, the welding engineer, are working on the plans.

We plan to do this project in three stand-alone phases as finances permit. It will involve building 3 bridges and 2 large drainage canals. The projected cost of the 1st phase is \$40,000; the cost of phase 2 is also \$40,000; and the total for all three phases is calculated to be \$140,000. ***Thank you for your love, prayers, and assistance. Mary Jane & Andris***

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 choose 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.

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

Bridging the Community - The Story in Pictures



In the photo on the left, the words on the rounded front of the church proudly proclaim:

JESUS ... Your blood
Washes me
Purifies me
Frees me

You can see the rounded front of the church in the aerial photo to the right. Use this to help find the church in the rest of the pictures.



AUGUST 2006

This was the mission in 2006. The red outline roughly defines the LHM campus. The church is the large white structure in the upper right (NE) corner of the area. Notice the area surrounding the campus on the right and below. (This area is actually uphill from the mission.) It is largely undeveloped and full of trees and vegetation, which serve as natural anchors for the undisturbed topsoil and surface rock.



APRIL 2022

Seventeen years have gone by since the aerial photo above was taken, and the area has changed dramatically. Especially after the earthquake in 2010, the building of new structures and homes in the areas surrounding the mission began to increase. As many new places were built on the higher elevations, the surface of the ground was torn up, loose rock was exposed, and was never cleared away properly. Every time it rains, more of it washes down the hills and gets caught in the roadways.

Bridging the Community - The Proposed Solution



The Access Road, Bridges, and Drainage Canals

The picture above and the close-up on the left show the proposed sites for the structures that will make the roads safe and passable again.

- The red line represents the access road.
- The blue areas are the drainage canals.
- The blue/green arches represent the bridges.

The cleanup, repairs, and construction of the bridges and the drainage canals roadway will begin as soon as funds are available.



Please note: The following three pictures are **not** actual structures in Haiti. They are only *examples* of the types of bridges and canals that might be built. But they help us to understand what is needed.



How to Donate to BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY at Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

Donate online at the **WEBSITE:** www.livinghopehaiti.org. Click on DONATE to get started.

Donate on **FACEBOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/LivingHopeMinistriesHaiti>. Click the blue LEARN MORE button at the right side of the page.

Write a **CHECK** and mail it to: Living Hope Ministries in Haiti; PO Box 3578; Dublin, OH 43016-0920. Write the project you are donating toward in the memo space.

The Operational Needs of the mission are ongoing. These are some of the costs and are approximate due to the unstable economy and inflation.

For more information, please contact Nancy Thorbahn at 614-288-8135 or nthorbahn@aol.com.

<p>Groceries for the mission (Mary Jane, Andris, guests, Staff) \$1300/month</p>	<p>The Dogs Guardians and security for the mission: Food and Care \$450/month</p>	<p>Fuel/Maintenance for The Generator \$450/month</p>	<p>General Maintenance of the grounds and buildings, etc. \$500/month</p>
<p>Internet/Phones/Electricity \$500/month</p>		<p>Feed and care for the Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, and Pigeons \$300/month</p>	
<p>Community Benevolence Helping or feeding people in need \$275/month</p>		<p>Elementary School Payroll, supplies, student meals, etc. \$2500/month</p>	<p>The Church Services, hospitality, Student's, Men's, & Women's Bible studies \$500/month</p>
<p>Preschool Payroll, supplies, student meals, etc. \$725/month</p>	<p>Trade Schools Payroll, supplies, student meals, etc. \$2600/month</p>		

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:
MJJolibois14@gmail.com
 or skype phone #614-602-2802.



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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.)

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