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## Connecticut Congregation's Legacy of Compassion Lives On

Hope for Haiti's Children (HFHC) started as a ministry of the Connecticut Valley church of Christ in 1995 – with many of the 80 members volunteering to help launch the ministry. The church has continued to support HFHC, after the organization became a non-profit in 2001.

The Connecticut Valley congregation began in 1984 in Windsor, Connecticut composed of passionate young Christian singles and couples focused on Christ-like service and evangelism who had moved from Southern and Midwestern areas of the country.

Due to an economic downturn in the Northeast and aging family members, many core families moved away and the congregation was forced to close its doors in February 2017 and sell its

church building. In June, the leadership announced that \$80,000 from the proceeds of the sale would be donated to build an expanded dormitory at the Thomazeau Christian Orphanage as part of HFHC's Rebuilding Hope 2020 initiative.

This August, construction work started on the new dormitory ("North Dorm") which will provide four large bedrooms and girl bathroom facilities for the 12 children who are currently housed in two 10' x 20' rooms. Completion of this dorm is scheduled for January 2018. Rebuilding Hope 2020 plans include the future construction of a houseparents' quarters and a second orphanage dormitory ("South Dorm") identical to the North Dorm to allow the orphanage to house up to 40 orphaned children.

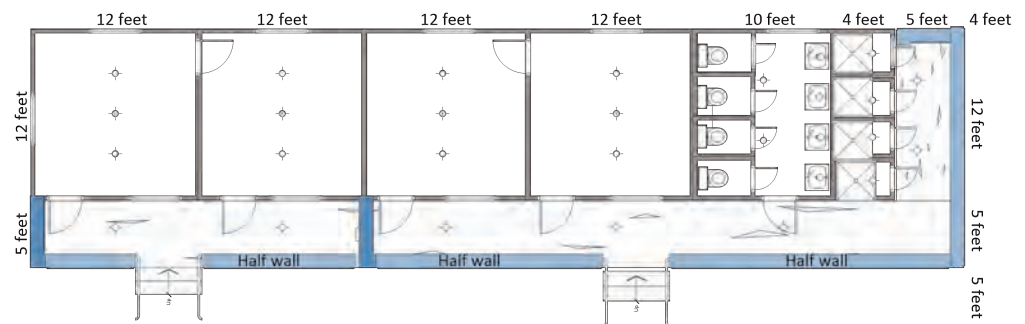


*The Connecticut Valley Church of Christ blesses orphans at the Thomazeau Christian Orphanage*



*New Dormitory Foundation Work Underway*

**Thank you. What a tremendous gift to our children.**



*New Dorm Plans Show 4 Large Bedrooms with Additional Girls' Bathroom*

# Feeding Futures and Nourishing Minds



*The U.S. government's USAID Denton Program works with both the Air Force and in-country non-government organizations (NGO's), like HFHC, to transport humanitarian aid at minimal cost to the donor while simultaneously using the extra space on a U.S. military plane flying on a training mission to serve those in need.*



## School Lunch Programs

Throughout Haiti, hunger and malnutrition threaten to destroy the lives of children. Many children eat just one meal a day and if a school lunch is provided for them, this is likely their one meal.

Since 2013, HFHC has been grateful to receive thousands of pounds of highly fortified meals from organizations who are focused on hunger relief and from compassionate donors who contribute to the Food Fund.

This year, HFHC is thrilled to add a 4th school to our School Lunch Program. The Dubuisson Christian Elementary School educates 205 students from preschool through 9th grade. This year, a kitchen was built and pots, pans, bowls and a stove were all purchased to get ready for the new school year and for the launch of this vital program.

Now the *big smiles* of 1,016 kids are shared by their teachers who know the significant impact this will make in the classroom. A child's ability to focus and learn will increase, they will attend school regularly, and their health will improve!



# Summer Youth Camp Changes Lives

Hope for Haiti's Children (HFHC) held its first summer Christian leadership camp at the Thomazeau *Camp Hope* facility in June. Forty-two junior campers, comprised of sponsored 12 & 13 year olds from the Delmas, Cite Soleil and Cazeau Christian schools, participated in fun/educational activities mirroring our senior leadership camp week.

The senior camp is held each year at Titanyen in a facility HFHC rents from Global Outreach.

This year's theme, "Mache Nan Sajès" (Walking in Wisdom), encouraged campers to choose God's wisdom to direct their lives. Lectures, discussion groups, and a Bible Bowl centered around this message. Outdoor recreation activities, craft projects and a talent show highlighted the 4-day event.



Our senior camp was held in July with 153 teens attending. Local ministers assisted in the teaching. Four teens were baptized during the week and more than half of those not already baptized requested personal Bible study upon their return home.

Next summer, *Camp Hope* will host **two** junior weeks. With help from Rebuilding Hope 2020 partners, HFHC plans to add to the facilities there. The goal for next year's camp is to have both a boys' and girls' shower house, replacing the makeshift "bucket" bath enclosure. By 2020, HFHC hopes to transition the senior week from the Global Outreach rental facility to the Thomazeau *Camp Hope* facility.



*Two teens study the Bible together*



*Four young people were baptized at camp*

*Andy Huntoon, Nick Hutchens, & Johnny Laine Evenson lead an application lesson at Camp Hope.*



## A Haitian Prayer

Lord, your servant doesn't know left from right.  
Even now I don't know which one of your hands I am in.  
Whether I am in the left or the right, it doesn't matter.  
I am in your hands.  
That's enough.



# Mission Moments

## Summer Teams 2017

Church groups, campus ministries, and volunteers from across the U.S. all came to Haiti this summer with one thing in common — *a heart to show Christian compassion through service to the needy.* Their days were spent leading Vacation Bible School activities for children and teens, helping with work projects at the schools, training our teachers, doing community outreach, assisting in Church worship services, and being an encouragement to our children and HFHC staff. Here are some of the *mission moments* from this summer.



**Fresh Fish!** This team from the Yellow House Christian Student Center (Nacogdoches, TX) made repairs to the aquaponics tilapia tank which is providing a source of protein to our orphanage children.

A highly skilled  
from Sugar Land  
administrators  
the students.



**MAY**

**JUNE**



College students from the Memorial Road Church of Christ (Edmond, OK) travel to and stay overnight in a remote Haitian village to spend time playing and teaching Bible lessons to the wonderful children there.

An adventurous journey across the Artibonite River enables this team from Simonton, TX to teach dental health and hygiene to the children at the Pageste Christian Elementary School.



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# ORPHAN CARE SUNDAY

## HOST A POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE!

Join Christians across the country in gathering together in prayer and sharing a simple, inexpensive meal rather than eating out. Help support the children living in Hope for Haiti's Children's orphanages at Cazeau & Thomazeau by donating your "eating-in" cost savings to bless the orphaned children in Haiti.

*Our 2017 goal is \$50,000.* The money raised will fund orphanage needs including food, clean water, housing repairs and improvements, and orphanage staffing.

Interested? Email us at [ocs@hopeforhaitischildren.org](mailto:ocs@hopeforhaitischildren.org) or visit our website at [www.OrphanCareSunday.org](http://www.OrphanCareSunday.org)

God bless the children!



A group of educators from Sugar Land, TX taught 75 teachers and 15 school children vital skills to use in their classrooms for the year. A worthy investment indeed!



New cabinets for the Thomazeau Christian School built by team members from the Bellevue Church of Christ in Nashville, TN.

JULY

AUGUST



Rooftop devotionals connect teams to God's purpose in their service.



Children join with teens from the Bellevue Church of Christ (Cincinnati, OH) for games, crafts, and Bible studies to learn together how to love one another.



*Youth Community Service Day!* This cleanup effort followed an afternoon Bible Study led by the First Colony Church of Christ team (Sugar Land, TX)



By the end of their mission week, this team from Memorial Road Church of Christ (Edmond, OK) had built close relationships and returned from Haiti feeling like family; which they are - God's family!



*Chambellan church members mount sign on new facility*

## Hope and Joy Despite Hurricane Devastation *by Ken Bever*

Last October, category 5 Hurricane Matthew caused widespread destruction and over 500 deaths in Haiti. The eye of the storm passed over Haiti's western Tiburon Peninsula, causing significant damage to 80% of the homes and church facilities in the area. The Chambellan Christian School / Chambellan Eglise du Christ building was completely leveled as well as the home of the

school principal and church pulpit minister Jereël Pierre.

Through the generosity of HFHC donors and local Chambellan and Port-au-Prince volunteer construction workers, the church re-opened its doors on Sunday, June 18. What a blessing it was for us to join in the celebration for what God had done for this community!



*Eight couples arrive to be married in the new facility*



*Standing room only for first Sunday service at rebuilt Chambellan Eglise du Christ facility*

On that morning, more than 500 packed the auditorium – including the city mayor. The walls reverberated with joyful singing as the congregation sung gospel favorites at the top of their lungs, including “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder” in Haitian Creole. Nine responded to the gospel call and were taken to the nearby river to be baptized. After services, we were treated to a parade on “Main Street” -- featuring the school’s color guard and flag brigade. Later that afternoon, Jeantyard Elmera assisted with performing eight (yes, eight!) weddings in the building – to the delight of all those attending.

# Gifts In Memoriam

**Mary Alexander**

*Michael Alexander*

**Francisco Capellan**

*Steven Applebaum*

**Eugene & Mollie Carlton**

*Casey & Donna Carlton*

**Stanley Cox**

*Tom & Linda Tucker*

**Georgia George**

*David & Raquel Moore*

**Jerry Harryman**

*Great American Financial*

*Services Corporation*

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*English Department*

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*Amos & Doris Slawson*

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*Leaders' Choice Financial*

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**Ron Sanders**

*Eric & June Bowden*

**Westgate Church of Christ**

*Gary Tucker*

**A gift can be made in memory of a loved one or to honor someone on special occasions.**

Enclosed is my gift of \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is made to honor \_\_\_\_\_

Or

This gift is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send an acknowledgement letter to:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

# Projects to Consider

Each year we become aware of school and orphanage needs, facility repairs and improvements, needs for nourishment and spiritual outreach, etc. Please prayerfully consider donating funds to provide for one of the needs below:

1

**Bibles**

We would like to give a Bible to each student in grades 7 and up. They can be purchased in Haiti and are \$10 each.



2

**School Lunch Programs**

Any amount given will help purchase rice, beans, and oil, and help pay for the administration of the school lunch programs.



3

**School Benches**

Children sit together on benches which serve as their desks. All 10 schools are in need of new school benches. Each bench is \$125 each.



4

**School Security Wall**

A security wall for the Hinche Christian Elementary School is needed to protect classroom supplies and assets. Cost: \$15,000



5

**Vocational Training**

The older children at our orphanage are enrolling in training programs to build skills. \$360/mo will help 12 students in sewing class.





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## My Mission: How I Can Help

- ♥ **Become a sponsor** Your ongoing gift can change a life. HFHC Child Education Sponsorship (\$36/month) provides tuition, books, & uniforms for the poorest of children - giving them a chance for a brighter future.
- **Apply for a gift-match from your employer** Double your impact by doubling your gift. Many companies promote charitable giving and volunteerism by matching gifts of money and time.
- **Make a planned gift** Planned gifts can provide increased income and valuable tax savings to you, while at the same time allowing you to make a significant commitment to the future of the children of Haiti. Planned giving options include bequests, trusts, and life-income gifts.
- **Share your talent** Do you have a heart to serve? Travel to Haiti with one of our mission teams.
- **Plan an event to raise funds and/or awareness** Inspire others to give to Hope for Haiti's Children! Host events such as: Rebuilding Hope 2020 Breakfast, Walk 4 Haiti's Kids, or Orphan Care Sunday event. We would be happy to work with you to customize event promotional materials.
- **Engage your church or group** Use our prepared presentation materials to introduce Hope for Haiti's Children's mission & vision.
- **Please Pray** Remembering not only to help provide for the physical needs of the impoverished children of Haiti but to nourish their spirits as well, pointing them to the Father.

**For more information, please visit our website at [www.HopeForHaitisChildren.org](http://www.HopeForHaitisChildren.org) or email [info@hopeforhaitischildren.org](mailto:info@hopeforhaitischildren.org).**

## Our Mission

*To demonstrate Christian compassion to poverty-bound Haitian children and their families, providing opportunities for these children to become outstanding leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.*

