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The children of Thomazeau Christian Elementary School who will greatly benefit from the new clinic



Dr. David Darrah gives medical exam during the Annual Child Care Clinic held each January

Announcing Project Hope 2030! by Ken Bever, Founder/President

Thanks to our compassionate supporters, this past January — exactly 10 years since the devastating January 2010 Haiti earthquake — we reached our Rebuilding Hope 2020 goal of five million dollars! With this support, we have been able to build two homes for orphaned children, educate 3,000 children in 10 Christian schools, build kitchens and start school lunch programs, and fund the construction of Camp Hope at our Thomazeau Hope Center. For the children we have been able to reach, the change in their lives has been truly significant.

As we look ahead to the next 10 years, we have met with our leaders in Haiti to identify challenges and opportunities to enhance the Christian care, education, and training for all of our sponsored children. I am pleased to announce today that the result of this collaborative effort is Project Hope 2030 — a 10-year, \$30M infrastructure and endowment campaign.

Project Hope 2030 includes capital funding to build Christian secondary schools which will be accessible to all our sponsored children, construct school nurse offices in all our schools, expand school lunch programs to 5/day/week for all our schoolchildren, provide vocational training for all our orphaned teens, and expand after-school training programs.

This year, a vital initiative of Project Hope 2030 is to complete Phase 1 of an urgently needed 960 square foot health clinic at the Hope Center. The clinic will

include a doctor and nurse's office, three treatment rooms, a lab, a pharmacy, and an educational room. It will also serve as a base for visiting US medical teams.

The Coronavirus pandemic is just reaching Haiti's shores and we have many children suffering from preventable and/or treatable conditions such as skin and eye infections, minor burns, diarrhea, dehydration, and urinary tract infections. There is no health clinic in the Hope Center area of Thomazeau and few families can afford to take their sick children to the Thomazeau community clinic several miles away.

The clinic will house a school nurse office for Louslande Dorcius (see photo above), who grew up as an HFHC-sponsored child at our Cazeau Christian Orphanage. Louslande does her best to treat children now in an empty classroom and, when necessary, arrange transportation for the children to go with their parents to see a doctor. Unfortunately, many parents are unavailable during the day as they struggle to provide an income for their family, and many do not own a cell phone. This leaves many children without timely medical care.

The Phase 1 cost of the clinic is \$100,000. What a huge blessing this will be to the school, church, and community! For more information on the Hope Center Clinic and other Project Hope 2030 plans for this year, visit www.ProjectHope2030.org.



Jean and Sonia surrounded by the children at the Cazeau Christian Orphanage

A Place to Call Home

Since 1998, the Cazeau Christian Orphanage has welcomed 118 children who were in dire need of a family and a home where they could grow and thrive. At the center of this ministry is Sonia and Jean Toussaint, an amazing couple who have poured their time, talents, and heart into raising these children. A testimony to their success are their “graduates” who were raised in the home. When we look at where these grown-up children are now and what they are doing, the success stories are many. We find these young people working as nurses, doctors, police officers, electricians, preachers, translators, teachers, and the list goes on!

What was it like to grow up at the Cazeau Christian Orphanage? We recently posed this question to some of our young adults who grew up in the orphanage but are now in their next stage of life. Here are their answers, in their own words:

What is your favorite memory growing up in the orphanage?

- ◆ “Sonia would get the older girls together and spend time praying with and for us, sharing her advice, and preparing us for life. She taught us how to respect ourselves and how to live a Christian life.”
— Betty, age 20
- ◆ “I loved being around my brothers and sisters. It was just wonderful living there!”
— Manoucheka, age 21

What do you love most about Sonia?

- ◆ “I loved everything about her. One day, when I am a mom, I want to be like Sonia.”
— Blandyne, age 18
- ◆ “I love and miss her so much. Being at the orphanage felt like heaven for me.”
— Kendenson, age 18

What do you love most about Jean?

- ◆ “He is very funny and gave me good advice. When we did something wrong, he would correct us but do it in a good way. He treated all of us the same.”
— Jhimy, age 20
- ◆ “He helped me learn how to save and manage my money.”
— Francilia, age 20

For Sonia and Jean, this is not just a job but their life’s work and their calling. Sonia says that each morning when she wakes up, she thanks God for allowing them to work in this ministry. Jean said his greatest joy is watching the children grow up, get an education, and then become Christian leaders.

While children who come to the orphanage have experienced devastating loss, they soon realize that they have found a safe refuge where they are accepted and loved, are members of a large family, and will always have a place to call “home.” HFHC is so grateful for the sacrificial love of Sonia and Jean. Their investment in the lives of children who come through their doors and into their hearts has made such a positive impact on every child. Sonia and Jean’s love and Christian influence have not only had a profound effect on these young people but also on others they will influence — for generations to come!



Betty



Manoucheka



Blandyne



Kendenson



Jhimy



Francilia

2020 HFHC Child Care Clinic: My Perspective

by Beverly Niehls, M.D.



Dr. Beverly Niehls examining a sponsored child at HFHC's Annual Child Care Clinic

This is the third year I have volunteered to be part of the medical team at HFHC's Child Care Clinic. Each year I have been startled at the poverty and hunger these children face. A U.N. study found that Haiti has the worst food insecurity in the world, and I have witnessed this firsthand. We see so many children in the clinic who have headaches or belly aches due to hunger. My heart breaks for the children and their parents for the uncertainty of where their next meal is coming from. The children all receive a snack when they arrive at clinic, but many of them save it knowing that they will later be fed lunch. This snack may be all they get to eat tomorrow, or they take it back to feed a family member at home.

During the second clinic week we examined more than 1,100 children. They came with rashes, cavities, headaches, glaucoma, and their hunger. For some, this is the only medical care they will receive this year. We examine and treat those in need, feed them, and love on them. And the children are so happy to receive this care.

Because of nation-wide protests in the months leading up to our clinic when no travel was possible throughout the country, I saw some children who had not been able to get to a hospital and were severely ill. A young mother brought her disabled daughter to the clinic and asked if "the lady doctor" would check her. She had severe neurologic problems that were a result of this young mother having been infected with Zika virus during her pregnancy. Living and working in Pennsylvania, I have never encountered this. There was also a young teen that was so very ill that she had to be taken to one of the few emergency rooms in Haiti. She was admitted with severe breathing problems. What a blessing that this girl will get proper treatment because she is part of HFHC's sponsorship program!

I also had a surprise this year — bringing me great joy. The first day of clinic I was introduced to a young Haitian man — Jeff Jean -- who is finishing up his last year of medical training to be a licensed doctor, and he wanted to observe for the week. I enjoy teaching medical students back in the States, so that sounded like a great idea. As I was getting to know him through my interpreter, I discovered that he grew up in HFHC's Cazeau Orphanage from 2000-2008 and then completed his secondary training at HFHC's Delmas School. He has had an American sponsor all along. It was so gratifying to know that what we are doing with HFHC is working! He is the reason we do this... he and those other success stories that come out of this ministry.

Our time together was one of mutual teaching and collaboration; it was he that realized that the little girl was affected by Zika. I was able to share some of what I have learned over the years about medication choices and other options. He was able to share about local medical needs. What a blessing to have been able to spend time with Jeff. I look forward to seeing him again and continuing to learn together!

I am very excited to know that HFHC is planning to have a school nurse at every school to follow up on sick children and is raising funds for a permanent clinic at the Thomazeau Hope Center. What a blessing for the Thomazeau school to have an on-site clinic to aid the children. The clinic will also be able to serve the families of the students, help with Camp Hope participants, and assist U.S. medical mission teams as they come to bless the entire Thomazeau community!



Dr. Niehls with Jeff Jean who is completing his last year in medical school to become a licensed doctor

Along Came Alex

by Tonya Hunt

Visitors are few at the top of the mountain where two of HFHC's schools, the Robert Christian School and the Brajirois Christian School, are located. The journey up is filled with deep ruts, large rocks and hairpin turns and only donkeys, motorcycles, and four-wheel drive vehicles seem to be up for the challenge. But on this day, a small group from the Northview Church of Christ was headed up the mountain to visit the Robert Christian Elementary School which educates 230 children.

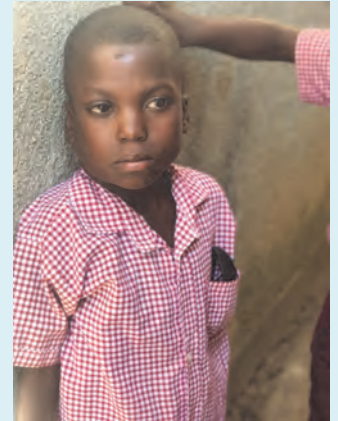
Once you arrive, the view is breathtaking! You can see the winding road snake around the mountain below with the ocean in the distance, and you can feel the crisp air that mountaintops bestow! What waited for us next was worth every nail-biting part of the journey, and words can't accurately describe what our eyes saw or what our hearts felt that day.

The children heard us arrive and all sat in their seats patiently waiting for us to enter their one-room school building where two classes meet. As we entered, they stood slowly and began to sing a song to welcome us. Their little voices rang out, "Jesus is my salvation. I will stay strong."

We announced to them that we were excited because in just four days, we would be seeing them again at the annual HFHC Child Care Clinic in Port-au-Prince. Once a year, our sponsored children receive a complete health exam, are interviewed so we can send updates to their sponsors, and receive a bag full of school supplies and basic hygiene items. These children who live on the mountain will get up very early to make their journey down the mountain to come to the clinic and then go back

home, all in one day. It is a "field trip" like none other! I can only imagine how they count the days until they get to come! A sad reality is that we can only bring down children to the clinic who are sponsored. The children who do not have a sponsor stay behind.

After our greeting, the children were dismissed for lunch and the principal, Coles Jean, rushed a little boy through the crowd to see us. I looked down and saw this little boy with no expression on his face, no smile, no tears, just a blank stare. Then I saw his swollen little neck with an open wound that was oozing. The principal unbuttoned his shirt to reveal swelling and discolored skin that spanned



Boy in need of medical care

all the way under his arm. I withheld the need to gasp, and my heart hurt for him wondering how long he had dealt with the wound, the pain, and the obvious infection. "He is not sponsored but could he please come to the clinic too?" the principal asked. "Absolutely, bring him!" I said. A few days later, the little guy came to our clinic with his schoolmates – still with a swollen neck and no change in his condition. He was seen by the doctor and given antibiotics. Just a few simple pills and he should be better in no time. The wait had been long to get the treatment he needed, but at last he did.

We visited his school again two days later. It didn't take long to spot him. The improvement was significant, and it

Beautiful view on the drive up the mountain to HFHC's two Christian schools





Robert Christian School children and members from the Northview Church of Christ

was obvious that he was feeling better. And then, along came Alex. Alex Bartlett had served all week in our vision clinic. She had met this little boy when she checked his eye pressures. Her heart had been touched, and she kept feeling a tug to sponsor him. Alex was already sponsoring one child and she wondered, can I support another? When she saw him on the mountaintop that day, she asked for someone to translate something that she wanted to tell him. They stood there together, and she tearfully said, "My name is Alex. I am going to be your sponsor!" She told him that she would help him, would care for him, and would be praying for him. A little smile peeked out as she hugged him.

What I know after seeing the benefits of sponsorship over the years is that his life was changed forever that day. Alex's support of \$36 a month will ensure that his school tuition is always paid for, he'll get a new school uniform, a backpack, school supplies, a Christmas Joy Box, and he will ALWAYS get to come to our Annual Child Care Clinic.



Alex with Juleson, her new sponsored child!

If you are interested in changing the life of a child today, please contact us at 866-314-9330 or visit us on the Web at www.HopeForHaitisChildren.org

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Address _____

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We will mail you information and a photo of your sponsored child.

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Thank You!

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Contribution Method (Choose one):

Automatic monthly bank withdrawal

Automatic credit card payment (Visa, MC, Discover, AMEX)

Attach a voided check and sign below.

Please charge my credit card on the 1st of the month:

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Authorized Signature

Date

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Authorized Signature

Date



But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” - Luke 18:16

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THE JOY BOX JOURNEY!



Thousands of people in churches across the United States fill Joy Boxes with small gifts for children.

The Joy Boxes ship to Florida where Mission Flights International transports the packages to Haiti.



HFHC staff receive the Joy Boxes from the Customs Office then organize and store them until delivery.



The day everyone has waited for... the team hand-delivers a Christmas Joy Box to each child!



The children enjoy opening their Joy Boxes, playing with and sharing the gifts, and celebrating the season!



Projects to Consider

Below are some current needs at our schools and orphanages. Please prayerfully consider donating to meet one of the needs listed below:

1

School Lunch Programs

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



2

Doors for Classrooms (\$200 each)

The Dubuison Christian School has 5 external doorways in need of metal doors.



3

Fans (\$150 each)

Heavy duty industrial wall-mounted fans are needed for children to have better air flow inside of classrooms.



4

Paint for a School (\$3,000)

The Pageste Christian School needs a new coat of paint on both the interior and exterior of their village school building.





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Teens Learning New Skills Outside the Classroom!



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