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Hope Abounds at Camp Hope by Meredith Hutchens

Camp Hope 2022 was the highlight of the summer for over two hundred HFHC-sponsored teens! HFHC's Haiti staff, led by Johnny Laine Evenson (Camp Hope Director) and Roolite Religieux (Camp Hope Spiritual Director), conducted camp this year at Thomazeau and at Cazeau in two separate sessions. Campers at both venues enjoyed games and activities, Bible classes and discussion groups, delicious meals, and leisure time together.

(Lesson 1), *He Gives Hope* (Lesson 2), *He Gives His Son* (Lesson 3), and *He Gives Transformation* (Lesson 4). **Nineteen campers gave their lives to Christ in baptism during Camp Hope 2022**, while countless others were strengthened in their faith. (cont...page 2)



One of the 19 teens baptized at Camp Hope 2022



Singing around a campfire

This year's theme was *The Giver* and provided students with a Biblical focus of God as the giver of "new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1). Campers explored together, in Bible lectures, classes, and discussion groups, God's holiness and generosity in the ways *He Gives Life*

Camp Hope 2022 Week One



Hope Abounds at Camp Hope, continued



Enjoying a meal together



Small group Bible study



Team Sports

Camp attendees will be invited to attend follow-up youth rallies in their local communities in the Spring of 2023. Members of HFHC's Camp Hope Leadership Team will conduct these single-day events in five locations in order to provide teens with opportunities for prayer, worship, service activities, and Biblical learning on a smaller scale and to allow students to reconnect with their camp friends and faith mentors. We are so grateful that God continues to sustain our efforts to make Camp Hope a safe haven

for teens throughout the communities we serve. Campers often ask, "Can we stay longer? Do we have to go back home?" Year after year, they remain overjoyed at simple camp pleasures... singing around a campfire, competing in relay races, eating yummy snacks, meeting new friends, attending Bible classes, dancing to silly songs, and celebrating together at Awards Day. Camp Hope truly proves to be a place *where young people in Haiti find and follow Jesus.*



Camp Hope Leadership Team hands out awards



Bible Class



Camp Hope 2022 Week Two

From Despair to Hope by Rob Long

Sometimes it takes encountering despair to appreciate hope. I learned this lesson on my first trip to Haiti (2006).

The trip's initial hours were a shock to my system. After landing, my group successfully bounced through the pinball machine that is the Port-au-Prince airport. Then, we got on a bus headed toward the Cazeau orphanage. I had been on mission trips before, but after minutes in Port-au-Prince, I could tell this was different. The despair was palpable.

Sitting on the bus, I thought: "What am I doing here? Can I go home? This is futile." I pressed my forehead against the window and cried. I was overwhelmed by what I saw.

After a couple days, our group visited the HFHC school in the impoverished community Cite Soleil. Entering Cite Soleil on that same bus, looking through the same window, I saw sad eyes on downcast faces. I was overwhelmed again.

After a short drive, we arrived at HFHC's Cite Soleil school and I saw smiles and light-filled eyes. I could feel the warmth and joy of the students and teachers. I remember playing, laughing, and taking pictures with the kids. I talked with them using the Creole phrases I had learned. Unsurprisingly, they couldn't understand my "Creole". But, through smiles and hugs, we communicated enough. **The difference between the HFHC school children and those I saw along the road was simply this: Hope!** Hope entered their world and blossomed into joy, warmth, purpose, and even laughter. The Hebrews writer envisioned hope as "an anchor for the soul."

Stepping foot on that school property, I witnessed how these Haitian children, vulnerable to life's storms, were now firmly anchored in hope.



Rob visiting the school children in Cite Soleil (2006)

At the week's end, I sat on the same bus headed to the airport. I pressed my forehead against the same window observing the same scene. Whereas at the start of the week, I asked myself, "What am I doing here?" while wishing I could go home, this time I asked, "When can I come back?" Because **when you see hope's impact so vividly, you long for more.** And, I cried again. But this time my were tears saturated with hope. Hope for Haiti's Children is in the hope-giving business.

That's why I'm now honored to work for HFHC. There is no amount of despair and injustice that God's hope cannot break through and transform. Yes, even for Haiti.

I believe when a person has hope, they are a force to be reckoned with. So, keep sharing hope. And it may change a life... even yours.



2022



Welcome Rob Long! We are thrilled that Rob joined our HFHC team this past June as a Development Director based in the Nashville area. Rob has been a passionate supporter of HFHC for the past 17 years – serving on three HFHC mission trips, including leading a team of young adults from the Edmond Church of Christ to the Thomazeau Hope Center. Rob has served in a variety of leadership positions in congregations in Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee, most recently as the preaching minister at the Maple Hill Church of Christ in Lebanon, TN. Rob is married to Sarah and they have two lovely daughters – Adelyn and Audrey. Rob can be reached by email at rob@hopeforhaitischildren.org or phone at 866-314-9330 ext. 8.



Thomazeau Secondary Christian School

Project Hope Construction Efforts Nearing Completion at HFHC Christian Schools! by Ken Bever



Auditorium of new Hinche Christian School & Hinche Church of Christ nearing completion



Thomazeau Christian School computer lab

Project Hope is our 10-year plan to strengthen the programs and services provided to all our sponsored children. Educationally, we want to improve learning opportunities for our children by building individual, brightly lit classrooms for each grade in every school rather than continuing to have schools where grades share an auditorium with partitions. In addition, we want to build two new schools – one in Hinche and one in Mirebalais – and add classrooms to other schools so that all our sponsored children can attend an HFHC-affiliated Christian high school in their area.

Early this year, we were blessed to receive a \$500,000 matching grant from the Kemper Foundation. I am thrilled to announce that on July 18, thanks to many of you who gave toward this grant, we received 100% of the matching dollars needed so that all planned school construction projects could move forward

while school was out this summer. These construction projects not only bless our students but also bless local churches. The school facility serves as a meeting place for the church of Christ and their outreach efforts to the community. In addition, many church members with skills are hired to help with the construction effort and this provides members with vital income to support their families.

One major effort this summer was to construct a new building for the Hinche Christian School. Despite security and inflation challenges, this project is on track to be completed before school starts this fall! Another major project nearing completion is the 10th grade classroom at the Thomazeau Christian Secondary School, along with offices, a library, and a computer lab. Other efforts to add classrooms are underway at Cazeau, Delmas, Dubuisson, Brajirois, Robert, and Cite Soleil.

All told, thanks to our Project Hope donors, we have invested \$694,000 year to date in school capital improvements. Additional funds are urgently needed and will be put to use immediately (see below for some specific areas Project Hope donations will be utilized). Please consider becoming a Project Hope financial partner as we educate and instill Christian values in our young people who will be the future leaders of tomorrow!



Construction of new classroom at Cazeau Christian School



Hinche Christian School

Your Project Hope donations will support:



Thomazeau Secondary School

Install solar electric system for secondary school classrooms

Install security entrance gate with door



Infrastructure Support

Fund operations and maintenance of vehicles and facilities



Thomazeau Orphanage

Build a play area between boys' and girls' dormitories with landscaping

Construct 12 new bunk beds for boys' dorm

Urgent Vision & Dental Needs Being Met

This summer, twenty-seven sponsored children received care from an optometrist and a dentist. Their needs were identified at the Annual Child Care Clinic.



Vision care



Sponsored teen with new glasses seeing well for the first time



Dental care

The Hungriest Time of the Year

For many Haitian children, summer isn't a carefree time. During the school year, they receive a free and nutritious meal each school day. When school lets out, many of these children are *at risk of extreme hunger*. Our Summer Food Program started this year to fill in the gap during July and August.

Each Friday, the children came to school for a few hours to enjoy a Vacation Bible School program followed by enjoying a hot, nutritious meal. After finishing their meal, each child was sent home with a bag full of rice and beans for the week. The children were so grateful for the food, and we are so relieved to see the children fed - body, mind, and soul!



Each Friday during the summer, children come to school for a Vacation Bible School lesson.



Once it is over, each child is fed a hot, nutritious meal



Each child is sent home with a bag of rice and beans



Together we give.

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