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Children enjoy a hot meal during VBS this summer



All smiles taking home rice & beans



Teen girls participate in a small group Bible study



Accepting the Challenge by Doug Freede, Board Vice-chair

Webster defines a challenge as 1) “a demanding situation,” and 2) “a call to engage in a contest or fight.” As we consider the present situation of our brothers and sisters in Haiti, the concept of a challenge cannot be understated or minimized. As they deal with ongoing gang violence, a government that is at times non-functioning, and crushing poverty, Haitians often find themselves in a very demanding situation which more often than not resembles a contest or a fight.

On September 12, 1962, in Houston, Texas, President John F. Kennedy delivered what has come to be remembered as his “moon landing speech.” During his speech, the President announced plans to place a U.S. astronaut on the moon by the end of the decade, a challenge that many at the time considered to be an unattainable pipe dream, one that would be too difficult to accomplish. But in the words of JFK, *“We choose to go to the moon and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept ... and one we intend to win.”*

As supporters of and donors to Hope for Haiti’s Children, we have made the decision to accept the challenge to join the fight to bring hope to the children of Haiti. But for some of us, the resolve to continue our commitment may be weakening as we begin to question whether or not the HFHC mission is still viable under Haiti’s currently uncertain times. For some of us, the elephant in the room is the question, **“Why continue to invest in Haiti?”** For those of us with doubts, let me state unequivocally that HFHC’s efforts continue to be effective for the children we support.

Our dedicated Haitian staff continues to work day in and day out to provide services to the children in our schools and orphanage. Through their ongoing efforts, these children are being educated (the only way to a better future), receiving the food they need to grow and thrive, and learning the most important lesson they will ever hear – of the love of Jesus and hope of eternal salvation.

Despite circumstances that often appear dire, the challenge of continuing our mission in Haiti is one we are willing to accept ... **and one we intend to win.** As Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 1:7, *“the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power ...”* There has never been a more crucial time for us to lean into the words of Jesus – *“with God all things are possible.”*

Camp Hope: Where Hope Shines

by Meredith Hutchens, Emmanuel Mytil and Edith Plaisimond



Over two hundred sponsored teens recently attended HFHC's Camp Hope, which was held in two locations and included students from seven different communities. The Camp Hope Leadership Team united with local church leaders and school administrators to host church camp experiences where students safely attended Bible classes, played with their friends, enjoyed hot and nutritious meals, and were surrounded by the love of Christ.

We asked Camp Hope Director Emmanuel Mytil and Co-Director Edith Plaisimond (*pictured left*) to share their perspectives of the camp's impact and want you to hear what they had to say. **Read on!**

Why are students excited to attend Camp Hope?

The students are very excited to attend Camp for many reasons! It's a way for them to meet new friends by having fun and playing sports together. They get to study the Bible and have the opportunity to ask and know more about Jesus.

How does Camp Hope address the physical needs of the students?

Each year, Camp Hope is essential for the children on a physical level because it allows for normal development of the children: they play, they sing, they eat. Considering that the children of Haiti are traumatized by the enormous difficulties that the country is going through, it is a favorable environment for them to combat the stress and difficulties of everyday life.

How does Camp Hope address the spiritual needs of the students?

At Camp Hope, our students develop a desire to study the Bible and to learn about Jesus. We have large group and small group Bible teaching with examples and activities so that the message of Jesus can become clear. In discussion groups, the students are very confident to ask questions and talk about their faith. This year, sixteen of them received Jesus through the waters of baptism and transformed their lives as new creatures of God.

How does Camp Hope help students develop into leaders?

Camp Hope trains them to be good examples of the love of Christ, not only in their environment but also everywhere they go. They learn the importance of serving others, and they join each other, putting their hands together to accomplish a goal. Some students participate in chapel devotionals at their schools: they lead songs, read Scripture, share their testimony, and teach the Word of God to their classmates.

As a member of Camp Hope Leadership Team, why do you feel Camp is valuable for students?

The camp experience is extremely important because it helps students develop on a social, spiritual, and physical level. They learn that one of the main goals of their Christian walk is to share the gospel of Christ. They realize that they are valuable to their communities, schools, and churches and can become leaders for the country!



Do you have specific stories of students for whom Camp Hope made a big impact?

Students in the countryside sometimes struggle to follow Jesus because they feel isolated from other young believers or friends they met at camp. I believe Camp Hope helps them to know more about Jesus and become confident Christians.

What is it like to work together with other members of Camp Hope Leadership Team?

A wise man once said, "If you want to go quickly, go alone, but if you want to go far, you have to have support." Teamwork allows us to go far, and I am proud of our solid team. Working with the Camp Hope Leadership Team helps me to know myself and reassures me that we need each other to move forward. We see all kinds of blessings when we work together and spend time with each other, planning and organizing and preparing for camp.



Are there any other stories, comments, or statements you want to share with HFHC donors about why it is important for them to support Camp Hope?

I can say that Camp Hope is very important. Mentally, it's a kind of freedom for our students. Because for now, it's the only way they can forget the problems we have in the country, even if it's for a short time. It's the only way they can have fun and know that despite the struggles, they have someone who cares about them, who loves them and is ready to lead their path... Jesus. He's the only hope. Even when the darkness has covered them, Jesus can make them bright. It can be difficult, but that hope helps them to stand.

A simple word of gratitude for the donors of this great work. Imagine for a moment, children who live in insecurity, in poverty, and in uncomfortable homes almost all year round. They have some leisure time ahead of them with the initiative of the camp: a few days to have fun, to practice sports, to hear the Word of God, and to eat well. Imagine, my dear donors, children who hear the sounds of gun cartridges on a daily basis, of crimes, of assassinations... they only have a few days to move away a little from their environment and to rejoice in the camp. Imagine children who have before them bad examples of kids their age who are in prostitution, gangs, drugs... and thanks to you, dear donors, they have a program which directs them on the right path through the annual camp. My dear donors, thanks to you, the future of many young people is assured. May God bless you as you continue to support us in helping young people in Haiti find and follow Jesus.



Annual Child Care Clinic

Despite the ongoing danger and chaos throughout Haiti, our amazing staff continues to host medical clinics for more than 2,400 students and community members.



Nurses check each child's vital signs and keep records of any medical problems or concerns.



A visit to the doctor includes a thorough well-child check.



Children with vision problems visit the optometrist.



A local dentist provides basic oral care and instruction on dental hygiene.



Children receive hot lunches on-site after their medical checkups and often eat with their friends and classmates.



When they've made the rounds to each clinic station, students receive bags of rice and beans to take home to their families.



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Work Finished on the Delmas Christian Preschool & Kindergarten



Work Nearing Completion on the Cazeau Christian Secondary Classrooms



Roof Being Poured on the Mirebalais Christian Preschool & Kindergarten

Orphan Care Needs

by Meredith Hutchens

Haiti has long been devastated by poverty, natural disasters, political corruption, and gang violence. Oppression and despair plague the Haitian people. The most afflicted are the ones who can least help themselves: Haiti's children. It is not unusual to see children under the age of ten living on their own in the streets of Haiti. Just surviving can be a struggle, never mind pursuing an education or a future.

Hope for Haiti's Children began caring for child orphans in 1998 at the Cazeau Christian Orphanage in partnership with local Christian leaders. Our amazing house-parents and support staff at Cazeau Christian Orphanage lovingly care for the poorest of the poor, those children who have no one else. Currently, sixty orphans live at the orphanage and are provided with housing, meals, clothing, and medical care.



The orphanage is a safe, happy place where the children experience the normalcy of daily life: they play soccer and basketball, learn English and basic computer skills, and assist with raising chickens and turkeys. They have choir practice every week and love to sing for various special events. The older teens take classes in sewing and cooking in order to equip them with valuable skills for the transition to adult life. All the children memorize God's Word and engage in group devotionals and worship.

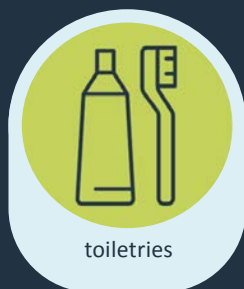
We strive to nurture, educate, and train all of the children at Cazeau Christian Orphanage so they can experience life abundant (John 10:10) and shine the light of Jesus (Matthew 5:16) in Haiti. Thank you for partnering with us to care for these precious Haitian children!



How much will it cost to provide what the children need for the remainder of 2023?

About \$60,000! For 60 children, this equals \$1,000 per child, which is \$13.89 per day... that's about the average cost of a fast-food dinner for two.

Take a look at how those funds are used...



toiletries



mattresses & bedding



games & toys



pots & pans



facility repairs & upgrades

We need your help to care for the children in our orphan care program!

Please prayerfully consider donating funds to provide for one of the needs listed above.

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Become a sponsor - Your ongoing gift can change a life. HFHC Child Education Sponsorship (\$36/month) provides tuition, books, and 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 story - Has Hope for Haiti's Children made a difference in your life? Increase the impact by telling your story.

Plan an event to raise funds and/or awareness - Inspire others to give to Hope for Haiti's Children! Host events such as a ... Sponsorship Drive, Orphan Care Sunday or Hope Gathering for your small group, Bible class or congregation.

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.

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