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Crisis Update by Ken Bever, President

Violent gangs in Port-au-Prince have expanded their reign of fear in Port-au-Prince over these past three months. Our children and staff are caught in a “civil war” between violent gang leaders who have banded together to control 80% of Port-au-Prince and are attempting to control the ports, fuel supplies, and illegal drug trade which was formerly controlled by wealthy oligarch families living high above Port-au-Prince in the mountains of Petionville. On April 8, Haiti’s political leaders finalized a nine-member ruling council and an agreement to serve as the framework of a 22-month transitional government that will be charged with returning order to the country. This agreement needs to be confirmed by the current prime minister Ariel Henry. At that point, several countries have offered to assist Haiti with military force to aid police in removing the gangs from their stranglehold on the city.

With 100% of operations run by trusted Haitian Christians outside of gang-controlled areas, we are not running away from this crisis. Instead, **we are committed even more** to help our sponsored children and families survive this turmoil. Our priorities have been to secure food for the children we serve and assist our sponsored children’s families who were displaced from their homes by the gangs in Port-au-Prince. We continue to keep 3 months of food in reserve for our 63 orphaned children in Port-au-Prince. In addition, we praise God that thanks to many compassionate donors, **our Haiti team has been able to pack 400 crisis relief kits** filled with food staples and personal care items and distribute them all to displaced families. The notes of thanks from our sponsored children’s parents have been so encouraging. We are now looking at a second round of assistance in May to these families as the crisis continues and can certainly utilize additional crisis relief gifts for this effort.

I am thankful to report that **nine of our ten schools continue to operate** most school days and are serving a hot meal to all the children at their schools. We are making alternative arrangements for the students of our one school unable to physically operate since it is still in a gang-controlled area. We pray that this crisis will abate by next Fall and that the school building will be accessible. If it is not, alternative locations for normal school operations are under consideration.

We continue to monitor the situation closely and will keep you updated on the status. Please continue to pray for our courageous Haiti staff who are putting forth a herculean effort, and pray for a quick end to all the violence and intense suffering.



Scooping beans for emergency kits



Teamwork to carry home an emergency kit



Emergency kits packed and ready for distribution

Imagine True JOY

Imagine the thrill of hearing your name called to receive your very own Christmas Joy Box. Imagine peeking inside to see what treasures await. Imagine comparing gifts with your friends and classmates, sharing laughs over everyone's new gadgets and goodies. Imagine the true JOY you would feel at receiving this one-of-a-kind, made-for-you, single, solitary Christmas gift.

At HFHC, we **cannot** imagine these moments without you! So many of you generously donated time, money, and energy into making this year's Joy Box project a huge success. Almost all of the 3,877 boxes have been delivered this year, and the children's faces say it all: **THANK YOU!** This annual effort to bring help and hope to Haitian children during the Christmas season truly makes a difference... one child at a time.



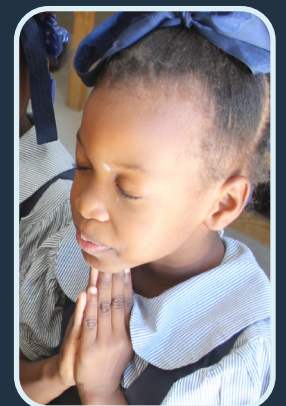
How Can You Pray for Haiti?

It's no secret that Haiti is in crisis. Gang violence, a dysfunctional government, overwhelming inflation, and hunger are part of Haiti's everyday reality. It's heartbreaking to read story after story reporting more bad news. However, despite the challenges, we believe God is present in Haiti, shining His light in the darkness. Therefore, it is not all bad news; the good news of Jesus continues to bring hope, life, and peace to Haiti.

Here are specific things to pray for...

- Pray for God to protect the children of Haiti and HFHC's Haiti staff.
- Pray for God to restore peace to Haiti and for the gangs to stop the violence.
- Pray for God to provide every Haitian with their daily bread.
- Pray for the international community's response to Haiti.
- Pray for God to protect the Christians in Haiti and to use them to show the way of Jesus even amidst the challenges.

There is no problem in this world that is too big for God. God is greater than even the worst of challenges facing Haiti right now. He has the power to change Haiti. **Together**, let's call on His Name to restore peace to this country we love so much.



Impact Numbers

2023 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Total Revenue: \$3,983,281

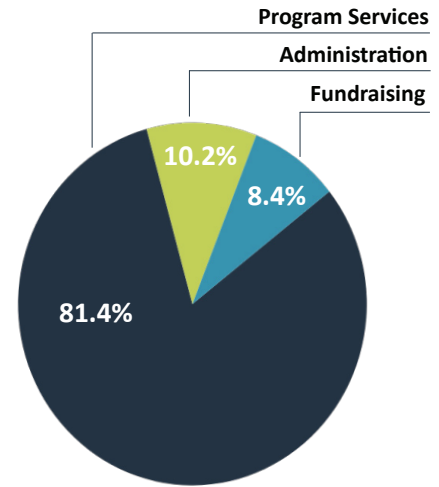
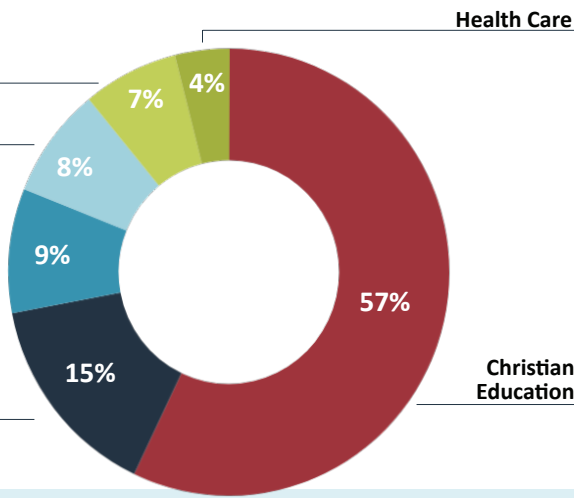
Expenses:

Spiritual Training

Orphan Care

Food & Water

Haiti Administration



Christian Education



2,396 children sponsored in 10 Christian schools
256 children added to the sponsorship program
1 new preschool and kindergarten built at the Delmas Christian School

Food & Water



3,719 children fed each month through the school lunch program
695,453 meals provided per year

Orphan Care



62 children lovingly cared for in Christian orphanages
15 students from orphan care program enrolled in professional training classes

Health Care



2,010 children treated at Annual Child Care Clinic
866 sponsored children treated by school nurses

Spiritual Training



200+ teenagers attended Camp Hope during the summer
16 Camp Hope 2023 campers committed their lives to the Lord and were baptized

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Full Annual
Report Online



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Planned Giving: Leave a Legacy of Lasting Hope

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Kent & Jennifer Blake



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Hinche Rooftop Kitchen Complete



The rooftop kitchen and dining hall for the Hinche Christian School is complete! Students enjoy eating lunch with their new blue bowls.



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We've earned a



✦ **FOUR-STAR RATING** ✦

from

✦ **Charity Navigator** ✦

4 STARS

Financial health including measures of stability, efficiency and sustainability

CONSISTENCY

4 Star Rating
11 Years in a Row

100% SCORE

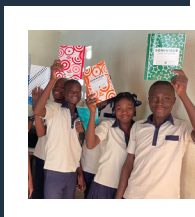
Accountability & Transparency Metrics
8 years in a row

Making a Million Dollar Impact in Children's Lives



Project Hope represents our commitment to enhancing the support systems for all the children under our sponsorship. Just like last year, a generous foundation has endorsed 30 Project Hope initiatives and is matching every donation up to **\$500,000** until the end of 2024!

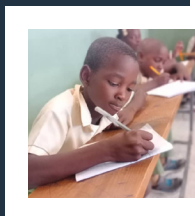
We invite you to be part of our Project Hope efforts. Your donation can support any of the matching gift projects or you can specify a particular project you wish to support. To contribute online and view a comprehensive list of projects, visit www.MillionDollarImpact.org. Below are highlights of three of these initiatives. Your contribution will have **twice the impact!**



Textbooks for Classrooms

The Need: Many parents cannot afford the textbooks essential for their children's education. To address this, we aim to purchase 20 copies of each required textbook to be stationed at the school, ensuring accessibility for all students during their school hours.

Total Donations Matched: \$4,000 per school (10 schools) or \$40 per student



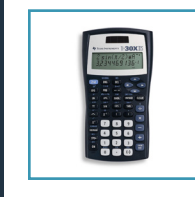
Locally-made School Desks

The Need: In Haiti, many children share a single long bench with desktop. Annually, we allocate funds for repairing or replacing school desks. This year, we plan to invest in locally crafted desks of superior quality to minimize the need for frequent replacements.

Total Donations Matched: \$3,000 per school (10 schools) or \$150 per desk



20 Desks for each School: **\$3,000**
Each Desk: **\$150**



School Supplies

The Need: Students treasure owning a basic calculator, yet many do not have one. While they often share school supplies among themselves, there's a pressing need for each student to have their own. Our aim is to provide these necessary tools to improve their academic performance.

Total Donations Matched: \$11,700 for all students in need >



7th and 8th Grade: **\$25** per student
9th Grade and up: **\$40** per student

Child Sponsorship: A Humbling Experience by Julie Georges



Julie with Fritz (2006)

Having been involved with Hope for Haiti's Children since 1995, I have sponsored a few children over the years. There is nothing like meeting the child you sponsor. To connect a face to the child that you are providing an education, access to health care, some food—and now an actual daily meal during the school year—is rewarding. But nothing beats seeing in their eyes how blessed they feel to meet you. **Very often, they tell you that they pray for you every day! That is most humbling.** Their prayers are offered hoping that your circumstances will allow your continued support—which is a blessing—I hope the same thing.

They find hope in knowing that someone out there cares enough about them to provide the support that will shape their future. They feel an increased sense of personal ownership and agency in making full use of their sponsor's investment. I've sponsored children with varying aptitudes, some were great in school, others not so much—but I could always see how hard they worked to make their lives better. **So, does sponsorship work? I would answer Yes!**

One child I sponsored in the early days was named Fritz. I started sponsoring him when he was 5 or 6 years old. I sort of picked him out. He was prone to ill health as a child but always did well in school. We developed a close relationship because I visited Haiti often. **He graduated secondary school in the top of his class.** I continued to sponsor him through the PACES program (Promising Adult Continued Education Sponsorship). This gave him access to the University—and oddly enough he didn't perform well there. After several semesters of dropping out of classes and getting low grades, I finally had to stop sponsoring him. **What he did do well was to apply himself to his spiritual development.** He kept in contact with me and called me his mom. He grew up in an orphanage and really had no immediate family nearby to help him. I sent money to him occasionally, and he let me know about some opportunities that came his way, none of which seemed very viable. So I was super surprised when I was reading a Haiti Operations update and saw that **Fritz was in Thomazeau serving as an Outreach Minister and the School Spiritual Life Co-Director.** He not only was co-leading church evangelistic seminars, but was also training local leaders in Saturday leadership seminars and helping with Camp Hope 2023, providing mentoring and Christian leadership training to 200 HFHC teens. I wasn't sure how Fritz would fare in his life in Haiti as an adult, but he surprised me and **I couldn't be prouder.**



Fritz with Julie (2016)

Change A Life... Sponsor A Child

Yes, I/we would like to sponsor a child for \$36/month

Name(s) _____

Boy/Girl Preference: _____

Address _____

Preferred Age Range: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

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

Phone Number (____) _____ Email Address _____

Thank You!

(For groups) Organization/Group Name _____

Payment Frequency (choose one): monthly (\$36) quarterly (\$108) annual (\$432)

Apply Online:



Contribution Method (Choose one):

Mailed check

Send first payment to Hope for Haiti's Children.

You will receive a reminder in the mail when the next payment is due.

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

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

Hope for Haiti's Children

Attn: Child Sponsorship

PO Box 62328

Cincinnati, OH 45262

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

Cardholder Name

CVC

Authorized Signature

Date

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***New*
Chicken
Coop at the
Orphanage**

At the Cazeau Christian Orphanage, a new chicken coop has become more than just a home for feathered friends; it's a gateway to education and nutrition for the children. As they engage in the daily care of the chickens, the children are not only learning the fundamentals of raising chickens but also cultivating responsibility and teamwork. Moreover, the presence of chickens is addressing a crucial nutritional need in their diet.

With protein-rich eggs now readily available, these children are enjoying improved health and vitality. In Haiti, where malnutrition persists, this initiative is a beacon of hope, offering practical skills and healthy nutrition. Through the simple act of tending to chickens, the children of Cazeau Christian Orphanage are not only enriching their lives but also learning to provide a healthier future for themselves and for their future families.



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