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How Our Children Learn About Jesus

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At Hope for Haiti’s Children (HFHC), we believe the greatest gift we can offer a child is the opportunity to know Jesus Christ. Amid the many challenges children in Haiti face—violence, poverty, and uncertainty—HFHC provides consistent, life-giving opportunities for spiritual growth. Through Camp Hope, Bible curriculum in schools, the guidance of Spiritual Directors, and local church outreach, students are introduced to the love of Christ and are encouraged to live as His disciples. Beyond these ministries, HFHC also emphasizes character development, service, and leadership training. Students are not only learning to embrace faith for themselves, but also to share it with others—through leading worship and devotionals, serving in their communities, and discipling their peers. In this way, spiritual growth becomes more than a private journey; it transforms into a movement of young Christ-followers who shine the light of Jesus as leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

Camp Hope

Each summer, hundreds of students gather for Camp Hope, a place where joy, fellowship, and spiritual renewal overflow. For many, they come to realize what it means to be a disciple and respond to the Gospel. Others return with hearts ready to rededicate their lives to Christ. Campers spend their days learning God’s Word in discussion groups, singing songs of praise, and participating in team games that foster unity. One mentor was deeply inspired by the students’ presence: “The children impressed me deeply with their discipline and engagement, especially during the discussion sessions. Even in the face of Haiti’s many challenges, there is undeniable hope shining through these young minds. Their spirit gives us reason to believe in a brighter future.”

Indeed, the friendships formed at camp often extend far beyond its boundaries, creating a network of encouragement and accountability for students throughout the year. Camp Hope also provides an opportunity for young leaders to step forward—whether by leading prayers, sharing testimonies, or guiding small group activities. Those who excel often return as mentors, multiplying the camp’s impact on future generations. In a country where insecurity often robs children of peace, Camp Hope is a sacred place of safety, rest, and hope.

Bible Curriculum in Schools

Thankfully, students’ spiritual formation does not end when camp concludes! HFHC schools provide a consistent foundation of faith through a structured Bible curriculum. Throughout the 2024–25 school year, students studied a survey of the New Testament. In 2025–26, the focus will shift to the Old Testament, and in 2026–27, lessons will center on the Life of Christ. *continue on page 2*



Children enjoying every minute of story time at VBS.



Students bring their Bible lesson to life through a hands-on activity.



Every secondary student across all HFHC schools studies the same curriculum, which includes lesson plans, memory verses, discussion questions, service projects, and exams. With 24 topics spread across 36 weeks, students develop not only Biblical knowledge but also habits of application and reflection. This shared learning ensures that an entire generation of children is equipped with a foundational Biblical worldview and a strong understanding of God’s Word.

Spiritual Directors

To walk alongside students in their faith journeys, HFHC schools also rely on Spiritual Directors. These local leaders are mentors who encourage children to live out their faith daily. Monthly training equips them with practical tools—how to address students’ doubts, cultivate spiritual disciplines, connect faith to real life, and guide youth in prayer and study.

In 2025–26, special attention will be given to involving parents, recognizing that family plays a vital role in spiritual growth. By engaging parents in discipleship, we strengthen not only the students’ walk with Christ but also the household of faith in Haiti.

Church Outreach

HFHC partners with local churches to build a wider circle of support around sponsored children and their families. Outreach ministers like Valery in Thomazeau and Jacob in Cazeau lead programs that nurture spiritual maturity, meet practical needs, and raise up new leaders.

The fruit of this investment is clear: young men like Wilbert, Julio, and Evens have grown into spiritual leaders who coordinate activities in local churches and guide others into deeper faith. Programs also provide literacy training, enabling individuals to read Scripture in Creole for the first time. In addition, outreach teams minister to widows and families in need... offering food, mentorship, and the hope of Christ. By strengthening local churches, HFHC builds communities that stand firm in faith and serve their neighbors while shining the light of Jesus through dark and uncertain times.

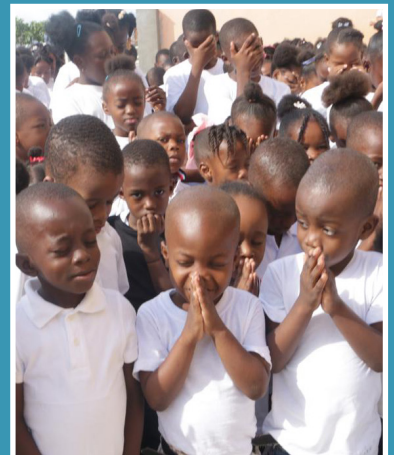
Ultimately, Hope for Haiti’s Children students learn about Jesus not only through preaching and teaching but through living examples of Christ’s love. Camp Hope introduces them to faith in a joyful setting. Through structured **Bible Curriculum**, schools provide students with daily engagement and instruction in God’s Word. **Spiritual Directors** walk alongside them with encouragement and wisdom. **Church Outreach** extends the embrace of Christian community to families and neighborhoods. Together, these efforts weave a powerful story of hope—one where children are not only learning to find and follow Jesus but are also becoming leaders who will shape the future of Haiti for Christ.

Bondye, Tande Priyè Nou: God, Hear Our Prayer

On May 15, Hope for Haiti’s Children staff in Haiti organized a special Day of Prayer in every one of our Christian schools. Students, teachers, and staff came together as one—singing, praying, and asking God to bring peace, healing, and hope to Haiti.

Many wore shirts bearing the words “Bondye, Tande Priyè Nou” (God, hear our prayer), drawn from Psalm 86:6: *“Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry.”*

The sight was unforgettable—hundreds of children lifting Haitian flags, their voices strong in worship and prayer. Despite the challenges their nation faces, these students expressed remarkable faith, courage, and reliance on God. This was not simply a school activity—it was a powerful moment of spiritual renewal and hope.





Meals in Motion: Summer Food Shipment Arrives

Bringing food into Haiti is never simple—and this summer’s shipment was no different. After months of planning, teamwork, and prayer, a US Air Force C-17 carried 42,900 pounds of food for children and families in desperate need.

This life-saving delivery happened because so many people came together: donors who gave generously, volunteers who packed and loaded boxes, pilots and forklift operators who kept things moving, customs agents who cleared the way, and Haitian staff who put meals into the hands of those who needed them most.

We are deeply grateful to our partners at A Child’s Hope International. Their “HOPE BOXES” carried not only nutritious meals but also the reminder that these children are seen, valued, and not forgotten.

In Haiti, food is scarce and costly. The struggle grows in the summer months when schools close and children lose their daily meal. But because of your support, students are gathering every Friday for a summer program filled with learning, joy—and food. They leave with full stomachs and also take home meals to share with their families.

Haiti’s hardships remain immense. Yet this effort shows what can happen when compassion, partnership, and determination come together. Thank you for ensuring that food—and hope—reached Haiti’s children.



From Garden to Table: Lessons in Agriculture

Each Friday, students at Thomazeau School trade their books for garden tools! Under the guidance of our dedicated agronomist, Appolon Wilson, one class each week takes part in planting, watering, and harvesting vegetables.

Recently, students proudly gathered fresh spinach—one of several crops they’ve been cultivating alongside beans and eggplant. The best part? The food is used at school for their school lunch!

It’s practical learning with real impact—helping students gain skills in agriculture while also reinforcing responsibility and good nutrition.



From Progress to Possibility: What's Next for Project Hope

This summer, Project Hope made sure children and families were not forgotten. From food distributions that fed hungry households to safe new classrooms being built to clean water flowing again in villages, hope has been rising even while schools were on break. Yet much remains to be done — and thanks to the Million Dollar Matching Grant, every dollar you give will be doubled to help us finish strong.



Christian Education

A quality education opens doors for a child's future. Project Hope is committed to providing safe schools, strong teachers, and the tools children need to succeed. Recent investments have repaired roofs, built new classrooms, purchased new desks for students and teachers, and provided teacher training.



From leaks to lasting shelter — this roof at Thomazeau was repaired



Every teacher now has a desk!

Food & Water

Hunger and thirst don't take a break when school is out. This summer, children and their families received food to sustain them until classes begin again — a reminder that they are cared for even outside the classroom. At the same time, wells and water systems were repaired and expanded, bringing safe drinking water to more communities.



Joy overflowing — children proudly carrying food to take home to share with their families



Rainwater from the school roof now fills this cistern — bringing safe water to the remote mountaintop village in Robert

Health Care

Wellness today builds hope for tomorrow. We are working to ensure each child has access to a school nurse, medicine, and preventative care. This summer, two new nurses' offices have been built, children have received dental checkups, and medicines have been distributed to clinics. Your generosity helps cover salaries for nurses and provides essential care so children thrive in both body and spirit.



A caring nurse at the Thomazeau Christian School, keeping students healthy and thriving



A new nurse's office at our Cite Soleil school provides a private space for comfort and care when students aren't feeling well

Orphan Care

For children without families, Project Hope provides a safe home filled with love, dignity, and opportunity. This year, orphanages were strengthened with new mattresses for restful sleep, repaired flooring, and vocational training supplies to help prepare children for the future.



Surrounded by love and care — children growing up at the Cazeau Orphanage with dignity and hope for the future



Children can rest with comfort and joy — new mattresses, sheets, and pillows provide a safe place to sleep

Spiritual Training

At the heart of Project Hope is our desire for every child to know their eternal worth in Christ. Through Bible classes, leadership training at Camp Hope, and mentorship from church leaders, children are being equipped to grow in faith and hope.



In the classroom — a Bible teacher equips students with truth that lasts forever



Teaching the youngest to seek God in prayer

Together, we can transform possibility into lasting impact.

With just \$51,636 left to unlock the full Million Dollar Matching Grant, your gift today will go twice as far. Visit www.milliondollarimpact.org to make your contribution and help us reach this critical goal by November 15.

Some of the Priority Projects:



Medical Staff to Treat Children During the Year (\$4,000 needed)



School Nurses for 2025-2026 School Year (\$1,500 per nurse needed x 8)



Schools Needing Solar Power Installations (\$7,500 per school needed x 2)



Fans in Classrooms: School Ventilation (\$250 per wall fan, \$50 per floor fan)



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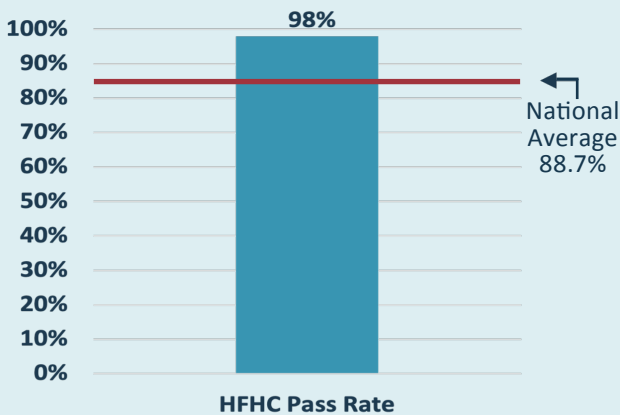
Teachers Gain Tools & Encouragement for the Year Ahead

In partnership with P4H, a local Haitian training organization, our teachers took part in virtual training sessions—gaining fresh strategies, practical tools, and encouragement as they prepare for another year of shaping young minds. Even from afar, their commitment to growing as educators remains strong.



Academic Excellence Shines in 2025 Exam Results

This year's 9th grade national exam results reflect strong academic progress across HFHC schools. Of the 231 students who participated, 226 achieved a passing score, **representing a 98% overall pass rate**. Notably, **six schools reported a 100% pass rate** among their students. These outcomes demonstrate both the diligence of the students and the dedication of their teachers, supported by the continued investment of sponsors and partners.



Hope for Haiti's Children Compared to National Average



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