



## From the Orphanage to Opportunity by Smith Jean

My name is Smith Jean, and I am 22 years old. I am from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and I was raised in the Cazeau Christian orphanage from a very young age. Because Hope for Haiti's Children became part of my life so early, many of my first memories are connected to the care and opportunities I received there.

When I think about childhood, I remember joy. I remember playing soccer after homework, watching games with my friends, and celebrating special moments together. One of my proudest memories was winning a championship at the orphanage. I also remember the excitement of doing well in school and being recognized for my hard work.



*Smith arriving at the orphanage - 2010*

But school was not always easy for me. When I was younger, I was more focused on having fun than studying. **Thankfully, there were people who cared enough to guide me.** I remember Madame Natacha, who would gather us after school each day to help us learn. Her patience and encouragement helped me understand that education mattered.



*Smith at the Annual Childcare Clinic - 2024*

As I grew older, my attitude changed. I began to take school seriously and discovered that I especially enjoyed mathematics. I liked solving problems and finding answers. **That love for learning pushed me to keep going, even when the journey was difficult.**

With the support of Hope for Haiti's Children, I was able to continue my education through university. Today, I have earned a diploma in computer technology. That diploma means so much to me because **it opens doors for my future** and gives me opportunities to find work and build a better life.

The road was not always easy. There were sacrifices, long nights, and challenges along the way. **But I never walked alone.**

One of the greatest gifts I received was the opportunity to grow spiritually. Through Bible classes, prayer, Camp Hope, and the faithful example of leaders around me, my relationship with God became stronger. In time, I made the decision to be baptized and follow Christ.

When I compare my life today with my life as a child, the biggest difference is how I think. **As a child, I thought only about today. Now, I think about tomorrow.**

I want to become someone others can look up to—a role model who makes a positive difference in society.

To everyone who has supported Hope for Haiti's Children, thank you. Your kindness and generosity changed my life. **I am the person I am today, and it is thanks to you.**



*Smith celebrating at graduation - 2025*

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# Joy Boxes Delivered with Faith and Determination



In the midst of ongoing challenges in Haiti—including political unrest, blocked roads, and limited air travel—Joy Boxes still reached the hands of children eagerly awaiting them. It's not easy. Deliveries require creativity, courage, and perseverance as our Haitian staff navigate travel by truck, motorcycle, and boat. Yet, through it all, they **press on with unwavering faith**, determined to ensure every child receives their gift.

This year, thanks to a record 42 participating organizations across the United States, **3,749 children in Haiti received a Joy Box**. Each one is packed with care, prayer, and thoughtful gifts that remind a child they are loved.

**To everyone who packed, gave, and prayed—thank you.** Your generosity is bringing joy, encouragement, and hope to children who need it most.

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Project Hope Breakfast	Saturday, September 12	Houston
Golf Tournament	Thursday, September 24	Nashville
Project Hope Breakfast	Saturday, October 17	Dallas

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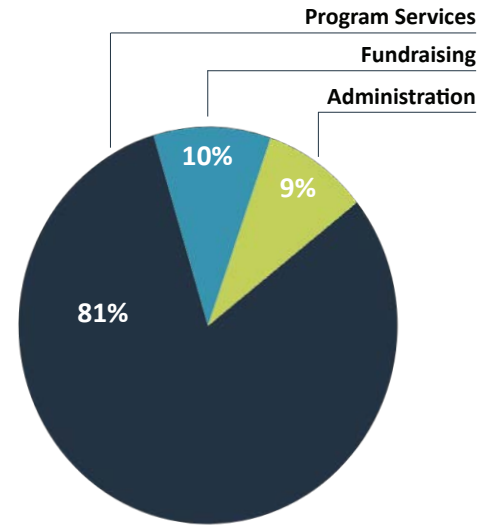
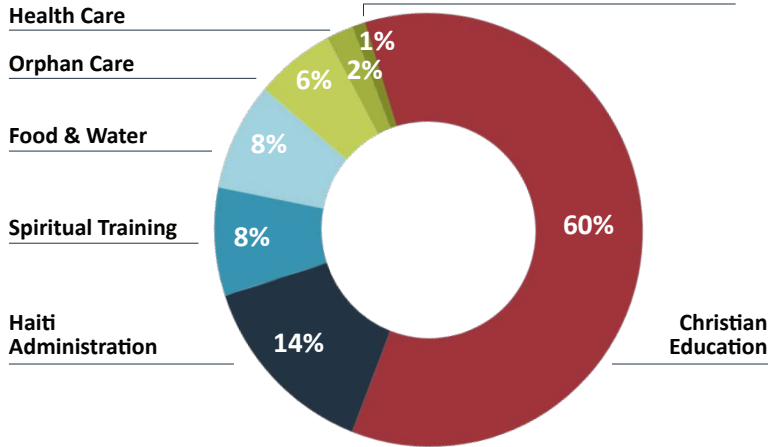
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# Impact Numbers

## 2025 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Program Expenditures: \$3,943,994

### Categories:



### Christian Education

2,476 children sponsored in 10 Christian schools  
408 children added to the sponsorship program  
98% overall pass rate on 9th grade national exam



### Food & Water

4,463 children fed each month through the school lunch program  
830,118 meals provided per year



### Orphan Care

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



### Health Care

2,015 children examined at Annual Health Care Clinic  
205 sponsored children treated for medical issues



### Spiritual Training

12 Spiritual Directors continue to work in our schools  
30 Camp Hope 2025 campers won awards in service and leadership

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Ben & Stacey Johnson



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# Expanding Opportunity Through Technology



Providing excellent education means preparing students for the world they are entering—a world shaped by technology. For our high school students in Haiti, access to computers is essential, not optional. Computer labs with laptops allow students to build critical skills like typing, digital literacy, and navigating technology. In regions where access is limited, these experiences give students a powerful advantage and open doors to higher education and future careers.

One of the most inspiring examples of this impact is Patrick Delva. Patrick grew up in our orphanage, where he first discovered his aptitude for technology.

With dedication and perseverance, he completed high school and pursued certification in computer technology. Today, Patrick has come full circle—he is now a computer instructor at HFHC's Thomazeau Christian School. He is not only teaching technical skills; **he is mentoring the next generation and showing students what is possible.**

This past year, we equipped four schools with computer labs, transforming learning for hundreds of students. However, **two schools still need labs so students can gain essential technology skills.**

Reliable electricity is also critical. At the Hinche Christian Elementary School, **we need to install a solar energy system to power the computer lab and classrooms.** This will provide dependable energy and provide a sustainable solution for the future.



These impactful needs are part of our Project Hope Initiative, focused on equipping our schools with the tools students need for a brighter future.

Thanks to a generous matching donor, every gift will be doubled. Your support will equip students with the skills they need to succeed!

#### Current Needs:

- **Computer Labs at two Schools** (Dubuisson & Hinche): \$15,000 (\$7,500 each)
- **Solar Energy System** (Hinche): \$3,500

*The amounts listed above represent half of the total need, with the remaining half provided through this matching gift.*

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# Care That Lasts Beyond A Day: Annual Child Care Clinic Update

Each year, our Annual Child Care Clinic provides an opportunity to care for the children we serve in a focused and meaningful way. This year's clinic was another strong reminder of what happens when preparation, partnership, and compassion come together.

Every sponsored child who participated received a thorough medical evaluation from a Haitian nurse and doctor. These checkups allow us to monitor each child's health, identify concerns early, and provide treatment when needed. For many, this included prescription medications, follow-up care, and updated health records that help us track their growth over time.

**But the clinic is about more than medical care.** It is a day filled with care, encouragement, and joy. Children connect with friends, ask questions about their health, write notes to their sponsors, and enjoy a hot meal together. These moments speak louder than words—reminding each child that someone is walking alongside them and investing in their future.

One of the most encouraging developments this year was a clear “train-the-trainer” moment. The Haitian medical team, having learned and grown through years of partnership, is now equipped to train other local teams to lead clinics themselves. This strengthens the long-term sustainability of the program and ensures care can continue even when travel or security challenges arise.

**And the impact does not stop when the clinic ends.** School nurses at each of our ten schools continue to monitor students throughout the year—addressing illness, preventing complications, and teaching important habits in hygiene and wellness.

**Because of your support, this is not just a one-day effort—it is care that continues all year long.**



Nurse Evaluation



Fun with friends

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

**2,000+**

sponsored children examined

**17**

received follow-up medical care

**184**

received follow-up dental care

**150**

received follow-up vision care



Measuring Height



Writing Sponsor Letter

# Growing Faith Through Spiritual Training



Across Haiti, one of the most meaningful parts of our ministry is helping children and leaders grow in their relationship with God. **Through Bible classes, leadership development, and hands-on training, lives are being shaped by the truth of Scripture.**

Recently, our Spiritual Directors gathered for training centered on Discovery Bible Study (DBS)—a simple but powerful approach that helps students personally engage with God’s Word. Rather than only listening to a lesson, students are invited to slow down, reflect, participate, and apply what they learn.

Using DBS, Spiritual Directors can guide students by:

- Reading a short Bible passage slowly—twice
- Asking discovery questions such as, What does this teach us about God?
- Inviting students to explain the passage in their own words
- Ending with one practical step to live out and one person to share with

This kind of interactive learning helps **students move beyond hearing Scripture to truly understanding and living it.**



## Children Engaging with God’s Word

One of the sweetest moments this season came from Valery’s Bible class. As he taught from the Old Testament curriculum, **students eagerly followed along in their brand-new Bibles.** It was a beautiful picture of what spiritual training is all about—children opening God’s Word, learning truth, and building a faith of their own. **Visit [hopeforhaitischildren.org/bibleclass](http://hopeforhaitischildren.org/bibleclass) to watch the video.**

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## Bright Futures Begin Here

Even in the midst of hardship, hope is still moving forward. Five young adults from the Cazeau Christian Orphanage recently reached an important milestone by completing their studies through our Promising Adult Continued Education Sponsorship (PACES) program, which provides vocational opportunities for children from the orphanage. Fara and Yadine received certifications in Cuisine & Pâtisserie, while Patrick, Smith, and Guerson graduated from Haiti Tec with two-year certificates in Computer Technology. **Because of your support, these young adults are gaining valuable skills and stepping into brighter futures.**



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