



Hope Center Expanding to Serve More! *By Hannah Lengefeld*

In early 2011, the Thomazeau Hope Center — housing an orphanage, school, mission house, church and Christian camp — was merely an idea. Plans for the future had been prayerfully mapped out in the minds of Hope For Haiti's Children's leaders. In March 2011, the Thomazeau Church of Christ held its first assembly. A makeshift tent of poles and tarps housed a total of six church attendees willing to make a difference in their community and to shine the light of Christ. Later in the year, mission teams prayed over the dry, rocky area marked to become a permanent school and church facility, inviting God's presence and blessing upon this barren, mountainous land.

In three short years, the vision is becoming a reality. The Thomazeau Christian School now has five classrooms for students in preschool-2nd grade, providing education to over 100 children in the area through HFHC's child sponsorship program. By reaching out and changing the lives of numerous children in the community, the church in Thomazeau has grown exponentially.

Now, 200+ adults and children regularly attend services on Sunday mornings, eagerly squeezing into a classroom originally designed to hold 30 kindergarten students. Our Vice-President of Haiti Operations, Jean-Baptiste Chery, serves as pulpit minister and others from the community are taking leadership roles in the church. The growing influence of the church is clear to those in the village, impacting more and more lives. We praise God for the work He has done and the moving of the Holy Spirit in Thomazeau.

Due to the physical constraints of the tiny classroom and the lack of space for growth, HFHC is launching a new building project — the construction of a large, multi-purpose pavilion. The pavilion will provide a shaded play area for the school as well as a large worship area for the church on Sundays. Lord-willing, the pavilion will be completed by the summer of 2015 with generous Rebuilding Hope 2020 donations, the hard work of mission team members, and your invaluable prayers.



Temporary tent served as church meeting place from 2011-2012



Jean Baptiste Chery baptizes two women from the community



Sunday School class overflowing with children eager to learn God's Word



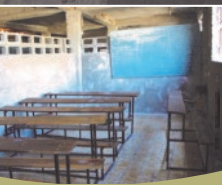
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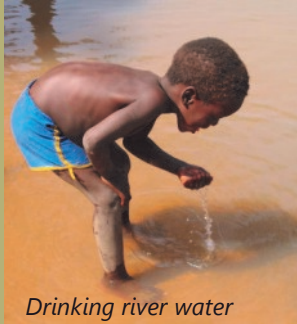
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PAGESTE WELL BRINGS clean water

The residents of the small, remote town of Pageste had been using a nearby river as their primary source of water for washing, cooking and drinking for many years. They were at constant risk for cholera and other water-borne diseases.

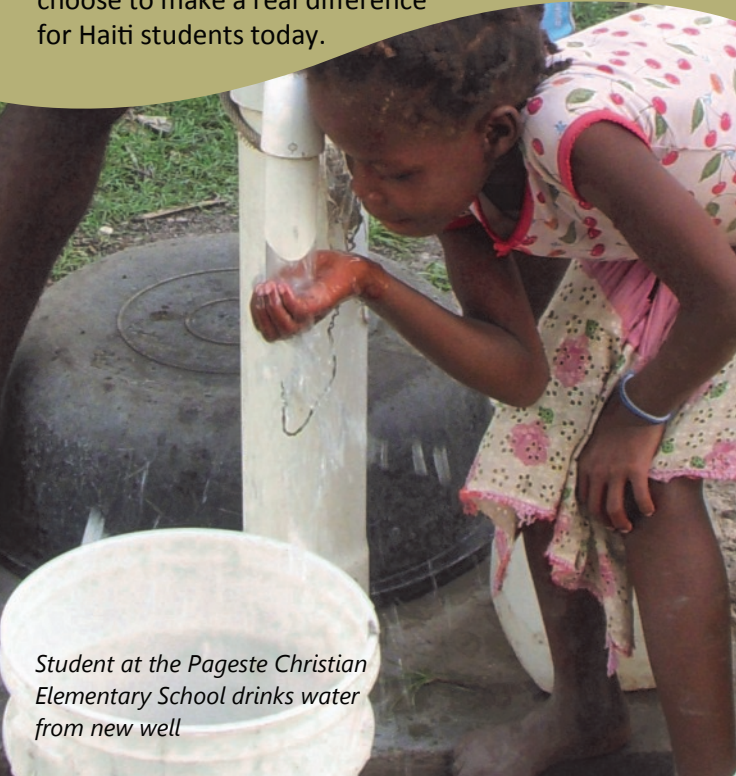


Drinking river water

Today, the Pageste residents, including the students at our sponsored school, are so blessed to be drinking from a new fresh-water well! This past spring, the well was hand-dug and the pump installed. "Thank you" to those who donated to this important project.

2014-2015 School Uplift! projects include drilling more wells, repairing school roofs, building classrooms, and supplying benches, to name a few. Your group/school/classroom can choose a Haiti school to "uplift" by collecting funds to be used for that school's needs.

Check our website under Join Us/School Uplift! and choose to make a real difference for Haiti students today.



Student at the Pageste Christian Elementary School drinks water from new well

Christmas Joy



Over 1,700 boxes are on their way to the children in Haiti! We are so thankful to the participants in 25 congregations who not only packed a box but also have covered the costs of transporting the box directly into the hands of a Haitian child.

Just recently, we received letters from the children that they wrote to their sponsors. A majority of the children said in their letters that the Christmas Joy Box was one of their *favorite things about their year*. It's a day that they all look forward to with great anticipation and JOY. When the children open their boxes, they're opening more than a present picked out for them, they are being reminded that there are others who care and are praying personally for them. Each shoebox is a beautiful outpouring of God's love to a child. Thank you for your compassion, continued prayers and support of this worthwhile project.

Rebuilding Hope 2020 Breakfasts

Rebuilding Hope 2020 breakfasts have been held in in **Nashville, Oklahoma City, Houston, Cincinnati,** and central **Connecticut** this year and we have been so grateful for the generous response. These breakfasts provide an opportunity for current and potential HFHC supporters to receive the latest updates about HFHC's long-term efforts to *educate, train* and *nurture* the children in Haiti. We are so thankful for many additional partners who have pledged to pray for these efforts and have contributed financially.



TARPS & HEARTS

by Ken Bever

Half a mile north from our Thomazeau Hope Center is the mountain ridge of Trou d'Eau. The folks who live in this area are some of the poorest in all of Haiti. Back in July, several of our mission teams visited this area – giving children clothes and inviting them to come to Vacation Bible School. One of the families that the Edmond Church of Christ mission team had served was the Lamasee family. Mr. Lamasee is a charcoal maker. His wife and six children have the task of scouring the deforested earth looking for scrub brush and roots from dead trees for the charcoal-making process. Their home is a “lean-to” shelter made of sticks, brush, and scrap metal with huge holes in the roof.



Thanks to a donation from our Edmond team we were able to supply a new “roof” for the Lamasee home - a durable 20’ x 20’ tarp. Casey and Will Farris from Sugar Land, TX and Sylvio Joly, associate minister at the Thomazeau church of Christ helped me deliver the tarp to the family. I will never forget this experience. As we approached their home, we realized that only one of the younger sons was home. He saw the tarp in our hands and immediately dashed off. We traced the boy as he sprinted (with no shoes) through the rocks towards Mrs. Lamasee who was way off in the distance. Her son yelled out to her and she dropped the sticks she had been holding and started running as fast as she could toward us. When she arrived, she gathered all her children to greet us and Casey prayed for her and her family. We then spread out the new “roof” and it fit beautifully. What a special moment! We also gave them some rope to use to make it secure against the wind. I’ve since heard from Sylvio that the family has started attending the Thomazeau church! We look forward to **sponsoring 3 of their children in our child sponsorship program** so they may begin attending the Thomazeau Christian School. Hearts were touched by this simple gift, a gift given in the name of Jesus.



ARE YOU AN ONLINE SHOPPER?



The holiday season is fast approaching, and many of us will be doing even more of our shopping online. If you would like a portion of your purchases to benefit Hope for Haiti’s Children, you can shop at www.smile.amazon.com. On your first visit to the website **before you begin shopping**, just select “**Hope for Haiti’s Children Ministries, Inc.**” as your charity, and 0.5% of almost all purchases will be donated to Hope for Haiti’s Children through the AmazonSmile program. **You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.** Your shopping cart, Wish List, and other account settings are also the same. It’s easy, there’s no extra cost to you, and it will bless kids in Haiti!

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"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

What is Orphan Care Sunday?

Christians across the country are invited to choose a date and time, gather together in prayer and share a simple, inexpensive meal rather than eating out. Participants would then contribute their cost savings to bless the orphaned children in Haiti.

Who Will Benefit?

The children who live in Hope for Haiti's Children's orphanages at Cazeau and Thomazeau.

What is The Goal?

\$50,000. **One hundred percent** of all funds collected goes to Haiti to provide for the spiritual, physical, intellectual, and social needs of fatherless children in Haiti. We rely on Orphan Care Sunday funding to help us meet the ongoing upkeep of our existing facilities **plus** provide funding for important capital projects.

Who Can Participate?

- Entire Congregations
- Sunday School Classes
- College Ministries
- Bible Study Groups
- Youth Groups
- Individual Families
- Community Service Groups

For resources and more information please visit our website at www.OrphanCareSunday.org Or email: ocs@hopeforhaitischildren.org

2014 ORPHAN CARE SUNDAY

