

## To See and Offer Hope

**B**lessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.  
*Jeremiah 17: 7-8 NLT*

As I travel to and from Haiti on behalf of Hearts and Hands for Haiti, I have a choice to make. What lense will I use to view the overall situation?

I can choose to see what is wrong and discouraging - *the extreme poverty, crime, broken down roads, hungry children, unemployed parents.* Or I can choose to see what is right and hopeful - *the people faithfully worshipping the Lord despite economic hardships, the children eagerly learning at our overflowing schools, the young adults patiently waiting for our vocational school to open, etc.*

On each trip, I am reminded of this choice and I am grateful to see many signs of hope and encouragement as I visit with my Haitian friends.

During my most recent trip, ...

I encountered Principal and Pastor Jeremiah - thrilled to be invited to Marie Rose Petit Cas's graduation from nursing school. She was a Grade 6 graduate from the desert school in Pacot back in 1993.

I learned that Pastor Olius and the Sous Raille Church have completed the roof of their church building, started a sewing class for the local ladies

and want to start a small school and adult literacy program this fall.

I listened as Marie, one of the home-economics graduates, shared that, as a result of her training, she is able to send her five children to school, sew their uniforms, buy their books and assist her husband with the family's financial obligations. Pointing out that the beautiful dress she was wearing was an item she had sewn, she told how she sews and alters clothing for the people in the community, is active in her home church and now has respect and a place as a total lady in society.



Two proud home-ec graduates, Dieula and Merenise from the children's home.

As one more sign of hope, I want to tell you about two little boys, Frandy and Michelo. These two young brothers, who used to spend the days at the local landfill searching for food, are now living at the Children's Training and Nutrition Center, enjoying the comforts of food, bed, showers, discipleship and friends.

Yes, the needs in Haiti are great and the desperateness of them could overwhelm us all, Haitians and Americans alike. There are so many needs - among the young and old! But as we put our trust and hope in the Lord, we by His grace can see and do what is right and hopeful.

One *right* thing is our partnership with our Haitian brothers and sisters through sponsorship.



Some of the youngest girls at the children's home working together.

Through sponsorship, we are choosing to trust in the Lord. By His grace, we choose to see and offer hope in a situation that could look very dismal.

We are so grateful for the many sponsors that have chosen to support the ongoing work of God in Haiti. And even as we are offering hope through the love of Christ to a lot of folk in Haiti, they are reaching out and sharing hope with their families and neighbors.

*If you are not sponsoring a leader, youth or student, would you prayerfully consider this opportunity of sharing hope?*

*If you are a sponsor, would you please consider sharing about this opportunity with a friend, neighbor or your church group?*

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Stan Wiebe, Director of HHH

**Sponsorship is one of our primary sources of funding for HHH programs.**

**Can you help us find sponsors?**

*Students: \$20/month*

*Home Residents: \$25/month*

*Leader/Pastor: \$50/month*

**100% of all sponsorship funds are forwarded to Haiti.**

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**Matching Funds Opportunity!**  
See Below for Details

A Haiti Herald, August 2007

**Giving Thanks!**

- We have been offered a **\$8,000 matching grant** for new money we receive. This is a great opportunity to have your donation matched - either as a new donor or as a regular donor giving above your regular amount.
- The older youth at the children's home are enjoying a **Creole Bible Study** book entitled "Following Jesus" this summer.
- At a special gathering during his July Haiti trip, Stan Wiebe was blessed to present **sewing kits** for the fourteen graduates of our three-year home-ec program. These gifts were made by the Sew & Sow group at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. (Thank you, ladies!!)
- **Vacation Bible Schools** are being held this summer at our churches.
- Most of our youth passed their **year-end government exams**. Our children's home is glad to

report that Job successfully **completed high school**, as did Mercurieu, a former resident.

- Our vocational school has begun **enrolling students** with the intentions of opening in October. We are grateful to have Mr. Noel Blasmith as our school director.
- A group of six people spent a **week in Haiti** in late July. It was so encouraging for Stan Wiebe to share our Haitian friends and their passion for ministry with this group who shared of their love, time and talents. The electricians made a lot of progress on the wiring of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the vocational school.
- An **education endowment fund** is being created so that we can assist youth with the tuition of attending high school or college. (Many primary school graduates are not able to pursue further education due to financial needs.) All recipients will volunteer at one of our local ministries and be mentored by one of our leaders.

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Raleigh, NC 27604

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**Please Pray For ...**

- a good upcoming school year, the teaching staff and funding for the school and feeding program.
- the **operating funds** needed to open the vocational school this fall which has a goal of becoming self-sufficient within a few years.
- The **older youth** at the children's home as they learn and gain independence with the goal of leaving the home soon.
- our **churches** as they continue to share the good news and disciple the attendees.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Pastor Jeremiah Dorsaint** of Pacot will be in NC for August 15-28th. Let us know if you want



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him to speak at your church, Sunday school class, etc.

- An **electrical work team** from Indiana plans to go to Haiti in September to finish wiring the vocational school.
- **Christ Covenant Church** of Raleigh is taking a group to Haiti in November with the focus of a Pastors/Leaders conference, children's programs and bench building.