

Equipping Leaders to Serve

Hearts and Hands for Haiti has an awesome opportunity to touch the lives of many children and youth in the region of Gonaives, Haiti.

- Our children's home opened 11 years ago and has consistently been a refuge, place of comfort and provision for 65 children.
- Our 3 Christian primary schools in the rural areas surrounding Gonaives have an enrollment of nearly 800 children.
- We are assisting many youth with Secondary School expenses.
- The vocational school expanded this past fall with 150+ students.

How are we able to do this? One of the ways is through the leadership of a Godly staff at the children's home and at the schools.

As our staff diligently works to teach, care and minister to the youth, we have been intentional about equipping them to be able to minister more effectively.

In January, we were able to conduct a staff training session at the children's home on Effective Group Home Discipline. We pray that God will grant to each staff member the wisdom and compassion needed to nurture 65 young people.

Below, is the story of Ghislene, a precious young lady who has been employed at the girl's home for the past 4 years. Raised as a restavek (slave child) herself, Ghislene has the passion and desire to reach out to young girls at the home. She does not want others to experience



Teachers' seminar during Spring break

the difficulties in life she experienced.

Last month during their spring break, HHH teachers came together for a three day workshop on 'Integrity in the Work Place'. We've listed a few prayer requests from some of the participants which illustrates their hearts to serve.

What an awesome privilege to encourage and equip these leaders as they teach and minister to the youth of Haiti. Please pray for our leaders, pastors, home workers, teachers, etc who faithfully teach and minister to our youth – the future of Haiti!

Stan Wiebe, HHH Stateside Office

Held by God to Make a Difference

This is what God has done in my life as I recount it.

My mother died when I was six years old and it is because of the grace of God that I live. Today I am in this place, tomorrow I will be at another place.

First of all, after my mother died, I lived with my aunt and she paid for my kindergarten schooling. After a short while, she stopped paying and I sat at home, while her children went to school. I was made to work very hard, even when I was sick.

One day when I woke up, I saw that things were not good for me. I left and went to my God-mother's house. I felt that she would be very good to me, however, she was worse than my aunt. One

day I decided not to work and she spanked me very hard. Her children would sit around, eat well and were well dressed.

There was one hope that I kept in my heart, that one day God would deliver me.



the girl's home and also the chance to go to school and learn how to read and write.

Ghislene (Madam Jonathan), Haiti

This is what God has done in my life. Despite all these circumstances I found in my life, God kept holding on to me and did not leave me alone in this world. Today I am married at 28 years of age and I have one child who is 1.5 years old. Now I have the opportunity to work at

Leadership Prayer Requests

Please pray that I can live a life of integrity and, in this way, I will have courage to do the Lord's work.

~ A teacher

Please pray for God's will to be done in my life, family, church and work so that, with integrity before God and man, I can effectively win souls to Christ.

~ An area Pastor

Please pray for my spiritual health, faithfulness with God and courage with my work.

~ A local leader

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Summer Bible Camp

a.k.a. **Vacation Bible School**
Coming soon!

A Haiti Herald, April 2008

Giving Thanks!

- A 2008 spring break conference for HHH teaching staff went very well. Entitled '**Integrity in the Work Place**', the conference was presented by a teaching team from Florida and was attended by 51 individuals.
- **Anthony Edmond**, one of our university students from the children's home, has greatly improved in his health and is planning to return to the DR for the upcoming semester.
- Additional and improved **adult literacy classes** are being held in communities in the Gonaives area. This is in part due to recent training sessions presented by a ministry partner in Florida. This literacy program uses the Bible as the text for teaching basic reading skills to adults and has proven to be very effective.

Please Pray For ...

- **Our schools** to continue operating smoothly despite demonstrations held to protest Haiti's high food prices.
- **Funds to purchase food** to feed the hungry. Distribution of this food is an outreach of our local churches.
- Wisdom, discernment and strength for our **leaders in Haiti** as they faithfully minister.

Hunger In Haiti

- Approximately 75% of Haiti's food is imported.
- Due to high fuel costs and efforts by the government to remove corruption within customs, less food is being shipped into Haiti.
- Protests against high food prices have begun in various cities.
- 'Dirt cookies' are being made just down the road from our children's home. (Mentioned in Raleigh's N&O.)

As you may have seen on the news or in the papers, there is an increasing need for affordable food in Haiti. HHH local churches want to respond to this crisis by **purchasing food in-country** and **distributing to the hungry** in their localities.

Will you help?

1. Please **pray** for Haiti's leaders and citizens in this difficult time.
2. Please consider **contributing** towards the purchase of food.
3. Please **share** this need with your church or group.

***100% of funds given to meet this need will be forwarded to Haiti immediately.**

- Preparation plans and funds for the upcoming **summer Bible camps**.
- Mid-July 2008 - A team from Christ Covenant Church in Raleigh plans to participate in **Summer Bible Camp**.
- Fall 2008 - An HHH team will share in the **vocational school dedication**.



Upcoming Events

- Summer 2008 - An **Indiana group** will work to renovate the girls' home bathrooms.

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Summer Bible Camp

Coming Soon to Communities in
the Gonaives Area.

*Please consider
helping by collecting
items, donating
funds, etc.*