

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

March - April 2021 Newsletter

It's all about the Students!



A Day in the Life of a Student at Living Hope Ministries

A child who attends school at LHM typically wakes up to get ready for the day at around 5:00-5:30 in the morning! Many students live half a mile to a mile away from the school. That may not seem like a huge distance, but if your main form of transportation is your feet, walking on rocky terrain can make it feel like a much longer walk. Children as young as 3 years old make the journey to school each morning. If walking is not an option due to distance or physical restrictions, a family may pay a Tap-Tap (a group taxi) or hire someone to bring their child to school on a motorcycle. There are no regular school buses. Children are expected to arrive and be ready for their day by 7am.

With the current COVID restrictions, a single class at a time attends a flag ceremony after they have had their morning chapel. Both chapel and the flag ceremony are student-led because it is important for the students to begin leading as they are learning. Pre-COVID, the entire school would come together for both chapel and the flag ceremony.

Each student is required to bring a snack, textbooks, writing utensils, and notebooks. The school provides each student with a hot meal every day. This meal often serves as the only meal they will get each day, and it usually consists of rice and beans or a cornmeal meal. (Did you know that the combination of rice and beans provides the same high-quality protein that you get when you eat a steak?) But the most valuable thing the school provides is a quality education taught from a Christian perspective in each classroom every day by teachers that are believers. When the children leave LHM, they consistently pass the government exams.

The students at LHM are given a well-rounded education in their classes (this is not necessarily consistent with what other local schools do). Besides the academics (reading, writing, and arithmetic, etc.), an elementary student at LHM will take classes such as cooking, art, animal care, gardening, shop, and basic sewing to develop practical skills. They also learn music, and will learn to play an instrument such as the violin or recorder throughout their elementary years at LHM.

If you were to spend a day with a student at LHM, you would see a child who has great pride in their education. The families are responsible for paying for school uniforms and textbooks. Each year, that costs about 750 Haitian, which equates to about \$44 US dollars. (This is just a small portion of the cost of running and supplying the school.) Even though LHM provides one of the most affordable educations in the area, \$44 US is still a hardship for many families. A quality education costs a great deal, but we have found that when a family invests in the education of their children, it provides them with a sense of ownership and value for their schooling and supplies. And they want to get the full value they have paid for by making sure their students attend school every day possible.

For us at LHM, it is a privilege to teach and prepare each student for a productive life and to nurture all students in Christ's love throughout their schooling. Every child and youth that attends LHM has an amazing story and is a gift to us at the mission. LHM believes that a robust and accessible Christian education will be the path to bring about real change in the surrounding community and throughout all of Haiti over time. — Mary Jane & Andris

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helps keep the cost down for every
student who attends. It also allows
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The Spring Student Sponsorship Campaign

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

Invites You to Invite Others to Participate in Our
3rd Annual Virtual Mwen Walk Spring Fundraiser
Sunday May 9th through May 31st 2021

Visit us on our website <http://www.livinghopehaiti.org> or like us on Facebook @Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

Our goal is to invite new families to sponsor a school age child in Haiti, creating a strong relationship between the US and Haiti. The Student Sponsorship Program allows families to be directly involved with Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. *Please follow us on Facebook and check the website regularly. Each week during May, video updates and new information will be posted.*

- There are ~ 80 kids in need of sponsorship.
- Currently there are 192 sponsored students (mostly 1st-6th grade students).

Sponsorship involves 2 primary components:

1. Develop a personal relationship with your sponsored student as they become “part of your family.”
 - Pray for your student.
 - Send them photos of your family, pets, and activities.
 - We encourage you to send CARE packages (Christmas, Birthday, Start of School, etc.)
 - You will receive yearly updates and thank you notes from your child.
2. Financial support of \$40/month just \$1.33 per day!
Your sponsorship funds support:
 - 60% of the on-going school operations to support all students in primary school.
 - Teachers’ salaries (60+ full and part-time staff).
 - School supplies, textbooks, and testing materials.
 - A hot meal each day.

Our prayer is for 100% sponsorship. Thank you for your assistance in growing up the next generation in Haiti with a Christian education and vocational training. Please text/call Tamara Howes at 810-278-0995 or email her at tamarasmyl@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the **Mwen Walk** and Student Sponsorship with Living Hope Ministries.



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The work continues inside the apartment, on the grounds, and at the school.

Notes from Mary Jane and Andris:



The entry area from the gate in front of the church was really muddy and slick, so we decided to pave the road and path in front of the church with cement. The project is about half-way completed, and it looks great and is much safer for walking.



I was able to go to the city one day for the dogs, and then did some purchases for the apartment. The electrician has installed all of the light fixtures, fans and wiring for the A/Cs. The welders put up the office walls. They are busy and working hard, trying to finish up things – cupboards, hanging doors, etc., as we are getting closer to moving in.



The 2nd trimester opened the 5th of April. We were able to finish the 1st trimester with the evaluations, the style show, a presentation of projects, and the recital. Normally, our trimesters are 15 or 18 weeks long; however, this year they are only 10 weeks for each trimester. We have added an extra hour on the day and extra days when possible. For example, the 2nd year cooking students are required to be here every other Saturday for their recipes. Andris and MJ are both teaching extra classes with the students to prepare them for their governmental exams in the beginning of August.



Student pictures are pre-COVID.

Learn More About Haiti: If you would like Mary Jane or Andris to come and share with your church, Bible Study, or other group, please contact Fritz Adams Crisler at crisler@mich.com or call 734-761-7171. No meeting is too small or too large. Mary Jane and Andris are generally in the States for speaking engagements in the fall and in the spring.

Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Construction: An extension on the front of the church for the youth and office overflow.

School and Church: An increase in the number of students who are sponsored.

Thank you ahead of time for your generous giving to enable us to accomplish these projects.

How to Donate Gifts of Hope for LHM

- 1) **Electronic giving online** at www.livinghopehaiti.org
 - a. Direct payments from a Checking or Savings account (one-time or recurring), or
 - b. Credit Card payments (one-time or recurring)
- 2) **Checks by mail**, made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti.

Giving categories:

Please note a giving category in the memo field if you desire (see examples below):

- Church/Community Project
- Youth University Fund
- Student Sponsorship (include Student's number)
- Primary/Trade School

Visit Haiti on a Mission Trip

The unrest in Haiti has made it impossible for us to have guests for a while now. But we hope to welcome visitors back to the mission as soon as we can. Let us know if you are interested in planning a mission trip in the future! We would love to have you.

Please contact Mary Jane and Andris directly at lh-m-haiti@hotmail.com or skype phone #614-602-2802 in Haiti.

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(Do not) send cash or checks directly to Haiti.)

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Sponsor Packages

For single boxes, cards, and letters to Haiti only (**do not** enclose checks or cash).

Send to:

Mary Jane & Andris Jolibois
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