

Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

July - August 2020 Newsletter



Help Make a Home in Haiti

We are sad to report that the October 3, 2020 Fall Benefit is being cancelled due to the Corona virus and the volatility around the Benefit's venue. So, what can you do to help Living Hope Ministries instead?

We're glad you asked. The Board of Living Hope Ministries is planning an exciting project that will last the entire month of October – a project that will directly impact Mary Jane's and Andris' living conditions. As you may know, Mary Jane and Andris were forced out of their apartment in January 2010 when a major earthquake hit Haiti and damaged many of our buildings, including their apartment. For months, they lived in a car, and then in a makeshift shed, and then (and currently) in the guest house with other family members and visitors. Each time a group comes to the mission, our two missionaries give up their bedroom for guests and sleep on a futon in the living room. We started an apartment project last year, but have run out of funds to complete the project or to even furnish the apartment.

We have walls and a roof, but not much more. We hoped that this year's benefit would change that. Unfortunately, the Benefit is being cancelled.

Here is what we have in store for you, your church, and your family. Beginning on October 1st and continuing through October 31st, we are going to try and raise funds to complete the apartment and create a new home for Mary Jane and Andris. The project has three facets:

First, we are going to identify each piece of furniture, appliance, and construction item that we need, and will tell you the suggested price. We hope that each week, you and others will donate the specific amount of money to provide that for the mission. If the item is not "purchased" the first week, we will keep listing it the next week until purchased. For example, we will need a refrigerator, air conditioning units, cabinets, a couch, a dining table and chairs, etc. We will identify those needs and the prices to purchase them, and then (we hope) you will make a donation to purchase that item. Some of the items may be construction materials. We will send an email each week with the items still needed. If someone would like to donate for our regular operations, we will provide that as an option as well.

Second, like the benefit, we will sell four quilts made and generously donated by our friend and supporter, Linda Berkemer. We probably will not auction them, but will set a price and see who is the first to purchase them. We likely will sell one quilt each week of October.

Finally, we will have students that you can sponsor if you are unable to donate for a specific apartment item. Or, as always, you can contribute to the general operating fund.

God has been so good to all of us at Living Hope Ministries, and we thank you always for your kind and generous support.

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You are helping us to be good stewards of your donations and utilize them in the best possible ways.

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Our Mission: To train a generation of young men and women to change their families, communities, and nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Action.

Just to give us a renewed perspective on why we support LHM: Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Over 6 million Haitians live below the poverty line of US \$2.41 per day and more than 2.5 million fell below the extreme poverty line of US\$1.12 per day. There are over 750 orphanages and missions in Haiti which try to take care of thousands of children who are starving, abandoned, or lost. Most children in Haiti struggle to survive, and many do not make it to their 5th birthday. LHM not only physically feeds the school children (which may be their main meal that day), but also carries the burden of providing the children with the spiritual food of God's Hope and Salvation. We pray that none of us loses our perspective on how important Mary Jane and Andris are to Christ's work in Haiti.

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or on Instagram: www.instagram.com/livinghopehaiti/

LHM Summer Update - August 2020

The coronavirus lockdown has been lifted! Businesses, churches, and schools are beginning to function since July. Even the airport is open for travel in and out of Haiti. However, we are not encouraging anyone to come yet due to the situation of the rampant coronavirus in the USA and other countries. Haiti's numbers have remained low; many attribute this to the bitter tea many Haitians drink daily.

The Churches opened the 12th of July, and we have been functioning since then with all our regular activities of bi-weekly Bible studies, youth, men, and women's groups. The children's ministry will start officially next week when the schools open. The 12th, 19th, and 26th of July we held a church service followed by a members' meeting to teach the sanitary measures we need to use for the services, Sunday school classes, hospitality, and communion. Attendance has continued to increase over the weeks.

The men's group is doing well, with a good attendance of approx. 12 each week. I am studying prayer with the youth. The Women's group is also working on the movie "The War Room" and studying prayer warfare.

The Primary school opened the 10th of August, with all in masks, social distancing, hand washing, sanitizer, & thermometers. Preschool through 6th grade will have classes with revised schedules. This school year is scheduled to finish in October, and the new school year (2020-2021) is to start in November. This gives us about 2 months to complete the students entire program for the year!

We will continue to use WhatsApp for trade school lessons. The classes reopened the 10th of August with all sanitary measures in place. But we have had to relocate some classes to larger spaces and open areas.

Johnny, the 2nd year computer teacher, is finishing the set-up of the primary school website and entering the entire curriculum. When he finishes that, he will begin setting up a website for the trade school and entering all the trade school curriculum data.

The work on the apt continues after 3 weeks off. Currently, they are doing the inside plastering and floating. When they are done with the inside, they will begin to plaster and float the outside. The window bars and heavy screening for varmints are being assembled so they can be put in prior to the final outside work.

We have continued to pay all the staff (53) and encourage them to stay safe and respect all the recommendations against Coronavirus. All the teachers are writing their lesson plans and lessons from home and will be turning them in shortly to be entered into the school's websites. All are returning to work on August 10th.

Please continue to pray for the President (Jovnel Moise), Prime Minister (Joute Joseph) and all the other leaders in Haiti. Pray for political stability and safety for them and their families, and pray for them to be led by the Holy Spirit to lead this nation forward, as their job is not an easy one but a necessary one (1 Tim 2:1-2).

Pray for the health and safety of all the students, staff, church members, and neighbors of LHM. Pray for continual leading from the Holy Spirit as we continue to pursue God's will and direction at LHM. Thank you so much for your love, prayers, and continual assistance to us. Love always, *Mary Jane & Andris.*



Sponsor a Student

Student sponsorship is so important because it provides the children with a hot nutritious meal daily, textbooks, and school supplies. Would you be willing to help sponsor one child at \$30 a month which is only \$1 a day or possibly even two children a month at \$2 a day? There are currently 200+ sponsored students out of the 500 currently enrolled. 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.

For more information, contact Mark Gunderson at MLGondo@comcast.net or at [734-996-2435](tel:734-996-2435).

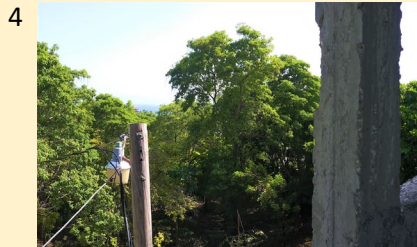
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We have walls, ceiling, and floors! But, hey! Where are we?

See if you can guess which part of the apartment is shown in each picture below!



Answers: 1.) Office and Master Bedroom; 2.) Living Room; 3.) Both Bedrooms; 4.) Lovely View from Front Porch; 5.) Second Bathroom; 6.) Kitchen and Living Room; 7.) Master Bathroom

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 Cathy and Stacy Lane at cathystacy@aol.com or call at 614-792-6184. 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: Two Projects:

1.) An apartment for Mary Jane and Andris on top of the guesthouse.

2.) An extension on the front of the church for the youth and office overflow.

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

If you are thinking about coming to Haiti on a mission trip, let us know! We would love to have you.

There are lots of exciting things happening here at LHM!

Please contact Mary Jane and Andris directly at

lhm-haiti@hotmail.com or skype phone #614-602-2802 in Haiti.

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