

N E W S L E T T E R

Hello Friends,

On behalf of all of us at Haiti's Child, we thank you for your continued support of the work being done in a small village called LaMothe, near Croix-des-Bouquet, just 8 miles from the capital, Port-au-Prince. It's been a hard year with much political unrest for our friends in Haiti. Food has been scarce and resources unavailable. With the government still unreliable, they need us now more than ever!

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR FRIENDS IN HAITI!

THANK YOU!



A N N U A L M E D I C A L M I S S I O N T R I P

UPDATE ON THIS PAST MEDICAL MISSION TRIP - March 9-16, 2019



A *MEDICAL MISSION TEAM* of eight arrived on March 9th. Marie Gabriel (Founder of Haiti's Child) was there to greet us and coordinate the safe travel to our land. We were joined by two medical students, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Angela, who served as our Haitian doctors. Reggie, Pharadia, and Jenny were our faithful interpreters. Marie's sister Josie and her daughter Bianca flew in from Georgia to also help. During the month prior to our trip, Haiti had a series of rallies and protests which closed down the country for 12 days. After much prayer, we boarded and traveled via Jet Blue direct from Boston to Port-au-Prince. The medical clinic was set up in our church and ran as usual!

This year the village people of LaMothe were in even *MORE NEED THAN USUAL* because of the government unrest and shut downs. We were hopeful and determined to be able to hand out as many bags of beans and rice as we could. And we did it! Praise God! What a blessing to see people walk out of our clinic with both medications and food this year. We were able to treat almost 500 people in the clinic, examined about 200 school children, and actually lost count of how many people received rice and beans - maybe 700!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR US & FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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U P C O M I N G M I S S I O N T R I P

HELP! WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SUMMER TRIP!

We are currently planning a Haiti's Child *SUMMER MISSION TRIP* in July to paint and refurbish the outside of our badly weathered school, and to help prepare for the kindergarten graduation celebration, which will be held on July 14th. It is an annual event that the impoverished community of LaMothe looks forward to each year with more than 300 in attendance!

If you are interested in going to Haiti from July 9 - 16, 2019, please contact Jack Hurley at jackri44@yahoo.com or 401-300-6559.

Please consider sending a tax-deductible donation toward this summer project.

THANK YOU.



T H I S A N D T H A T

On the land and in the school things are going well. The children are healthier, happier, and better groomed and dressed. Marie Gabriel has recently hired a new principal who has a better understanding of the current Haitian school system. The school now offers a physical education day with a soccer tournament every Friday. This past summer, Marie shipped 4 donated boxes of sneakers and clothing to Haiti. With your help and donations, she was able to provide much needed items to the families of school children and others in the community.



TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU!

T H E R O O F I S G O I N G U P !

THANKS to the many fundraising efforts and the generosity of our Bristol Rotarians over the past two years, we are ready to complete construction of the school's second floor roof. We actually began the process early in January, as some materials were purchased and delivered to the land. Our American engineer was also scheduled to fly in to oversee a crew that planned to begin the work in February. Unfortunately, due to the violence, unrest, and cancelled flights to Haiti, it all came to a halt. Road blocks and dangerous travel within Haiti made it difficult for the workers to get to the land.

THE GOOD NEWS is that things started to calm back down in Haiti early March (our medical mission team was actually able to go last minute), and the roof project has been rescheduled to this coming summer! It takes a lot of coordination and effort to get a plan in place, but once everything is in place, it shouldn't take more than a month to complete the whole project!



WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD will lead us to complete this roof project and we will move on to the next! Once the roof is complete, the next step will be to raise funds to install the windows and apply the final finish to the second floor.

If you are interested in going on the medical mission trip, please contact Mary Watkinson at villafancla1@live.com or 401-871-1933

2 0 1 8 C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y

Ken and Mary Watkinson were able to make it to Haiti for Christmas! As ripples on a lake, *THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS GIVING* reaches all the way to Haiti every year. It is through our faithful supporters that we are able to continue this every year. Preparations start weeks before. Each grade works on a special presentation. Mothers are busy fussing and sewing party dresses and shirts that our children will wear proudly. Our cooks plan the menu which will include a chicken leg with the traditional rice and beans. Anticipation rises, the children's eyes sparkle, and the teachers decorate. Everyone just can't wait!!! The day arrives, it is magical. The smiles and happiness on the faces of the children make it all worth it. For on this one day ...the celebration of the Savior's birth ...these children feel God's love and they feel special.

If you would like more information about how you can support, sponsor, volunteer, or spearhead a fundraiser, please contact Ken Watkinson at 401-871-1933.



W E C A N ' T D O I T W I T H O U T Y O U !

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS and to those who have donated, prayed, gone on mission trips, and who've helped make this year's fundraising efforts a success: The Bristol Rotary Club Comedy Night, Prism of Praise Concert, Soap Sales, Yard Sales, Totes for Hope, and Haitian Coffee sales! Without our supporters, we could not help our Haitian friends.

To sponsor, make a 501-3-C tax-deductible donation, and for more information, please visit www.haitischild.org.

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