Kids Connect with Computers!

From initial connections made by HFHC volunteer Lisa Hendrick, an after-school computer club kicked off this January at the Cazeau Christian Elementary School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Thanks to this club, 15 extremely enthusiastic students are able to learn basic typing skills, create photo essays, and even compose short musical masterpieces. This pilot program is a partnership between Hope for Haiti's Children and a non-profit organization called Unleash Kids! which donated 20 of their bright green & white ruggedized XO laptops. Unleash Kids! is led by Adam Holt, a long-time veteran of the One Laptop Per Child movement. Adam, with five other volunteers, worked several days at the Cazeau school to install the wireless system, train five HFHC graduates/teachers, and provide curriculum in Creole for the classes. Unleash Kids! volunteers travel all over the world to help provide the necessary infrastructure and training materials for these computer clubs to be successful in the developing world.

Hope for Haiti’s Children's Rebuilding Hope 2020 donors were essential to the success of this effort -- funding the supporting technology at Cazeau, including an "Internet in a Box" server. This server is now loaded with Wikipedia and a vast number of digital books - more books even than the Haitian National Library!

Above: Curt Thompson & Adam Holt from Unleash Kids! assisting a team during the introductory day at the computer club.

Pictured left: Johnny Laine Evenson, HFHC Staff member, assisting the children in the computer club.

Geography, History and even Math can be fun to learn on a laptop!
Rebuilding Hope 2020 Breakfast

Nurture • Educate • Train

Check to see if our Rebuilding Hope breakfast is coming to a city near you. Spend the morning with us and enjoy a heart-warming video featuring HFHC’s current/future projects, great fellowship, and a complimentary breakfast. Already this year, Nashville and Oklahoma City have hosted their very own RH2020 event!

The cost of providing food and clean water to each of our orphans living in our Cazeau and Thomazeau orphanages is a mere $2/day. In the past, we have attempted to cover this cost through Orphan Care Sunday events, but we continue to run short each month. This year, the HFHC board of directors approved a Daily Bread Sponsorship program to locate a Daily Bread sponsor for each orphaned child who would contribute $60/month to meet this vital need. Along with each orphan’s existing Orphan Care Sponsor (clothing, housing, loving supervision) and Child Education Sponsor (education), each child will now receive all the funds needed each month to prepare them for a bright future. Each Daily Bread sponsor will receive a photo and annual updates of their child’s progress. As in all of our sponsorship programs, 100% of these funds are reserved exclusively for operating this ministry (no funds are taken out for fund-raising or general administrative needs).

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Please prayerfully consider becoming a Daily Bread sponsor today!

The Need: 36 of our 83 orphans are still in need of a Daily Bread Sponsor to provide for food and clean water expenses

Pledge Amount: $60/month

How do I sign up? Please fill out the enclosed envelope or contact our office at 866-314-9330 ext. 5.

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If you would like to donate in honor or in memory of someone, please see the enclosed envelope or visit our website and select “Donate!”.

If you are interested in attending, would like to have a breakfast in your area, or are interested in a staff or Board member coming to speak to your church, small group, or missions committee, please contact us toll-free at (866) 314-9330 or send an email to info@hopeforhaitischildren.org

Future Cities/Dates
Rebuilding Hope 2020 Breakfast

Houston, TX - September 13th
Cincinnati, OH - October 4th
Connecticut - October 11th

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I was tagging along on this morning’s trip to visit HFHC-constructed houses in the Cite Soleil (“Sun City”) section of Port au Prince, Haiti – one of the world’s most notorious slums.

As we rolled up to the HFHC-sponsored school in Cite Soleil, our security guards jumped from the cars first and ushered us into the school, where we would complete a brief tour. Then it was time to move on to the true purpose of our visit. In our group of seven were two ladies whose purpose on this trip was twofold. Like the rest of us, they were along to participate in our medical mission, but they also were on a secondary mission. Both of these women had recently lost family members, and in memory of these loved ones they had committed the funds necessary to build houses for two Cite Soleil families who were associated with HFHC. This was their opportunity to see those houses.

We started on the short walk to the first house. As we walked, we immediately began to draw a crowd of local people, some who seemed genuinely happy to see us and others who seemed to be merely curious. I soon found myself holding hands with two children, both of whom I recognized as having attended our clinic earlier in the week. But things were different here. At the clinic these children were dressed in what we would describe as their “Sunday best,” but here they were clothed in their everyday cast-off clothing. At the clinic they had been clean, but here they were dirty. At the clinic I had been comfortable and they had been tentative. Here, our roles were reversed. I did my best to act cool, calm and collected, but the sight of these children surrounded by so much poverty was almost overwhelming. The sight of so many children – dirty and clothed in what amounted to rags – was almost too much for me. Although as a Christian my first thought should have been to show these people unconditional love, I found that a difficult thing to do. And then I saw something that I will not forget – not ever - for the rest of my life.

From the crowd there emerged a small boy, probably about three years old, but impossible to really tell because so many of these Haitian children are undersized due to their lack of nutrition. He was easy to recognize as another child whom I had seen a few days before at the clinic – easy to recognize because of the severe skin condition that covered his entire head. As was the case when I saw him at the clinic, it was something I had no desire to be close to. It was dirty. He was dirty. He was dressed in what remained of a filthy girl’s dress that was more holes than fabric. For some reason I remember that it was blue. As I looked at this little boy from the safety and isolation of the porch, I watched one of the women who had accompanied us – a U.S. staff member of HFHC – literally rush to him, sweep him up in her arms, and kiss him repeatedly. The only thing bigger than her smile was his smile. I struggled to control my tears as a clear realization literally washed over me. More than anything I had ever witnessed – more than any sermon I had ever heard or more than anything I had ever done - at that moment I was witnessing an example of the true and unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

As I write this, I’ve been back at home in Sugar Land, Texas for almost two months. When people ask me about my most recent trip to Haiti I say that this time I was blessed to witness something I hadn’t seen before. I saw God’s love first hand in the face of a dirty, diseased child who was surrounded by the arms of a beautiful Christian lady personally delivering that love. I want to be like that. Maybe someday . . .

God bless Hope for Haiti’s Children.
Our Mission
To demonstrate Christian compassion to poverty-bound Haitian children and their families, providing opportunities for these children to become outstanding leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

My Mission: How I Can Help

♥ Become a sponsor Your ongoing gift can change a life. HFHC Child Education Sponsorship ($32/month) provides tuition, books, & uniforms for the poorest of children - giving them a chance for a brighter future. An Orphan Care/Daily Bread Sponsorship ($60/month) provides shelter, food, and loving caregivers for the 83 orphans in our orphanages.

▪ Apply for a gift-match from your employer Double your impact by doubling your gift. Many companies promote charitable giving and volunteerism by matching gifts of money and time.

▪ Make a planned gift Planned gifts can provide increased income and valuable tax savings to you, while at the same time allowing you to make a significant commitment to the future of the children of Haiti. Planned giving options include bequests, trusts, and life-income gifts.

▪ Share your talent Do you have a heart to serve? Travel to Haiti with one of our mission teams. Our largest group, the Annual Medical Mission, is always in need of doctors, dentists, optometrists, and other health professionals.

▪ Plan an event to raise funds and/or awareness Inspire others to give to Hope for Haiti’s Children! Host events such as: Rebuilding Hope 2020 Breakfast, Walk 4 Haiti’s Kids, School Uplift! Coin Banks, or even a 5K/10K Run. We would be happy to work with you to customize event promotional materials.

▪ Engage your church or group Use our prepared presentation materials to introduce Hope for Haiti’s Children’s mission & vision. Or set aside one Sunday this year to participate in Orphan Care Sunday, an event to remember God’s heart for orphans and to provide for their needs.

▪ Please Pray Remembering not only to help provide for the physical needs of the impoverished children of Haiti but to nourish their spirits as well, pointing them to the Father.

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