Our Christian leadership youth camp is currently held once each summer for 180 of our sponsored teens. It is so exciting to see our young people participating in classes that focus on leadership development, family and marriage, and Christian values/ethics. These classes are interspersed with fun group activities, crafts, movies, and talent shows. Our leadership camps are important because they are a unique opportunity to achieve the following five goals in a compressed time-frame:

1. Our youth experience authentic Christian community
2. We are able to minister to the whole person – physical, mental, social, and spiritual
3. Our young people deepen their relationship with God, Christian leaders, and others
4. Our youth make major life commitments and life-long memories are formed
5. We are able to identify and encourage emerging leaders

As wonderful as our current youth camp is, there are drawbacks. First, it is expensive to rent the facility, costing approximately $22/camper/day for room and board. Second, the dormitory housing is physically fine, but is not conducive to mentoring since there are two large dormitories – one for the boys and one for the girls. Third, the location is not located near an HFHC facility to allow us to pool resources and reduce expenses for HFHC staff. Due to these shortcomings, we can only hold one camp a year.

But with help from Rebuilding Hope 2020 partners, we are moving ahead with plans to construct Phase 1 of a permanent 12-acre “Camp Hope” at our Thomazeau Hope Center.

Constructing a permanent youth camp will be a huge step in eliminating the drawbacks mentioned above. Our cost per camper will drop by half ($12/camper/day). Housing will be comprised of many small dorm rooms/tents (10-12 per) which will allow for better mentoring and management. In addition, Camp Hope will be just yards away from our current Thomazeau Mission House where U.S. teams can assist in running multiple camps a year!

Thanks to our Rebuilding Hope partners, last year we completed the first two buildings for Phase 1 of Camp Hope: the 4,000 square foot Cameron Pavilion and our school/camp kitchen. Our top priority this year is to erect a concrete security fence around the entire 12 acres and build a school/camp bathroom. We appreciate your prayers and financial support as we seek God’s help to construct Camp Hope which will raise impassioned leaders for Christ for years to come!
Did Sponsorship Make a Difference?
By Joanne Tanner

We all want to make a difference in someone’s life. Where does one start? We can send money, but always the question remains...does it really get used appropriately? Can it REALLY make a difference?

In 1997, Jeri Erman and her husband Ken began sponsoring a petite 9-year-old girl named Louslande from the Cazeau Christian Orphanage.

Time went by, monthly sponsorship checks were sent to Hope for Haiti’s Children and Louslande was able to attend school because of Jeri and her husband. Once a year they received an update about Louslande and her progress in school, her likes and dislikes, prayer requests, and her hopes for the future.

Louslande did well in school and showed both the desire to learn and high academic ability. As High School graduation approached, the Ermans, once again, felt the call to make a difference.....this time it was to help Louslande to continue her education.

Louslande’s dream was to become a nurse. Thanks to help from the Ermans and board member Julie Georges, Louslande was able to attend a prestigious 4-year nursing school in Port-au-Prince in 2012. Louslande is now in her fourth and final year of nursing school and will graduate in September 2016. There was a joyous moment this February in Haiti when Jeri made the trip to meet Louslande for the first time.

As told by mission team member Denise Howard, “It was a holy moment when they saw each other and fell into each other’s arms crying....neither one could let go of the other”.

There was a mutual love and admiration between them - as a sponsored child, now a Christian young lady, was able to hug her "parenn" and her sponsor saw what her and her husband's years of prayers and investment in one life had made.

Yes.....you CAN make a difference......and it really can be done one child at a time.

What is Orphan Care Sunday?
Join Christians across the country on Sunday, November 20, to gather together in prayer and share a simple, inexpensive meal rather than eating out. Participants would then contribute their cost savings to bless the orphaned children in Haiti.

Who Will Benefit?
The children who live in Hope for Haiti’s Children’s orphanages at Cazeau and Thomazeau.

What is The Goal?
$50,000. One hundred percent of all funds collected goes to Haiti to provide for the spiritual, physical, intellectual, and social needs of fatherless children in Haiti. We rely on Orphan Care Sunday funding to help us meet the ongoing upkeep of our existing facilities plus provide funding for capital projects.

For resources and more information please visit our website at www.OrphanCareSunday.org Or email ocs@hopeforhaitischildren.org
Just $36/month provides a Christian education for an under-privileged Haitian child. Hope for Haiti’s Children allocates all $36/month a sponsor contributes directly to help the children. No funds are taken out for fundraising or administrative expenses.

What your sponsorship provides for a child:

- **Tuition** - entrance fees, exam fees and monthly tuition at a Christian school
- **Books & School Supplies** - school books, school supplies, and a backpack
- **School Uniform** - one new uniform at the beginning of each school year
- **Health Care** - an annual medical exam and paid access to a medical clinic throughout the year
- **Special Gifts** - Christmas gift and end-of-school-year gift
- **Transportation** - daily to/from select schools

If you would like to sponsor a child, please fill out and return the Child Sponsorship Form found below. Or you may visit us online at www.HopeforHaitisChildren.org or call our office at (866) 314-9330 ext. 8.

Sponsored children worldwide are 35% more likely to attain an office or professional job

Sponsored children worldwide are 40% more likely to complete secondary school

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**CHILD SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Name(s) ______________________________

Address ______________________________

City ___________________ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code __________

Phone Number ( _____ ) __________ Email ______________________________

(For groups) Organization/Group Name ________________________________

Payment Frequency (choose one): ___ monthly ($36) ___ quarterly ($108) ___ annual ($432)

**Contribution Method (Choose one):**

☐ **Automatic monthly bank withdrawal** - please attach a voided check and sign below:

Please withdraw my checking account on the 1st of the Month

_________________________________________ __________________

Authorized Signature Date

☐ **Mailed check** Send first payment to Hope for Haiti’s Children. You will receive a reminder in the mail when the next payment is due.

☐ **Automatic credit card payment (Visa, MC, Discover, AMEX)**

Please charge my credit card on the 1st of the month:

_________________________________________ __________________

Credit Card Number Exp. Date

_________________________________________ __________________

Cardholder Name Date

☐ Yes, I/we would like to sponsor a child for $36/month.

Boy/Girl Preference: _____

Preferred Age Range: _____

We will mail you information and a photo of your sponsored child.

Thank You!
A gift can be made in memory of a loved one or to honor someone on special occasions. If you would like to give a gift, please fill out the form below.

Enclosed is my gift of ____________________________

Your Name ________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City __________________ State _____ Zip Code ________

Email __________________________________________

This gift is made to honor ________________________________

Or

This gift is in memory of ________________________________

Please send an acknowledgement letter to:

Name __________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City __________________ State _____ Zip Code ________

Message to Include __________________________________

______________________________________________________

HFHC school principals and teachers unanimously agree that their #1 need is food for their pupils. Many children come to school without breakfast. As they sit at their desks all morning, hunger pains mount and fatigue sets in. Sometimes children will lay their heads down on their desk and have little physical energy and mental focus to learn.

Thanks to generous donors and partnering organizations focused on hunger relief, three of HFHC’s schools now have regular lunch programs. Attendance at Cite Soleil, Cazeau, and Thomazeau are at an all-time high and these regular lunch programs are a huge blessing to all the students—even those not in HFHC’s child sponsorship ministry. Your financial support will allow us to continue and even to expand these lunch programs.

School Lunch Programs

Taking Action Against Hunger
Hope for Haiti’s Children (HFHC) sends two medical mission teams each year to provide annual checkups for the children from the ten schools in our sponsorship program. In addition to a medical checkup, a new photo is taken of each child and updated information is gathered for their sponsor. Clinic days are special days for the children. It’s a day unlike any other. The children are fed breakfast and lunch while they wait, play games organized by the mission team, and receive a bag of much-needed school supplies and hygiene items. Medicines are given to treat ailments and the children are served with love and respect by nurses, doctors, and other team members.

None of this would be possible without the compassionate efforts of our mission team members. Nicki Austin, a Nurse Practitioner from Oklahoma City, said one of the most memorable moments of her experience was “Being able to take time to just encourage the children in the clinic and put them at ease, even praying with them when I could. Seeing the whole team treat every child with kindness, from first to last.”

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Last year, 23 congregations packed 1,752 gift-filled Christmas Joy shoe boxes destined to bless HFHC schoolchildren. These gifts of love delight the children as they have items to enjoy and share with their siblings and friends. Thanks to all who provided one or more boxes in 2015. Our 2016 Joy Box program will launch in July.

Perhaps your congregation or school can provide a gift that not only brings a smile to a child, but opens their heart to respond to the Gospel message and experience the real hope that changes lives. For more information, see our Web site or email us at joybox@hopeforhaitischildren.org

Nurse practitioner Nicki Austin examines Bebilove Jean at the Annual Child Care Clinic

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Efforts to Raise Money for a Well Bring a Big Surprise!

As a nurse practitioner and four-time HFHC medical mission team member, Heather Smith has seen first-hand how clean water is at the core of good health for the children. She also knows that many in Haiti struggle to find clean water.

After the January 2015 mission trip, Heather returned home and organized a Walk4Water event to raise funds for a sister organization of HFHC’s — Healing Hands International (HHI). HHI’s well-drilling projects partner with an in-country Christian church, school, or orphanage in an area without water and dig a clean-water well for them. Unbeknown to Heather, HHI selected HFHC’s Thomazeau Hope Center facility to dig a well.

Heather was so surprised when she found out that the well for which she had raised funds would benefit the very community where she had treated our sponsored children just a few months previously!

When Heather was sent a photo by HHI of the well which was dug, she recognized the area as Thomazeau. She recounted her reaction,

“Simply put, I cried. I know the faces of the children. I have heard them sing. I have shared a meal with them. Just knowing that the whole community now has clean drinking water for free, gave me a sense of relief.”

God’s blessings circle around and multiply.

Houston-area Congregation Sponsors 85 Children in One Day!

Southeast Church of Christ in Friendswood, Texas, recently held “Haiti Day” to highlight the congregation’s long-standing emphasis on supporting impoverished children in Haiti. Senior Minister Rick Fyffe shared a personal testimony from his time in Haiti and issued a passionate appeal for all church members to commit to change the life of a child — “today and for eternity.” The congregation’s response was overwhelming! Church members went to the HFHC sponsorship table and committed to sponsor 85 children (in addition to the previous 233 sponsorships) as a result of this single event!

During “Haiti Day” at Southeast, a significant milestone was reached in the Hope for Haiti’s Children organization... our 1500th child was sponsored!

5 year old, Merline Vital, 1,500th Child Sponsored! (pictured right)

Young boy selects a child for his family to sponsor (pictured left)

Heather stands by “her well” — Drought conditions are at an all-time high in Haiti and hundreds are coming each day to the well at Thomazeau to get clean water for drinking, cooking and washing.
When mission team member, Chris Ederer, served in Haiti, he saw children sitting in classrooms crowded onto benches doing the best they could to focus and learn. When Chris returned home, he made a call to his friend Eric Jackson, President of Artcobell Corporation in Temple, Texas to see if he had any surplus school desks. And did he ever! All in all, Artcobell has collected three semi-truckloads full of new, but discontinued school desks.

This Spring, the U.S. Air Force flew all of the furniture into Haiti. Coordination of this effort was made possible through the Denton Humanitarian Assistance Program. Begun in 1985, the Denton Program was created to allow U.S. non-governmental organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods to Haiti and other countries in need.

The classrooms which receive these desks will have a better learning environment and the children will be encouraged to see the investment others are making in their education and motivation for them to be the best students they possibly can.

Helen Keller once said: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” HFHC is blessed to have partners like Chris Ederer, Eric Jackson, the entire Artcobell organization, and the U.S. Air Force who each use their resources and talent to accomplish something great for the children of Haiti.
We would love to have you join us for a Rebuilding Hope breakfast this year. Spend the morning with us and enjoy a heart-warming video featuring HFHC’s current and future projects, great fellowship, and a complimentary breakfast. Houston and Cincinnati breakfasts in April were a tremendous success. Check the schedule below for upcoming cities and dates.

**Future Cities and Dates**

- **Nashville, TN** - July 23rd
- **Central Connecticut** - October 1st
- **Oklahoma City, OK** - August 13th
- **Dallas, TX** - October 22nd

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