# Mander House

# "Sharing the Love of Jesus in Haiti"

"So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us" 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NRSV)

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Greetings our dear friends,

This is the season to be grateful for all that we have and although so many of us have encountered extreme challenges and hardships during this past year I can't help but be reminded of James 1: 2-3 NIV which says "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance". Easier said than done, right? But you will be blessed in due time. When he wrote this, James, the brother of Jesus, was challenging a scattered and suffering flock to face their suffering with an attitude of Joy. This is what I see in the Haitian people every time I have the privilege of spending time there. Despite the most difficult of circumstances, just ensuring basic needs are met there is such a sense of truly relying on the Lord that it leaves me evaluating my faith every time I return home. I have learned so much from my friends in Haiti and they have helped me strengthen my faith and relationship with the Lord that it never ceases to amaze me. I want to encourage you all to remember James 1: 2-3 every time difficult things happen and keep relying on the Lord to get you through every situation. The Lord is actually strengthening you into the person He created you to be!!!

Working in Haiti has definitely been challenging but we know that "In all things God works for the good of those who Love him, who have been called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28 NIV. We are so grateful that the Lord has called you to be part of what he is doing in Haiti.



Without all of you praying, sponsoring, donating, volunteering and encouraging us, none of this work would be accomplished. This year we were able to increase our teaching time to weekly classes. There are just no words to truly express how much we appreciate each one of you reading this newsletter. We know many of you have endured tremendous hardships this year but still you faithfully partner with us and we are so honored that you choose to do this. Thank you all for all that you do and know that we are also praying for all of you. Together we are making a difference in Haiti and for God's Kingdom!

Peace and blessings on behalf of the MHM staff and board members,

**Jenifer Cass** 

### Your sponsorship in action...

Hello! I thank the Lord because since 2014 I am part of the MHM program. I remember that I was 6 at the time and they held the program at the LCM Mission. I was convinced that God would make a way for the program to be greater. Because at the beginning we didn't have a uniform or many kids. Now, it's different! I really love the MHM program and all that they do, we: sing, pray, make art, dance, memorize verses and have Bible lessons. I learn them with all my heart. I want to thank God first from the bottom of my heart, and Mrs. Jenifer Cass for bringing this program to Haiti to teach the kids. Thanks to all the sponsors who help us go further, especially to my sponsor, Sharon Creppel, who has a great heart for me and for the MHM children in Haiti.

I pray that God will protect all of you who support MHM, for you to be healthy and blessed in all that you do. I pray that God will continue to bless MHM to be greater. All is possible with God! Thank you



Rebecca Janvier



## Our Staff

My name is **Felex** and I am a staff member at MHM. My position is not specific at all, because I take on many roles. But my favorite is spending time playing, making crafts and dancing with the kids in the program. It is always with a joyful heart, that I come together with the kids and share the Gospel with them. Not only that, but we have so much fun together! We were all kids once who accepted to follow Jesus with the guidance of a noble one, with an

honest heart I can say that is what we intend to do in Haiti!

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### Our new Board Member

MHM is pleased to announce our newest board member, **Yvette Aucoin**. Yvette brings an extensive array of talents and professionalism to our team and we are so excited to have her on the board. Her input and expertise will be invaluable in strengthening our program and business needs in the US and in Haiti. In addition, she is a lifelong friend and we have seen her heart for serving others firsthand.

Welcome aboard Yvette!

### **Summer Camp**

MHM hosted 2 fun filled summer camps this year! The theme of the camp was Love and the kids spent the week learning about God's love for them as shown in 1st Corinthians. In Montrouis, the kids participated in daily Bible lessons, arts and crafts, games and sport, music and dance, and learned so much about God's love for them. Guest speakers included a local artist who taught jewelry making and a local nurse who taught lessons on health and hygiene. The kids also enjoyed a hot meal each day. In Limbe, the kids focused on the same Biblical lessons and also worked on learning sewing skills taught by church members of Bethel Baptist Church. It was a great week at both locations and we are so thankful for all of our prayer partners, sponsors and Eagle Heights Community Church in Tickfaw, La for providing funds to make this happen.





### Highlights from the 2022 mission trip

Due to Covid and insecurity in Haiti only a small group of us journeyed to Haiti for the annual MHM trip. There were only 6 of us but God blessed us beyond measure and we got to spend time with all the kids, staff and other friends in Haiti. So many groups quit going to Haiti in the last several years, which has left everyone feeling a bit hopeless. But, when a group shows up to share the love of Jesus with others, it brings so much HOPE and JOY that you can't help but smile! We had the privilege of spending time with all of the kids in the MHM program in Montrouis, 2 orphanages, and a school. We had a women's Beauty for Ashes Bible Study, a staff training, a community prayer walk and hosted our first ever Community Prayer Day which was a HUGE success! Thank you missionary Sarah Rehm for answering God's call to organize the prayer day!



### Counting our blessings...

We are so grateful to have numerous fruit trees at our main location but you cannot believe how dangerous it was for the kids as large pieces of fruit fall randomly, often hitting people. We were so blessed by Louisiana's First Choice Auto Auction in Hammond, La and Genesis Engineering Solutions in Lanham, Maryland for helping us add an outdoor classroom, numerous sun shades and extend our outdoor kitchen. Having this outdoor classroom is a huge blessing and it also allows us to continue class even when it is raining. Our cooks are also very happy to have the additional space to prepare food for the kids every week.

Visiting Haiti always reminds me of just how much we take for granted.

Your donations allow us to provide all the kids with a program t-shirt. In Haiti, having a "uniform" is a huge privilege and means you are part of something important (even Rebecca mentioned this in her story).

So to us Americans, we may think it is just a T-shirt but it is so much more to these precious kids. A special thank you goes out to **Kevin and Karla Oliver** (MHM board members) who so lovingly put our logo onto 300 shirts and managed to get them all to Haiti (not an easy feat) through a series of handoffs throughout several airports! I do believe those shirts are more well-traveled than most people I know!





### Bethel Baptist Church needs our help!

We have the privilege to partner with Pastor Brice and Bethel Baptist Church in Limbe, Haiti. This is where we are hosting class "Bethel". Up a steep, very narrow ledge on a mountain path in Limbe is where you will find this precious little church. The church is accessible by foot or motorcycle only. Sarah and Jenifer had the honor of attending Church here and experienced just how on fire for the Lord this congregation is!

They have outgrown the church building (such a great problem to have!!!) and are relying on the Lord to provide for them to enlarge the church. They have started working on this in faith and with prayer and do what they can when they have the funds. This is where the Lord can use us to be an answer to prayer. Please keep this precious pastor and this church in your prayers. If anyone would like to donate to this church building project, please send your donation to MHM and we will ensure they get the entire donation. Please include a note that it is for Bethel Church or select that option on our website donation page. Their dream is to expand their outreach throughout their community and be a beacon of God's light in a hurting community. Photo shows the current Church and the pile of rocks are where the renovation will be.

# Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus! Ways you can partner with Manger House Ministries

**Prayer-** is the most important thing you can do for this ministry.

**Support- MHM** with a general donation, sponsor a specific class or by sponsoring a child to attend our program.

**Sponsorship-**You can partner with us by sponsoring a child to attend our program for \$10 per month. Classes are held weekly and the donation covers one child to attend, a class t-shirt, art supplies, special events, and a meal. This can be mailed to **Manger House Ministries at 47285 Palm Drive, Tickfaw, La 70466** or it can be set up on auto pay on our website at **www.mangerhouse.org.** We will send you a photo of the child or class you select. We receive no funding other than from donations and we so appreciate your support. General donations-can be made in any amount and can be one time or set up monthly on auto pay at **www.mangerhouse.org** All donations are tax deductible as applicable by law. We are a 501c3 organization and will supply you with a tax receipt.

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