HEARTS & HANDS

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Happy New year from the Board

While 2020 was an intense and chaotic year, it also brought many blessings, as well. While you reflect on the past year and look toward 2021, we hope that you will consider your Hearts & Hands sponsorship to be one of the blessings and joyous contributions of 2020! We here at Hearts & Hands, celebrate and rejoice over the many ways that God has continually provided for the people of Haiti.

Despite the challenges that came this year, we were still able to continue providing the funds for the children's education, as well as providing adequate nourishment. We were able to extend a helping hand to community and family needs. We were able to continue sending Sharla to medical school in the Dominican Republic, raise funds for many urgent and unexpected needs that arose, and give the children a beautiful Christmas because of your generosity. From the bottom of our hearts, and from those in Haiti - THANK YOU!



Student Spotlight



Meet Vanessa! Vanessa is
15 years old and a star
student. She loves to
write, sing, and hang out
with her friends.
Vanessa is known to
always be a dependable
friend and has a bright
smile that can lighten up
anybody's day. We are so
proud of Vanessa and all
of her hard work!

Updates in Haiti

Our missionary, Oriana, took a temporary leave with some medical concerns, and will be returning to Haiti soon, praise the Lord! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for her health.

There have been some rising food and exchange expenses recently, due to currency manipulation, and since we send support in USD, this is amplified for the community families and the orphanage we support. As everything is imported on the island nation, many are currently struggling to make ends meet. Please pray with us for currency stabilization!

Haiti is also currently bracing for some expected unrest in February, as government protestors are organizing again, calling for the president to step down. This could lead to schools being closed, more instability, another "Peyi Lock." Please pray with us for peace!

Mentorship Program

For quite some time now, we have desired to begin a mentiorship program for the kids in Haiti. Working with FEP and our missionaries, we were finally able to prioritize and start this program last year, but when Covid-19 came along, it put things on halt for a little while. Time with the kids both individually and small groups looked different and had to be navigated responsibly.





Thankfully, things have slowly moved back to a safe new normal and the program is able to be resumed. This is something worth donating to if you are passionate in mental health & personal growth. The kids are receiving individualized time with a mentor, who prioritize them as individuals. Thanks to a large donation recently, we have been able to provide the financial support for this to continue, to sustain it, we need long-term funding. Please consider donating toward this new initiative!



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