

Hearts and Hands of Heroes  
June 30, 2019



Dear Sponsors,

First, thank you for your faithful support throughout 2019! We wanted to share with you some exciting news and updates so far this year. We have been in the midst of a lot of transition, as the founders of Hearts and Hands, Jackie and Aaron Frisch have stepped down as leaders. For many years now, Jackie has struggled with her health, and the past several months have been particularly difficult for her. They will remain involved as consultants and prayer warriors, but have passed the torch for the organization at this time. We have since added several new board members to the team, and are looking for more people to step up as leaders in the coming months. If you feel called to deepen your involvement in our work or mission, please get in touch!

We have also recently launched an updated website! We hope to keep it up to date in the coming months and add “featured kids” and a section for children that still need to be sponsored.

Some other updates include one of the older girls in the orphanage, Joane, who got married last year, just recently had a baby girl named Jade Zara! She had some health concerns initially and was in the NICU, but is now home with her parents doing well. All of the children have gotten dental cleanings, thanks to sponsor donations for this need, and two girls have had serious dental repairs, including a root canal, that were much needed.

Sharla, who is studying medicine in the Dominican Republic, needed a new laptop recently, as her old one broke, and thankfully some generous sponsors helped to buy and send a brand new one! She is thriving in her studies and has just a few years left to go.



There are 19 children who need to go to summer school this year. Most of them are two years behind in school, due to starting late and being older when we made the transition to the ACE English curriculum at Providence Academy. We are hoping to find sponsors for \$100 per student to cover the costs of buying books, shipping, and to pay a teacher. Our goal is to raise 100% of the money for all 19 children who need it so they can get ahead! Please donate by mail or Paypal for “Summer School”!

Also, with regard to school, Urgula “Cla” Figaro is a young girl who is aspiring to go to college here in the US! We are supporting her fundraising efforts; please see the note attached from Brenda Wojton, who is our missionary, Ashley’s mom. We believe that education is the key that will empower Haitians to change the cycle of poverty for future generations!

In other news, if you’ve heard anything about Haiti’s political climate lately, it could be a bit concerning. They have had extreme political unrest and rioting, inflation, and most of the businesses,

stores and markets have been closed. The people are calling for the president to step down, and there is a lot of confusion at this time. Both buildings where the children currently live (in La Borde and Simone) are safe, as well as the missionaries, but things escalate quickly sometimes. Schools have also been closed several days this past Spring, which has also contributed to our students falling further behind. Please pray with us for safety and for the nation to stabilize!



Some updates about our 3 missionaries include Ashley, who was recently blessed with funds to purchase a car to get around more easily! She is still in the process of adopting Gregorie, and is working on getting his passport and visa, despite the headaches she has had getting guardianship, birth certificate and other official paperwork needed. She found him abandoned at the local hospital in Les Cayes at just a few months old, and has deeply bonded with and cared for him ever since. Oriana is home for the summer and is raising funds to get her own apartment next year in Haiti. She has served as a teacher and missionary for the past 2 years and plans on staying indefinitely!

She is starting a Bible study with some of the girls at the orphanage when she returns in the Fall. Miranda, who taught K-1st grade over her 3 years as a missionary, just finished up her last school year in Haiti and now plans to attend university at home in Illinois. She has been such a joy and a light in Haiti and we are so thankful to have supported her!



We are currently working on researching and fundraising for solar panels at the new orphanage building in La Borde. This is an extensive project, but we would love for them to have running water and electricity by the end of 2019! If you would like to give or help in any way with this need, please contact us! This would not only help with hygiene and health, but they would also no longer have to fill buckets by hand for showers, cooking, dishes (30+ people!) and would have electricity for things such as lights and a refrigerator.

March 2020 will mark the 25th anniversary of the orphanage and we are considering putting a mission trip together! Please let us know if you are interested in joining and making a trip down to meet your sponsored child or family! If you are unable to take a trip, but would still like to write or correspond, the children LOVE receiving packages and mail. They especially love to get birthday cards or small gifts! Please email us if you do not have your child's birthday and would like to know. Feel free to mail things to the following address, but please send \$3 per pound to Hearts and Hands so that we can reimburse Ashley for pick-up fees.

Ashley Wojton c/o Agape Flights  
(Child or family's name)  
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Venice, FL 34285

None of this would be possible without you, your generous hearts, and the Lord working through you all to further His mission in Haiti to feed, clothe, and educate these children in Les Cayes. Thank you for all you do!

Blessings,

-The Hearts and Hands of Heroes Team





Urgula “Cla” Figaro came to live in the US in the summer of 2016 and was able to attend high school at Lake Center Christian School where she excelled in her education and theater career and earned a place in the top ten of her class.

Cla was born in the US to her Haitian parents who were here on student visas. They returned to Haiti with Cla and her two brothers when Cla was 5 years old after their visas expired. Cla was raised in Les Cayes, Haiti and was taught her native Creole, French and English. Before entering high school it was her parents desire for her to return to the US for her education. Her parents have very little income and are raising 2 other children in Haiti so they are unable to provide any financial support for Cla.

Cla has been living with a host family who have sacrificially provided for her through her high school years, even through great financial hardship of their own. It is their desire to continue to provide for Cla's needs, however, college expenses are out of their reach at this time. Cla has obtained scholarships and government grants and has been accepted to Mount Union where she will pursue a degree in International Relations. Unfortunately, even with the scholarships and grants she is about \$10,000 short of what she needs to attend college. She is qualified for a loan of \$5000 but that still leaves her \$5000 short of her goal. She is currently working, as she did all of last summer, to try to raise some money, but that will not be enough to meet this great need.

I am reaching out on her behalf to try to raise the funds necessary for her to continue her education. If you are willing and able to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Cla is a motivated and hard working student, as was evident by her excellent grades. She is willing to meet with you at any time to discuss her position.

Thank you,  
Brenda Wojton

*If you are able to donate to Cla, please give through Hearts and Hands and leave Cla's name in the notes!*