Another Busy Summer at the House of Hope!

It’s been a busy summer, with groups visiting the mission through May and June, another school year ending, agricultural projects (literally) growing in the mountains, and plans for new community clean water projects in the making. We have much to be thankful for, as the kids and staff have all recovered from the Zika virus, the Williamson school has it’s first graduates (the very first high school graduates in the entire region!), and we are on our way to launching some of our older kids. Thank you for continuing to pray for and financially support the House of Hope Haiti as we look toward another school year and to what God has in store for the mission.

Above: Congratulations to our kids who attended cooking school and passed a written and practical government exam to become credentialed to work in hotels and restaurants or to open their own.

Below: The older kids from both orphanages learn keyboarding skills on computers donated by college groups from the University of Nebraska Lutheran Chapel and Northwest Missouri State University. The college students spent several days training them.

Above: School administrators at our Williamson school hand out report cards to parents at the end of the school year.

Below: School kids from Great Bend, KS have collected and donated much needed French books for the school library.

Right: It’s Christmas in June! Circumstances prevented us from bringing the kids their Christmas gifts from sponsors in December, so they got their presents in June instead! They were much appreciated!
Reaching out beyond our walls... We want to make an impact in the surrounding communities and mountain villages to reach people for Christ and to help find ways to help through agricultural incentives, clean water projects, and education.

Above, left & center: an elderly gentleman and couple receive Proclaimers, hand-cranked audio Bibles in Haitian Creole—the only way many will be able to hear the Good News of the Gospel.

Left: Madame Francois ekes out a living in the mountain village of Duverger. In addition to her own 9 children, she adopted these orphan boys. HOHH worked with agronomist Jean Witty (pictured, in green) on a sustainable agricultural project to terrace the farms and plant thousands of trees and a variety of plants to diversify their crops. Madame Francois organized the village workers and said that the agronomist had “opened her mind” to new possibilities. It is hardworking and compassionate people like Madame Francois who we want to encourage and motivate!

Right: Mike Bellamy, HOHH president & chemistry professor, taught community leaders water purification techniques as well as general information about the different ways to treat water. HOHH also donated a water tank and equipment to treat water for this community. The community plans to allow an elderly widower to sell the treated water to make a small income to support himself.

Methods of water treatment will become part of the high school curriculum at our Williamson school the year after next. Mike has written several lab experiments that will be incorporated this year as part of his chemistry classes at Northwest Missouri State University, and these will be replicated in Haiti the following year.

Above: Julio, one of the youth at our Williamson orphanage, helps put together a sewing machine for a mountain village man whose hope is to make a small living for his family, including 7 children.

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Far left & left: Marjorie, one of our original House of Hope orphans, completed cooking school and is opening a small restaurant near the home she shares with her siblings. Donated funds & labor have allowed us to help her get started with a kitchen, table, shelves, and some equipment. Pray for the success of this endeavor!

Below: kids enjoy board games and puzzles brought by groups this summer. Below, right: the newest additions to our family, enjoying special food and treats to celebrate International Children’s Day.

Far left: this summer, groups donated money for shelves for the school, storage rooms, and dorms.

Left: HOHH kids “helping” to make the shelves!
How you can help!

- **School:** This is the first year that we will not have to add another grade! However, the school still needs some work to be truly finished. The Kindergarten classroom is still a make-shift lean-to, and we would like to make it a proper classroom this year. We also need a retaining wall to protect one of the buildings, metal doors on the classrooms, better benches, and finished walls. Estimated cost for all: $25,000.

- **Launching Kids:** We have used most of our launch fund to send kids to vocational schools and to help Marjorie’s restaurant. We would like to continue to grow the fund to help our kids age out. Estimated cost: about $3000 for each kid.

- **Many Needs:** Our monthly budget is over $12,000 per month to operate, and gifts to help with food, education, clothing, repairs & maintenance, etc. are much appreciated!

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**Left:** The kindergarten classroom space still needs to be finished. We don’t have the funds to do it now, but hope to be able to by this December, God willing.

**Right:** Stenio, one of the original House of Hope kids, finished cooking school. He is one of many that we are planning to help launch in the next few years. Please pray for him and the others to find work opportunities in the future.

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