



Children of Hope

FINAL REPORT 2009

January 16, 2010

Haiti's Worst Disaster in History January 12, 2010. Streets in Port au Prince are covered with concrete and bodies. Clearly the magnitude of this event is something we cannot even begin to comprehend. At this time, there are no grocery stores open, gas stations are closed, roads are blocked and bodies lie in the streets. Hundreds of thousands of people are homeless. There are over several hundred thousand in desperate need of water, food and medical attention. With great difficult I write the Final Report for 2009.

We would like to thank you for your generous support throughout 2009. The following criteria are the goals that we set out for last year and the ways in which we fulfilled them.

To administer the Sponsorship Program and provide physical, medical and education relief

- At present, we have a total of 28 children receiving monthly support. During the trip to Haiti in December we obtained some updated pictures of our sponsored children.
- Handicap Association Carrefour (school) and Dauphine School in the mountains receive monthly support.
- A Christmas gift of \$20 and peanut butter was given to each child.
- In December, an additional \$1000 was given Handicap Association School in Carrefour (PAP) and \$500 to Dauphine school located in the months.

Uphold the criteria for Sponsorship Program

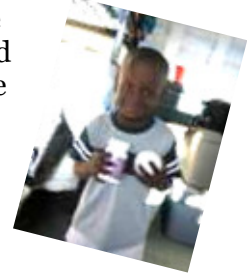
- We continue to use the same full report system by using Monthly Reports and signatures for receipt of money.
- Regular communication was established with Phyllis Newby.
- The forwarding of funds to Haiti for 2008 was done by Laura Goodyear (1st) quarter, Mary Brunson, Indiana (2nd) quarter, Phyllis Newby (3rd) quarter and Mark Fulton, Indiana (4th) quarter.

To administer the Special Needs segment of the Program

- A special fund for *education only* continues to assist 7 students.
- Son Belizaire continues to receive monies for his university tuition. He will complete his degree in June 2010.
- Monax a youth from the orphanage died during my visit in Dec. The large tumor on his shoulder returned after he had it removed in 2007. Funds were provided for his funeral.
- Funds were provided for additional water
- Single Mom, KK and Gloria 7 yrs old were provided with funds to buy food for the next few months
- Sick young girl from Gonaives needing several weeks of medication
- Naomi from orphanage needing medication for the abscess on her head
- Widow with 3 small children (husband passed away 2 months ago) provided mom with funds, food and clothing for children – see photo
- Clothing, food and additional items i.e. soccer balls, pumps, books etc



- Blessing Program at Mannatech has continued this year to provide Glyco Bears and Ambrotose (food supplement) for the children and we see that it is delivered. With the use of these supplements in the last few years, we have noticed the improvement of the children's immune system i.e. runny noses, sneezes, coughs and skin rashes.
- While in Haiti we purchased 150 bars of soaps and bibles.



Goat Project

The program assists families by providing them with a goat. This goat can be bred to produce numerous kids within a year which can multiply into an entire herd. Goats produce milk, meat and their manure can be used to fertilize a garden. The family pictured in the photograph has benefited from this program. This program has been very successful since goats can survive in harsh climates and produce a livelihood to mitigate the effects of poverty in Haiti. A total of 20 goats have been purchased in 2009.



Success Stories

Renald Beauvil who has no parents and has been with the program since it started in 2002 wanted his sponsor and Children of Hope to know how much he has appreciated all the financial and emotion support he has received through the years. He wants us to be proud of him. Renald is now able to provide a living for himself and to help his country. He has become a Police Officer and graduated in Dec 2009. He knew this employment would be a difficult and a dangerous one. When I saw him in December, he had not been told where his posting would be. It would have been either Port Au Prince or some other part of Haiti. He asked that we continue to pray for him.

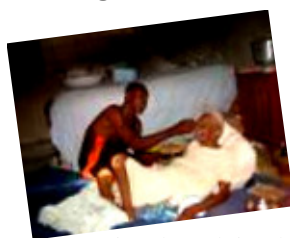
Rebecca Jean a teenage girl who came to Canada for six weeks during our cold winters months of 2008. While here in Canada, she received chiropractic care, muscle and tissue therapy along with teaching of specific exercises for her back from a physio therapist. She feels very fortunate and proud to be able to walk tall and with no pain. She continues to see a Canadian chiropractor in Haiti for maintenance on a monthly basis.

Haiti Trip – December 8th -15th 2009

As we drove through Haiti, I noticed that the country has not yet recovered from the hurricanes of 2008. People's homes, farms and livestock were wiped out by the flooding. Boulders, rocks, debris and water created havoc on their foot paths through the mountain range and down into the valleys. This year, some parts of Haiti are so dry that seeds are unable to germinate because of lack of water/rain.

Rice prices \$42 US for 100 lbs of rice (Jan 2010 – rice is now \$73 US for 100 lbs). Fuel for the generators (to pump water from the well, electricity at the orphanage, hospital and vehicles) was \$5 US a gallon (Jan 2010 – fuel is now \$15 US a gallon).

Each year in December for their Pastor's Conference, Sister Phyllis tries to purchase 100 lbs of rice for each church/community that falls under this ministry. This year she purchased 270 bags (100 lbs each) of rice. $\$42 \times 270 = \$11,340$ US. There was a shortage of funds some rice had to be bought on credit.



food and feed these seniors.

Phyllis sent us out one Sunday afternoon to carry food and actually spoon feed some older disabled people that are in huts (area Guiton) sleeping on the floor unable to move around. The compassionate young Haitian men that came with us were actually holding these seniors and their heads as they spoon feed their people. Their mouths were open wide and they just eat and eat. Anderson and Erie from the orphanage now have a job each day after school to take

With sadness and grief, I witness a mother buying a mud pie for her 3-4 year old child to eat. Something to fill her little child's hungry little stomach. The ingredients are mud, herbs/spices, leaves and possibly insects/bugs mixed together into a pie and heated on a pan over an open fire. Heart breaking!

Monax one of the older boys who lived at the orphanage in the past and now was living outside the orphanage. In 2008, Children of Hope send down \$500 to have a huge tumor removed from his left shoulder. In 2009, the ugly huge tumor grew back to the size of a football. Many Haitian friends found it difficult to visit him to see the tumor and how weak and fragile he was. While visiting Monax one afternoon, I was amazed at his strength within himself and the hope he continued to hold onto. He appreciated the ambrotose we gave him that he recalls receiving while at the orphanage. He asked me to please put some into his water which was all he was taking by mouth at the time. Monax died Monday morning, December 14 th. A young man sadly missed by all of us who loved him.

The strength, determination and hope within the Haitian people who live with some much despair and heart ache amazes me....

Projects on the horizon....

- To provide Haiti Relief to our children and their families affected by the earthquake with water, food, medicine and clothing.
- To contact Air Canada requesting their assistance to ship containers of food and medicine down to Haiti
- To partner with other groups to help with the relief of other children and families that is displaced.
- Preparing for another Gala of Hope to be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Lakeshore Yacht Club in Etobicoke. More details to follow at a later date



On behalf of *Children of Hope*, I would sincerely like to express a warm thank you for all the support, encouragement and prayers poured out for these children and their families throughout this past year.

As the children would say "Be a part of us, support us, pray for us and don't forget us."

Our hearts and prayers are with the children and families of Haiti,

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