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Wall Construction has Begun!

I am so thankful to be writing this article for our second newsletter. I couldn't wait to deliver this news to you! It has been a long journey to get to where we are today and it's only through God's provision, grace and sovereignty that we've made it this far. None of us want to take any credit from the One to whom all credit is due!

Over the past 14 months, HRCH has been working hard to facilitate donations from supporters across the country to construct the security wall around the perimeter of our 14 acres of land in Haiti. The security wall is vital to our ability to successfully construct the remaining facilities for our missionaries and to care for our future children. Through much sacrificial giving, prayer and support, HRCH has received nearly \$80,000 of designated funds to be used on the wall construction. Our original budget of \$180,000 has changed slightly due to some redesign of the fence, but with the funding available today, we felt it was time to begin construction.



It is amazing to see how fast things are moving on our property. We have hired several Haitian workers to dig the trench for the footing. They worked long, hard hours last week and will again for several weeks ahead. I am so thankful that HRCH is able to hire these Haitian workers to help support their families. It is a great opportunity for evangelism and I am praying that souls repent and turn to the One True God for salvation. After the trench was dug, gravel was spread, rebar was installed and concrete was poured. As you can see from the pictures, it is coming together nicely.

We still have a long journey ahead, but hitting a milestone like we have this past week brings joy to so many of our Hope Rising Children's Home donors and supporters. We are still focused on raising additional funds for the finishing of the wall. If you have been waiting to give until progress is shown, then now is the time. We can fully fund this project with your help and I give thanks to God for each of you who have done so much for HRCH through prayer, giving and sharing.



Blessings!

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MK Corner...

Kaylea, Dean & Joel Smithson, our Haitian missionary kids, would like to tell you one of the things they enjoy about their new surroundings. Kaylea is 11 and says "I like going to the orphanage". Dean is 8 and says "It is very nice in Haiti and if it rains in the morning, it will be cool at night". Always a good thing in Haiti! Then there's Joel, 3 who says "I love the yellow mango trees".

They are adjusting well learning Kreyol and making new friends.



We would like to welcome First Baptist, Mulberry and Prison2Purpose to our HRCH Supporters and Contributors.

**If you would like to be a part of this great vision, please contact us or visit us online. Our team is available to speak to your small group or church.*

2013 Team Dates

April 12-18	May 27-31
May 31-June 14	June 14-21
July 7-12	July 14-19
July 23-30	August 1-6
August 8-14	

September, October,
November, December
(TBA)

This little one is J

J was dropped off at the orphanage by his mom. He was 2 at the time, but the size of a 6 month old. He couldn't bare any weight on his legs or even crawl. People started praying for J to be able to walk. That would be the

only way to survive in an orphanage with 100 + children. God is good! Today J is running around with the other children. Clearly one of God's "Special Miracles."



Backpacks, Bibles & Beef Jerky!!

Big smiles lets you know the joy these children experienced when they were given gifts by so many caring people. Thanks to volunteers, each child received a backpack to keep their personal belongings in. These were made by several ladies in the community. One lady alone made 40! The older children received a Bible in Kreyol and the younger received a book of Bible stories. The money for these items came from donations all over the state and even out of state. The jerky, a favorite treat at the orphanage, was a big hit. The children had never eaten jerky until one of the FB Lavaca teams brought some down two years ago.

Thanks to all of you who helped make this possible. The children very much appreciate you and cherish your prayers.



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"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" James 1:27