

# HOPE rising

CHILDREN'S HOME • LEOGANE, HAITI

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Welcome to the first newsletter for Hope Rising Children's Home! We continue to be excited about fulfilling our call from God to care for orphans in Haiti. Our prayer for this newsletter is to provide you with updates of the Hope Rising project as well as acknowledge the many people involved with this giant vision.

We are making progress with our plans for construction. In fact, we hope to begin the construction of the wall and a few buildings by the summer of 2013. We will not build all of the buildings on the master plan initially, but rather, will build a portion of them. This will provide our missionaries with a permanent place to live and allow us to begin operating the children's home on a smaller scale. We will then expand the property and the impact as funds and resources become available.

We continue to pray that God will use Hope Rising Children's Home not only to minister to orphans, but ultimately to reach Haiti for Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray over this project. Thank you for giving your time, prayers and financial support to this wonderful ministry.

*Tony Buchanan*

*HRCH Executive Board President*

## Crocs for Kids...A Huge Success!

The children's orphanage that we work with in Leogane, Haiti were in dire need of shoes. We made the need known to our local church and used social media to spread the news of the need. The response was overwhelming as every child received a pair of shoes that fit them. It was incredible to see the outpouring of help from across the entire state. We had individuals, small groups, churches and businesses helping to meet the need. We even have extra pairs that will be used as the need arises. In a third world country like Haiti, disease runs rampant. Having shoes to wear for protection can be a luxury there.

Thanks to all who helped in this endeavor!



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## 2013 Team Dates

Jan 30-Feb 4	Feb 27-Mar 4
March 27-Apr 1	April 24-29
May 29-June 3	Jun 26-Jul 1
July 24-29	Aug 28-Sept 2
Sept 25-30	Oct 30-Nov 4
Nov 27-Dec 2	Dec 30-Jan 3

### **HRCH Property Wall Information:**

The purpose of the wall is to set the boundary of our property line and to secure our materials inside the property. Costs will vary depending on design. A full concrete wall will cost approximately \$200,000 but a partial concrete and chain link style will cost approximately \$50,000.

At this point, 30 donors have given to the wall and \$38,845 has been raised. If you are interested in donating to the cost of the wall, you will need to make payment to First Lavaca and designate **HAITI WALL** in the memo line. A gift of \$500 or more can have a Memorial attached to it.

### **Community Well Operational**

I am excited to be sharing with you what God is doing in Haiti. We've had a few accomplishments these past few months, the first of which was getting some of our supplies out of the truck that was shipped in April. The second accomplishment was getting our well on the property. During one of my trips as I drove up to our property I was

amazed to see people walking in from all different areas to get water. I had no clue that the need for water was so great. The need for spiritual water is just as great. Jesus said "all who thirst come to me" (John 7:37). As Christians we have some of the same needs; we become dry and parched if we're not drinking daily from Jesus. If we are constantly dehydrated, we can't pour Jesus into others. Do you hunger and thirst for his righteousness? Are you daily going back to that well to be refreshed? I am so thankful that we have the well in place, and one day we will be proclaiming the Living Water found in Jesus on that very property. God impressed one person to pay for the majority of the well! That investment is setting the stage for what we would like to accomplish with HRCH. It is taking care of a physical need and will in turn open the door to share Jesus. An investment by one who may never even go to Haiti will impact many people for Christ for years to come. Thank you for all your prayers and support.



**Matt Smithson, HRCH Missionary**

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*\*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, church or other organization.*

### **Meet T... What a Sweetie!**

T is one of the 120 children in the Leogane orphanage that HRCH works with. He is 5 years old with a big beautiful smile. He is not a big talker, but he has dimples that will melt your heart and the older children love him. T has been at the orphanage since the 2010 earthquake.



*- Please be praying for T as he will soon transition into a better home which God planned for him.*

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