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## God has Truly Blessed!

What a year for Hope Rising Children's Home in 2014 and a special *Thank You* goes to Matt & Cara Smithson, Andre, Pastor Ben, all the 2014 Serve Teams & Churches, Arkansas Baptist Missions Group, the Comstock family, Matt Ward, Allison Davis and the countless number of people who support HRCH. I would like to welcome the new 2015 HRCH Board members which includes Lee Tolleson, Lynn Ardemagni, Stephanie Rogers and David Etheridge. I would also like to thank Andrea Brunclik, who has been assisting Matt & Cara on the ground in Haiti. But most importantly, thanking God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for pouring out His blessing upon us while we are about His work. It is truly amazing, mind boggling and nothing short of a Miracle for what God has Done!

It is amazing how God would use us to do His work. Matt & Cara are truly on the front lines each and every day. It is up to us to support them and His work. Let us not forget this and raise them up daily in prayer and in supplication before the Throne of God. We are to support them with all of our might and soul asking for God's guidance, protection and provision for all we/He is doing. Life in Haiti is hard, as Matt & Cara can testify, and we have all witnessed. I would like to remind each and every one of us about the blessings of God and His promises. He never said that it was going to be easy, rather just the opposite that we would be persecuted by the world. Remember that He has blessed us that we may be a blessing to others and that others may see God thru us.

As we look into the year of our Lord 2015, let us not look back but rather forward to the task set before us. We will face opposition and difficulties, but let us remember that He is stronger than he that is in the world. Let us ever be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is busy about the Father's work and thus so should we. The Father will magnify His Holy Name and make His presence known unto all mankind.

*Robert D. Hill,*  
HRCH Board President

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## Coming in 2015...

If you haven't heard the exciting news, here it is.... The first children's pod at HRCH will be built in 2015. We are beyond excited to finally make HRCH a Children's Home with your help. The cost for one pod that will house up to 12 children is \$40,000. We need your help to make this happen!

If you feel led to be a part of this exciting opportunity, please send your tax deductible gift to HRCH, PO Box 200, Lavaca AR 72941 or donate at [hrch.org](http://hrch.org). Please designate your gift as "Hope Pod".



## Full-time Help Needed:

Hope Rising is growing and looking for another individual, married couple or family to join us in-country, full-time. Please be in prayer with us as the Lord chooses whom He desires.

Job Title: Hope Team House Manager(s):

This position will be responsible for overseeing and managing short term mission team relations while in-country and the Hope Team House facility.

Please send any questions or inquiries to Allison Davis at [allison.davis@hrch.org](mailto:allison.davis@hrch.org)

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## A Word From Our Missionary...

HRCH Family,

What an incredible year we've had in Haiti. Let me start by thanking all who have invested in the HRCH ministry. As you know, we can't do it without you. Here is a recap in brief fashion of the past year.

We were privileged to have around 20 teams in country with us. The teams worked in many different areas. Some concentrated on sharing the gospel with our local community and invested into believers to aid them as they grow as new believers. They also encouraged believers to share what God was doing in their life. Other groups visited 3 orphan care facilities we work with. They brought joy to those that many have forgotten and brushed aside. I am reminded in Isaiah 43 where he is gathering his sons and daughters from all over for the purpose of bringing God Glory. God hasn't forgotten them. I pray we bring Him glory as we minister to those children he created. We also had construction going on this year. Several worked making things from church pews to cabinets. They all make it possible for us to share the gospel in Haiti. I can't personally thank the teams enough for coming to serve. We are seeing fruit!

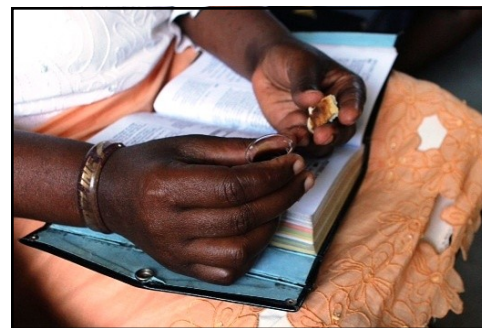
I am so pleased to share that over 50 people have accepted Christ and many attend our church *HOPE RISING FELLOWSHIP*. Our local church is a place the community can worship freely not bound by the legalism that is so common in Haiti. We have many services each week that around 100 people attend. All services are Christ centered, much like yours back home. We have also had the first communion service; it was a special time. The Pastor's wife prepared the bread that morning. It was a bit different than ours in the US. It was large and had to be broken apart. This is how I envision it was when Jesus broke the bread and gave it his disciples. What a special service. Churches have two ordinances to implement, one is Communion and the other is Baptism and we have been privileged to see that as well. We have currently baptized 8 believers. It was a great morning. As each baptism was completed it was followed by a song. We are so honored to see God bless us with believers following God's commands.



The longer I am in Haiti the more I see people that are hurting for various reasons. Most revolve around financial problems. Since so many people struggle to have food and pay for the other necessities of life we implemented a program to provide money, which is about 40 US dollars to those couples who wish to marry. Our goal in this is to show the importance of marriage and family. We believe God honors marriage. It is our prayer that God will bless this effort allowing many couples to serve him fully without any reason for reservation.

Isaiah tells in chapter 61 of the same book that he was sent to preach good tidings to the poor, heal the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to captives, open the prison of those bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the lord, to all who mourn, and give a garment of praise for heaviness so they will be called trees of righteousness. This is our goal. We are preaching to the poor, binding up the broken hearted, proclaiming that today is the day of salvation and Haitians are exchanging the sorrows of this life that they may glorify God and be shining lights to all around. Thank you for everything you do. Nothing is too small or of less importance. It takes all of us working together.

Blessings to you,  
Matt Smithson, HRCH Missionary



## HRCH for the Holidays



During the holiday season, HRCH participated in two local Holiday Markets within Arkansas. It was a great opportunity to help Haitian merchants by selling their hand-made merchandise, as well as fundraise and promote awareness for Hope Rising Children's Home.

A special "thank-you" to Allison Davis and Cara Smithson for making these events successful. Almost \$1200 was raised!



### 2015 Hope Teams

January 26th-February 2nd FBC Dewitt

February 6th-14th FBC Lavaca

March 21st-28th

John Spore/Mountain Home Youth Group

May 31st-June 7th

Michael Bowman Group

June 5th-12th Union Valley Beebe

June 26th-July 3rd Connection Church

Interested in going to Haiti?

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