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### Update on "All Things New"

Many of you may be aware of Hope Rising's recent situation in attempting to partner with another missionary organization, All Things New - and in addition, providing care for their 19 orphaned children. After many months of negotiations and prayerful consideration - this partnership, regretfully, is not going to take place and the 19 children have moved to another location under the supervision of All Things New.

Please be aware that our first responsibility at Hope Rising is to always give, not receive; to open our facilities to children whose world would otherwise be closed off to the safety and security of knowing a nurturing and loving environment and to recognize that true service of others almost always involves true sacrifice of self.

In the end, our call at Hope Rising is to fully love children while we have them and accept the costs we may incur as worth it for the gain they may receive. This is nothing more than what Jesus has done for us. He joyfully laid down His own life so that we might know the immeasurable worth of being fully and unconditionally loved in Him.

Orphan care is a beautiful expression of the Gospel. It demands a selfless, costly and potentially painful love for the sake of a child gaining much as you willingly give all. As we labor to love with the love we ourselves have received from Jesus, we do with many uncertainties and unknowns, but with the confidence of one guarantee - it's always worth it. Always! We can't let the fear of loving a child who might leave deter us; we must let the fear of a child never knowing love drive us.

Thank you for your understanding in this delicate matter. We would appreciate your prayers during this difficult transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Grace and Peace,
Allison Davis,
Executive Director

#### What's next for HRCH?

As Hope Rising prepares to add Missionary staff and begin accepting orphans, we are excited to begin planning and preparing to have a school available for both the orphans as well as the community. Students of our school will have the opportunity to be taught American-based school curriculum. Please pray for our Missionaries and our Board as we move forward with next steps. If you would like to help fund the purchase of the school curriculum, you can donate online at <a href="https://www.hrch.org">www.hrch.org</a> or you can mail a check to PO Box 200 Lavaca, AR 72941.

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#### **Article from HRCH Board President**

Writing this introductory article, or any article for that matter, does not come easy for me as I am a man of few words. By means of introduction, I am a father of four, papa to five and a surgeon who has been practicing in Mountain Home, AR since 1989. I grew up as the youngest of three boys in the small central Kansas town of Sterling. Jesus found me at Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp in the summer of 1973 before I even knew I was lost. I went to a small Christian college where three wonderful things happened: I grew in my new found relationship with the Lord through discipleship and gained a true understanding of what He had done for me. I found the love of my life ... my wife Cheryl. And, I found my life's calling in medicine.

Our relationship with HRCH began about 4 years ago when our church, Eastside Baptist, began looking for a new mission opportunity. Several HRCH Board members came to share the vision of the ministry and a small group from our church went to Haiti the following May. I don't think any of us had ever been so miserable on a mission trip before... four out of five of us returned home sick. But the need in Haiti was so acute and overwhelming, so ripe for a GOD sized intervention that we felt the call demanded a response. To have our fellowship part of such a work of God has been nothing short of amazing. To see things come about that only God could accomplish is plain addictive.

God is at work in Haiti... those of you who have been know this to be true. While God has accomplished much in such a short time through the tireless efforts of Matt and Cara, their kids, and the countless teams they have hosted and cared for, there is still much to be done. The property is fenced, the wells drilled, the mission house, guest house, church (now running about 100 in attendance on Sunday), along with the first two kid pods are all finished. God has blessed us with the ability to care for up to 24 kids. Soon, the cafeteria will be completed and we hope to break ground on the school. Plans are in place for an employee nursery, an additional missionary family to aid in the work, and for a medical clinic or possible small hospital.

In closing, I want to sincerely thank those who had the vision, faith and courage to start this ministry. God is at work in Haiti and words simply cannot capture just how exciting it is to be part of it. The HRCH board would like to thank all of the HRCH family for your support and wants to invite you on the journey... hope to see you in Haiti soon!

John Spore, HRCH Board President

## HRCH Van Is Ready to Ship!

And yes, that is a riding lawnmower in there! Thanks to everyone who has made this happen. Special thanks to Rye Hill Baptist Church for the donation of the van. If you would like to donate to help with shipping costs and customs fees, you can do so at <a href="https://www.hrch.org/donate-now/">www.hrch.org/donate-now/</a>

# **Coming Soon...**

We have started construction on the Cafeteria! This is not just a cafeteria, but will also be utilized as a multipurpose building for team clinics, kids day camps, and community events.





#### 2016 Hope Teams

March 31 - April 7 First Baptist Church, Batesville April 16-23 First Baptist, Lavaca May 6-15 **Eastside Baptist, Mountain Home** May 15-20 Lakepointe Church, Rockwall, TX May 27 - June 3 First Baptist Church, Searcy June 3-13 First Baptist Church, Wynne June 4-10 ATN, LaGrange, GA June 11-16 ATN, Christs Church, FL

Contact Allison at 479-965-6163 today to find out how you can make a difference in Haiti.