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## Hope Beyond the Grave

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live".*

John 11:25

For those who may not know - our longtime faithful employee, Andre Mettellus, unexpectedly passed away. The older we become, the more the question gnaws away at us: Is there life after death?

The death of Andre has been hard for everyone. Sorrow is a natural part of the grieving process. Ecclesiastes 3:4 says, there is *"a time to weep, and a time to laugh"*. Death brings great sadness. Death even brought tears to the eyes of Jesus when His friend Lazarus died. Of course, we know there is life beyond the grave for Christians. We know that life is not limited to this time on Earth, and that our stay on this planet is temporary. Even so, it is only natural to feel sorrow and loss for a Christian who has died.

When the apostle Paul's friend Epaphroditus fell gravely ill, Paul wrote: *"Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow"* (Philippians 2:27). Even Paul could hardly bear the thought of being separated from his friend by death.

As believers, we know we will see Andre again in heaven. That is God's great gift to us. His Son Jesus personally intervened and turned death into victory. The writer of Hebrews put it like this: *"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying"*. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

Until we meet again Andre....

(Andre leaves behind a wife and 4 children. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to donate to Andre's family - you may do so online at [www.hrch.org](http://www.hrch.org). Please reference that it is for Andre's family.)

Grace and Peace,  
Allison Davis,  
Executive Director



## 2016 Hope Teams

July 19-July 25: FBC Fordyce, AR

July 22-30: Lakepointe Church, Rockwall, TX - Sports Camp

July 30-August 6: Northpark Baptist, Van Buren, AR

July 30-August 6: Love Feeds Our World Organization

August 4- 9: FBC Lavaca, AR

September 6-12: Manley Baptist Church, Morristown, TN

September 16-23: White Hall Baptist Church, White Hall, AR

September 24-October 1: Lakepointe Baptist Church,  
Rockwall, TX Medical Team

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## Hope for Haiti's Future Through the Children

We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to the children under Hope Rising's care. We now have 7 precious children and are in need of \$40/month sponsors. It takes several sponsorships for each child to meet all of their needs. If you haven't already committed to a child, please prayerfully consider doing so. More information on each child is available on our website.

**Malachi:** 3 months old. His Mom died a few days after giving birth and his Dad was unable to care for an infant. Our first child and what a joy!

**Nerlande:** age 2. Her mom died a year ago and her Dad left the baby with an aunt. She came to us severely malnourished. Nerlande has come a long way, but is still very small for her age.

**Jessica:** age 4. Jessica is Nerlande's sister. She was living with her Dad and he made it clear that he no longer wanted to care for her. Because of the severe malnourished state of her sister and the fact that we didn't want the sisters separated, we agreed to take her.

**Myline:** age 6. Her Mom died and was given to a friend to raise, but she recently passed away. Her personality is beginning to show. She can be sweet and feisty in just a matter of seconds.

**Dieuphny:** age 7. Both of Dieuphny's parents have died. His older brother was left to care for him along with 7 other siblings & cousins. His brother couldn't handle caring for all of them. 5 of the 8 children are under our care.

**Fritzson:** age 9. His Mom died and they were left with an aunt to raise who recently passed away. The oldest cousin was unable to care for the 8 children under her care. He's all smiles, but always up to something.

**Mykerson:** age 7. Mykerson is Fritzson's brother. The cousin that was taking care of them couldn't take care of all 8 children under his care. He visits when he can, which we encourage.

*"With many hands, the load is not heavy"*  
*Haitian Creole Proverb*



## Hope Rising School In Progress

One of our greatest casualties of the 2010 earthquake is the thousands of children robbed of their future..no longer able to attend school. Over 200,000 children still remain out of school. Starvation, violence and untold stories of abuse and child slavery have stolen much from these innocent children. One would be excused for assuming that the only way to wrestle back their stolen future would be response in kind; however, there is another way.

What began recently as some fun and games, learning activities and informal English classes will soon grow into a full-fledged school-The Hope Rising Christian Academy offering English, math, science, art and geography five days a week. Instead of losing all hope for an education, these children will be learning, growing and dreaming again in a caring, Christian environment.



You can be a part of changing the course of Haiti's history. Your sponsorship will help us to educate these children. The school will serve the Leogane community as well as the HRCH children. Donations are needed to purchase supplies and furniture. We also need sponsors for the children to attend. A \$60/month sponsorship will pay for their school, uniform, supplies, teacher's salary and 2 meals a day (most children don't get 1 meal a day). If you are willing to be a sponsor, go to [www.hrch.org/donate-now](http://www.hrch.org/donate-now) to donate.