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Hope Rising Christian Academy is growing

God is doing some amazing things at Hope Rising Christian Academy! We are finishing our first year and we have many things to be thankful for. God has provided generous sponsors for our community kids to receive not only a first rate education, but also a strong spiritual foundation that they will be able to share with their families. This coming year we are adding more classes, so we have need of additional sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a school child, please see our webpage for details.

God has also provided godly, dedicated teachers for our students. We are so thankful for them! This coming year we are adding classes, so we have need of three teachers. This is a one-year commitment. Please join us in praying as God leads those He has chosen to HRCA. Serving as a teacher here changes the lives of not only the students, but the teacher as well. We are very excited about what God has planned for the future of HRCA!

*Blessings,
Andi Lunsford
HRCH Missionary*



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2017 Hope Teams

April 10-16	Erika McKelvey, Universole, SC
April 29-May 2	Lakepointe Church, Rockwall, TX
May 5-12	Hot Springs Baptist, Hot Springs, AR
May 25-June 1	First Baptist Church, Searcy, AR
May 27-June 3	First Baptist Church, Maumelle, AR
June 9-16	White Hall Baptist Church, White Hall, AR
June 18-24	Wesley Chapel, West Virginia
June 23-30	First Baptist Church, Beebe, AR

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart" 2 Cor. 4:1

Amazon needs list...

We will be shipping a large container with supplies in May. Hope Rising is registered with Amazon for a wish list of needed supplies. Please consider helping by going to

<http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/1XDMCOWQ4LMEE>

Items needed start as low as \$9. When you check out it will have the address for shipping. **Deadline for shipping is May 1st.**

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What's it like to be a teacher at Hope Rising?

I am the kindergarten teacher here at Hope Rising Christian Academy or somedays better known as a referee, friend, reading partner, mom, encourager, cracker-giver, prayer warrior, snotty-nose wiper, disciplinarian and tooth brush holder... I have 9 students from different Haitian backgrounds. 3 students live here and 6 are from the community with varying home situations.

Right now, I most enjoy hearing the verses and songs the students have memorized over the past school year. These students came to Hope Rising speaking hardly any English and now are able to follow along with their Abeka teacher.

The hardest part of my job is watching students get frustrated when they can't do something exactly as they wish they could. Disappointment can come in the form of tears, fists, or silence all depending on the student and situation. All of us experience emotions when we are frustrated, but walking through it with kids who are learning how to feel appropriately is hard.

I have a class-full of trouble making perfectionists who are learning how to respect and love God, themselves and others. We are learning together how we can choose every action, word and thought that will be pleasing to God. It is a rollercoaster, but I wouldn't trade this time with these kiddos for anything. He is growing us into people ready to change the world for His glory. Whether that is here in this little red school or abroad, I trust God is authoring beautifully detailed stories in the midst of the ordinary moments of HRCA school days.

Shelby Hardison
HRCA Teacher



Teachers Needed: We are adding classes and needing 3 more teachers for the 2017–18 school year. If you have a love for teaching children and watching God work in these precious lives here at Hope Rising, please consider applying. You can email Cara Smithson at cara.smithson@hrch.org for more information and an application. Your life will be changed forever!

Meet Our Interns

My name is Allison. I am from Columbus, OH and came to Haiti for the first time in 2013 and my heart was instantly connected to the country. I tried college, but God told me he had another plan. Another ministry connected me to a Facebook page for people looking for opportunities to serve in Haiti. Cara Smithson reached out to me and here I am! I teach English to second graders.

It's been a beautiful experience. It's amazing to witness the growth and healing in the hearts of the children. Madame Claude, a house mom, is a sweet older woman who is special to me. I was sharing with the children about my parents and she was listening as I struggled with my Creole. I never knew my father, but I knew he was not a nice person. Madame Claude turned to me and told me God was my real father and He would protect me. As a missionary there's a perception that we're the ones who bless the community; however, truth is the community blesses us. Please continue to pray for the missionaries and ministry here at Hope Rising.

Allison

My name is Jenna Donavon and I'm from Brookfield, IL. I applied for an internship here, because Hope Rising is a wonderful organization that serves the beautiful people of Haiti. This is my second internship. I served for 3 months with another organization prior to HRCH. I teach 1st grade and some after school tutoring for some of the kids who struggle in school. I also coach volleyball to local missionary and community kids.

One of my most meaningful experiences is seeing the growth in the children here. Hearing them vocalize their dependence and love for God in every situation. There is a boy named Dieuphny and whenever a problem occurs in or out of class, he prays vigorously to God. After the problem is resolved he immediately praises God! The Bible talks about a "childlike faith", but to see and hear it is so amazing. He has taught me to not only take the big things to God, but also the small things. I am so thankful to be able to serve here. Thank you Hope Rising for allowing me to live, learn and grow here. God is moving in Leogane, Haiti!

Jenna

