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Greetings from Haiti,

We are so thankful for your continued prayers as we minister to our local community and kids here at Hope Rising. As you know, we have many ministries that we run in an effort to present the message of Jesus Christ. Reflecting back to when we started planning what Hope Rising would look like many years ago, I can remember thinking that it seemed a near impossible project. However, God has lead us down a road, at times different than we had planned, and opened doors for us to expand our reach here in Haiti. Our goals included: an orphan care facility with a feeling of home, a school where kids can receive Christian based teaching, a church that has sound biblical teaching, and a place for teams to come and serve with us. We have been privileged to accomplish these.

Now, we are looking to the future for the last piece of the original vision from God. I am so excited to have the opportunity to announce that we are raising funds to build the medical & dental clinic. As you can imagine, life in Haiti is very hard and having the ability to access medical and dental care is expensive, if even available. For that reason, we see the clinic as a vital component to the ministry of Hope Rising. The clinic will offer medical & dental care, lab, x-ray, pharmacy, malnutrition care, and facilities for outpatient surgery. Please partner with us in prayer as we know this will be a great avenue to continue sharing the gospel with those in our area.

Nothing is more important to Hope Rising than reaching those without Christ. If you are reading this, we graciously ask you to consider supporting this project so that we can reach our goal of completion this year.

*Matt Smithson,
HRCH Missionary*

2017 Hope Teams

July 1-7	Centennial Fellowship Church White Hall, AR
July 2-8	Lakepointe Church & Elevate Her Rockwall, TX
July 14-23	Lakepointe Church, Rockwall, TX
July 23-30	FB Church, Winnfield, LA
July 27-Aug 2	Manley Baptist, Morristown, TN
Aug 4-11	Hot Springs Baptist Church Hot Springs, AR
Sept 15-22	First Baptist Church, White Hall, AR

If your church is interested in bringing a team to Hope Rising, we'd love to have you. There's always a need for God's people to serve here. Contact Cara at cara.smithson@hrch.org for more information.

Teacher Needed: Hope Rising Academy is still needing 1 more teacher for the 2017-18 school year. If you have a love for teaching children and watching God work in these precious lives here, please consider applying. Email Cara at cara.smithson@hrch.org for more



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A Container Full Of Joy

Well, never in our wildest dreams did we think that the donations asked for would pour in like they did. Yes, we should have known...HRCH supporters have always been willing to send what we need when we need it. It was unbelievably wonderful! Your generosity was overwhelming. We had 2 tractors, a motor cycle, furniture for the school, orphanage and the Lunsford's home, school supplies, household items, file cabinets, food, used books to start a library, clothing, baby supplies, medicine, outdoor playground sets, sturdy trash cans, and much, much more donated. Every single thing (down to toilet paper!) will be used. We shipped a 40 foot container; the largest you can ship. The fact that it all fit with room to spare was incredible. No one, even an expert that works with containers thought it would all go, but it did. The donation value was over \$65,000! Words can't express our gratitude to you all.

*Thank you much,
The Lunsford's & Smithson's*



Our First Kindergarten Graduation

Just look at these happy smiles! What a special day this was at Hope Rising Academy, not only for the children, but for the staff as well. Who would have thought that just a couple of years ago we would have our school up and running. The only word to describe it is **AMAZING**. God continues to bless His ministry here. The Academy continues through the summer lending to the occasional week here and there for vacation. We also have summer teams that provide fun camps to keep the children engaged and connected. We look forward to the next school year with great anticipation for what God will do.



MK Corner...New Kid on the Block

Hi, my name is Morgan and yes, I'm the new MK here at Hope Rising. Being an MK is a huge blessing to me. I am so happy God brought my family to Haiti. I love living in a different culture and having new experiences. Working with the kids is both a challenge and a blessing, but it is mainly like having a bunch of new little brothers and sisters. I am fortunate to have many new and different types of friends, both Haitian and missionary. There are several people my age and we have a great bible study every week. There are some differences living here: food, language, and culture are very different, but in a good way. Also, homeschool is a new experience, although getting out at noon is great! There are some things I miss at home, like my family, church friends, and our youth praise band, but I wouldn't trade this experience for anything!

