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Hello from Haiti...

As always, we are extremely grateful for your prayers and financial support. God has blessed us with many ministries and it is awesome to see Him at work in this community. This was our family's first summer experience at Hope Rising and it was eventful. We want to thank each mission team for taking the time to come and serve with us. Without you, none of this would be possible. Collectively, we are in this together. We appreciate your time, service, hard work and friendship and we look forward to serving with you in the future. Ephesians 2:21-22

Please continue to pray for our Sports Ministry. Currently, we are ministering to 150 children and youth each week (6-20 yrs. old). Pray that we can build relationships with the players and coaches. I'm particularly excited about our Monday night boys team. We have about 35 on the roster, ages ranging from 10-14 yrs. old. Most of these boys are locals, so I get to see them often and keep my eyes on them. Thank you to everyone who has sent donations, cleats, uniforms, balls, air pumps, and many other items our sports ministry has needed. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity.



During the week, I also have the privilege to help Pastor Lucky lead a Men's bible study. Since I am a firm believer in the importance of small groups, I am really excited about this group of men. Currently, we are working through "Honor Begins at Home", a study based on the movie "Courageous". Please pray for these men as they strive to be a leader in their homes, church and community. Joshua 24:15.

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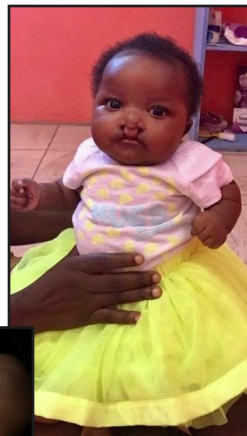
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Ghislaine Bruman - Celebration of Life

April 27, 2017 - September 5, 2017

Ghislaine, your time with us was much too short in our human thinking, but all too perfect in Gods. We grieve you not being here with us, but celebrate that you are now in your Father's arms. You have brought so much joy to so many people and you are loved. This is not "goodbye", but merely "see you later". Our sweet Ghislaine, you will never be forgotten here.

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How can I PRAY for Hope Rising?

1. Pray for the upcoming marriage retreat, hosted by Hope Rising, October 6-8th. Pray that the 12 missionary couples attending will be refreshed and renewed in their marriages and their ministries, and that they will learn to recognize the attacks of the enemy and gain weapons to defend against him. Pray that those leading the conference will be sensitive to what God would have them say and do.
2. Pray for the Smithson's and Lunsford's as they spend time in the states before the holidays. Pray they will be able to rest and be refueled for their work in Haiti as they reunite with family and friends.
3. Pray for all of Hope Rising staff and children as they are still learning to live with the void left by Ghislaine's step into heaven. Pray they would be comforted by the Holy Spirit during the difficult times.
4. Pray that God would lead another American teacher to Hope Rising Christian Academy.
5. Pray about how YOU can become more involved in the mission of Hope Rising... GIVE, GO, SPONSOR, PRAY?



MK Corner... New Entrepreneur in Town

For those of you that know Dean Smithson, this will be no surprise. He has started his own business in Haiti complete with business cards! Dean is the most creative, hardworking, innovative 13 year old you'll ever meet. Give him a project and he's on it (much like his Dad). His work ethic is next to none. He also has personality, wit and charm galore. His aunt swears he'll be on Shark Tank one of these days!

Dean's business is "Dean's Woodworking". He makes several items: Mortar/Pestle sets ranging from \$15-\$25, Bowls starting at \$5, Cups starting at \$7. Dean says the Mortar/Pestle sets are his best selling item.

Hope Rising has an employee that cuts a tree on his property and brings the wood to Dean to create his merchandise. His catch phrase: "I Turn It, You Buy It".

If you are coming down and would like to order something to take back, Dean asks that you give him 2 weeks' notice. You can order through his mom, Cara at cara.smithson@hrch.org or message her on Facebook.

What a great Missionary Kid!



2017 Hope Teams

OCT 6-12	Marriage Retreat (7-9) Team Copes, Jones, and Irvin
OCT 14-18	Lakepointe Church
OCT 20-27	Current Gaines
NOV 1-5	Mountain Home
NOV 6-11	Lakepointe Church
NOV 15-24	Universole
DEC 19-23	Fordyce
DEC 21-27	Pitillos

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.

Our Needs List



We will keep an updated list of ongoing needs via Amazon. You can purchase directly from Amazon and it will be shipped to a stateside address, and then sent to Hope Rising. [LINK to AMAZON HRCH NEEDS LIST](#)

