

The Hudson's Story...How God called us Hope Rising

Dean and I have been married 32 years and have 7 children between us. We are both retired from a family nursing home in Calico Rock, AR started by his grandparents. We never expected God had another plan for us.

Our home church in Arkansas has been making mission trips to HRCH for several years. I knew God wanted me to go. A trip was planned for December of 2016 and I had a friend going. I left the church telling Dean that it looked like I would be going, too. I was excited and he was very supportive, but had no desire to go himself. The trip was postponed three times. We finally went in March. I knew immediately that God was calling me to Hope Rising. I talked it over with a friend, but didn't share with Dean. If God was calling me He would call Dean, too. My friends said they would pray for us. It was hard leaving knowing my heart was here.

Once home I asked Dean if he would go the next time. "No" was his firm answer. Our report was presented to the church two weeks later. Dean said he wanted to make the next trip. I was floored and thrilled! I asked 5 ladies in my Bible study group to pray with me about this. I wanted God's will above all else.

We were planning a trip when Dean said he wanted to talk to me. He said "I believe God wants us to move to Haiti." He had no idea that God had already called me. He had been fighting the call, but God wouldn't let him go until he surrendered. We visited with Matt and Cara then talked to the board. They were agreeable so we started making plans to move to Haiti as full time volunteers.

Dean works as groundskeeper and maintenance. He gets to be around the kids and loves them. I do a co-op class for 2nd-5th grades, help grade papers, report cards and love the kids. I also work with Haitian ladies that make bags for an American shoe company.

If you feel led to pray for us, these are our specific prayer needs: that God provide the needs here, that we show Jesus' love in all we do, to tolerate the heat here, pray for our children family members. Being away from family is the hardest. We love the people we work with. I have an art piece for our home that says, "I am Satisfied". That says it all.

Joyce Hudson

Medical Clinic Underway!

Thanks to our supporters the much needed Medical/Dental Clinic is on it's way to becoming a reality. We are about 3 weeks out from having the walls up then another 2 to 3 weeks for the roof. Still a long way from completion, but God has this project moving!



GARAGE SALE



We are asking 30 people to take the "Garage Sale Challenge" to benefit Hope Rising Academy.

The challenge will run through June. Each person who accepts the challenge will receive a small information display as well as HRCH t-shirts!





BE A VOLUNTEER

Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Do you feel the Lord calling you to use your teaching talents somewhere around the world?

HRCA has a place for you! We are looking for people who are able to dedicate one school year to teaching our school. No experience or language is required, just a love for children and a flexible spirit! Visit our website at hrch.org to learn more.



Amazon Needs List

We still have a long list of needed supplies to fill the container with for Hope Rising. Many items can't be purchased in Haiti, or are too expensive to ship via mail. **Orders need to arrive by May 15th.** Click on the link below to purchase needed items for as little as \$4. Thank you for your support!

[Amazon Needs List for Hope Rising](#)

WHAT IS THE BEE PROJECT?

The Bee Project is a completely new adventure for Hope Rising. The current purpose is to raise bees for the use and sale of the honey and wax. After the hives are healthy enough, they also want to grow and separate them so that the trained beekeepers in the community can have bee hives at their homes as a means of income for their families. The bees are also a great benefit to the garden since they pollinate the plants.

Back in September of last year, a seminar on beekeeping was provided to 7 Hope Rising employees and church members. They received two hives initially, but ultimately exchanged them for 2 healthier hives in October. Regular inspections are performed every 10 days. The first honey extraction occurred on March 4th, and even though only one comb was ready, everyone was excited to have a small sweet taste of honey after so many months of work.

One of the beekeepers and HRCA teacher, Shelby, says *"I am enjoying the learning process of caring for the bees and I continue to be more amazed at how incredibly detailed God made bees to work"*.



2018 Hope Teams

- April 23-27 Wesley Chapel
- April 28-May 2 Lakepointe team
- May 16-18 Lakepointe video team
- May 24-May 31 FBC Searcy
- June -2-8 FBC Winnfield
- June 2-10 FBC Lavaca
- June 10-17 FBC Hot Springs
- June 19-25 Cornerstone Baptist
- June 29-July 6 White Hall Baptist

If your church is interested in coming to serve at Hope Rising, please contact carakay.copes@hrch.org

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