

A Family For Every Child

"A family for every child" is the new motto of child services in Haiti and has always been God's plan for children from the beginning. I love the Haitian Creole translation of Psalm 68:6: it is translated; "people who are without a family, God will give them a family." You may know the English translation as "God sets the solitary in families" and this is what God has been revealing to us since we started our orphan care ministry. We just didn't know how to make it happen or where to start until now. I would like to briefly share our new vision and plan for transition with you and encourage you to reach out to me personally with any questions. Our desire is to see each child that comes into our children's home end up with a permanent family. This could be reunification with biological family, integration into a foster family, or even with a national family wanting to adopt. Hope Rising Fellowship will play a huge role in finding quality families to care for kids. We have a thorough application process for the families as well as great training from the US that has been translated into Creole. We want to see the children stay in our community where they can continue being involved in everything Hope Rising has to offer: school, healthcare, sports, and church. We already have 2 success stories with biological reunification and are in the process of our first foster to adopt family. The transition will be a slow one and we would ask that you be praying for our staff and kids as we not only seek the Lord, but wait on Him to give direction concerning each specific child. Hope Rising Children's Home will continue to be a temporary safe haven for children needing to be rescued from neglect, abuse, or corrupt orphanages. Taking in children from situations like these is always very difficult. They will need time to heal before they can be placed into a family and our staff will need prayers daily to persevere with them. We realize this is all very different from what the original vision of Hope Rising Children's Home was 7 years ago, but we know that as Christians we have to be ready to change directions when God moves us and it is clear that this is what He wants for these children. We not only want to be obedient to God in this but obedient to the Haitian government's goals of "a family for every child".

God's Grace,
Cara Smithson

*These are some of the families
that have been reunified...*



Medical/Dental Clinic is READY!

After weeks of dedicated construction workers and teams, and through continued generous donations and prayers, the Hope Rising Medical & Dental clinic is ready to use. The first medical team arrived on September 30th to begin meeting the needs of our children and our community. THANK YOU to each of you who donated and prayed with us as God made this clinic possible.





Hope Rising Marathon Reminder:

The 20th Annual Midsouth Marathon and Half-Marathon held in Wynne, AR on November 3, 2018 will be sponsored by Hope Rising! This is a huge opportunity to spread the word about HRCH. If you are interested in becoming a corporate or individual sponsor, please contact Cara Kay Copes at carakay.copes@hrch.org. For more information on the marathon or to register as a runner, please go to www.hrch.org and click on the Marathon link on the home page.



Attention Sponsors:

Christmas gifts must be placed in the mail no later than October 24th in order to ensure arrival by Christmas. This year, please send only 1 gift per sponsor and, to avoid duplication, request approval for your gift in advance from cara.smithson@hrch.org. Also, don't forget to donate online or by check to cover any customs fees for your shipped gift.

Family Fridays at HRCA

We are excited to announce that we have started a new program at Hope Rising Christian Academy, Family Fridays. Every Friday, Jeff and I go visit the families of a few students. We go to their homes, we take them a loaf of homemade bread, and we sit and visit with them. We ask them about their families, we talk about school, and we ask them how we can pray for them. We have received a variety of prayer request, such as: a request for money to pay for a marriage license, help to fix a leaky roof, prayers for mothers to stay close to God, and prayers for children to follow the Lord in all things and be successful in school. Fridays are quickly becoming our favorite time of the week because of this special time we are spending getting to know our families. If you would like to follow the Family Friday story, you can read our blogs on the webpage. If you would like to be involved, you can join us in prayer for the requests the families make. You can also give towards a specific need if God prompts you to do so. Just go to hrch.org and make a one-time donation, making note of the family it is for.



Blessings,
Andi Lunsford

2018 Hope Teams

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

Sept 30- Oct 6, Eastside Baptist, Mountain Home, AR
Oct 13-18, LakePointe Church, Rockwall, TX
Oct 22-27, Family Church, Pine Bluff, AR
Oct 27 - Nov 4, Gap Relief, Team-NWA
Nov 2-9, Current Gaines, AR Baptist Assoc.
Dec 19-24, FBC Fordyce, AR
Dec. 26 - Jan 1, Manley Baptist Church, Morristown, TN
Jan 11-18, Dewitt Baptist Church, Dewitt, AR

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