

A Privilege To Serve

The 2010 earthquake in Haiti changed a lot of lives, not just in Haiti. A group from our association in Northeast Arkansas made our first trip to the Arkansas compound in November of that year. Our job was to do construction, although none of us are carpenters. I am a certified public accountant. We have returned to Haiti each year since.

In 2014, we were told of Hope Rising Children's Home, and the work being done there. We made arrangements to go. The church was up and going and the guest house was under construction, so we spent our week building pews, putting in ceilings, and doing other tasks in the church, while staying with the Smithson's in their home.

Since then, our team has returned to HRCH annually, and Matt always has found work for us to do, in or outside of the church, building a shop building, adding on to the sports complex, putting ceilings in the medical clinic, or working on the kid's homes. We have seen the compound transformed into what it is today.

But, that isn't what making this trip is really about. It is about serving. It is about living out what God has called each of us to do. I know God doesn't call us all to serve in the same areas of ministry. But I do know He calls us to do "something". Hope Rising is one of the somethings for me.

And once there, I saw immediately that there was something special going on. That is why we sponsor a child. That is why I go back each year. That is why, when asked, I agreed to begin serving on the board almost two years ago. That is why I will humbly serve as President of the Hope Rising Children's Home board in 2019.

My prayer is that, with the help of our entire board, the missionaries in country, the teams who will travel to HRCH in 2019, the many faithful donors, and most of the all with the Lord's leadership, we will continue to see children and families reached for the Lord. I believe we have just scratched the surface of what the Lord wants to do. With the church, the orphanage, the school, and now the medical clinic, the possibilities are endless. Please join me in praying, giving, and going. Together, we can continue to make a difference for the glory of God.

Mike Vinson
Board President



First HRCH Foster Family

It has been so amazing to watch God bring this family together. The church dedication of this couple's new family was such a celebration of His provision; not just for the children, but for this couple who has been through so much. Alandia, Alandie and their brother Moise now all together with Christian parents. A true celebration.





Christmas at Hope Rising

We had a wonderful Christmas at Hope Rising! Thank you to all our sponsors who love, pray, and support our kids all year long. May God bless your families in the coming year.

Happy New Year!

It is a privilege to be able to share with you and give a brief update. I am excited for what God has in store in 2019 at Hope Rising. All those we minister with in Haiti and in the United States look with anticipation knowing it is no accident the plans he has for us. We continue to serve Christ proclaiming his name, encouraging one another. Some changes have happened over the past year at Hope Rising Fellowship. Pastor Lukie is no longer with us; please pray for him and our church as we transition to a new pastor. Pastor Mondiesier has been helping us over the past 6 months helping to teach Sunday School teachers and has done a great job. He is stepping in filling the gap. God is always in control knowing what and when we need things. Another change is a Hope Rising Fellowship Church Facebook page. We hope to have our morning services broadcast allowing church members and teams to stay connected. New for 2019 is construction of a new Sunday School space connected to the main auditorium. It will provide much needed space for meeting. We are continuing our blessing house ministry to those in need in our church and community, our feeding ministry and other programs will continue. I am reminded each day how blessed we are. Please continue to pray with us and for us. It is a blessing to have brothers and sisters united praying God's word for us in 2019.

Pastor Matt

2019 Hope Teams

- Jan 11-18: Dewitt Baptist Church, Dewitt, AR
- Jan 21-26: Lakepointe Church Construction Team, Rockwall, TX
- Feb 16-22: Lakepointe Church, Rockwall, TX
- March 15-21: Fordyce Baptist, Fordyce, AR
- March 24- April 1: Independence Baptist Association

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