

Greetings,

Let me begin by wishing each of you a very blessed new year. I would like to take a moment to thank all who visited, gave and prayed for HRCH this past year. As many of you know 2019 was marked by unrest that crippled the country and left the people of Haiti scrambling to survive. Not since the earthquake in 2010 has the county seen such difficult times. As a result, the economy of Haiti is experiencing negative growth and double-digit inflation. These difficulties have not been isolated to just Government but to individuals, businesses, schools and even Hope Rising. This instability has reduced the number of teams that visit which impacts our work. In addition to providing hands-on support, team visits also financially offset the operating cost of HRCH. Despite this difficult situation Hope Rising has continued to provide our current programs and even opened Hope Rising Christian Clinic. The Clinic provides Christ based medical care 3 days a week. This is only accomplished through the abundant blessings of our Heavenly Father.

As we begin 2020 we are facing many challenges. While things have calmed a bit in Haiti we are challenged with inflated prices on all items. Politically, the country has deferred elections that are necessary to move forward, and economically all businesses and ministries are struggling. We also face spiritual challenges of discouraged men and women who wonder where God is and why He is allowing all this. For all these reasons I ask for your prayers:

- Pray that God will show himself real to the discouraged
- Pray for those who desire to destroy Haiti... that they will be rebuked and allow God to change things in Haiti
- Pray for our board of directors as we navigate this difficult time
- Prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry of HRCH this year. It is through your continued support that HRCH operates.

With your prayers and support we look forward to continuing to serve God and the people within our community in Haiti. Many years ago our church in the US adopted a prayer promise found in Ephesians 3:20-21. That promise is still true and we still believe He is able to do more than we can even ask or think and through that blessing the Church will be glorified. That is my prayer for our HRCH family and yours.

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Blessings, Matt Smithson





The kids had a WONDERFUL Christmas! "Thank You" to all of the sponsors who donated gifts to make their day so special.



ATTENTION DONORS:

Thank you SO MUCH for your generosity to Hope Rising last year. Year End Giving Statements will be mailed to your address on file before the end of January.

If you do not receive a statement, or if you wish to inquire about a discrepancy, please reach out to carakay.copes@hrch.org

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Upcoming HRCH Hope Teams:

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If you are interested in coming to serve at Hope Rising in 2020, please send your inquiry to cara.smithson@hrch.org

