



2017 Annual Report/2018 Forecast

Child Hope

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we begin 2018, CHI rejoices over many great things happening in Haiti, enabled by your generosity and support. We share this report to highlight a few of the successes experienced in 2017!

We are also excited to share how God is directing us to be even more effective in our call to ***provide care for orphans and hope for families*** in 2018 and beyond. Through deliberate and careful efforts, we have seen that supporting God's design for family relationships better prepares children to become healthy, independent, successful adults.

Over the last months we've communicated forthright appeals, alerting you that Child Hope International was in financial distress. We were greatly encouraged by your response! While great progress has been made, additional support is necessary to properly fund several of the needs of the ministry.

We invite you to review this report and see the impact of your investments and respond as God leads you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

Blessings and Mesi Anpil!



Amanda Magnuson
US Director of Operations



VISION: provide
orphan care that
reduces the future
demand for orphan
care in Haiti



2017 AT A GLANCE

29 CHILDREN NURTURED

loved, spiritually disciplined, fed, clothed, sent to school, and attended worship services in our Boys and Girls Homes.

9 GRADUATES ASSISTED

with financial support for continuing their education and transitioning to independent living.

6 GRADUATES EMPLOYED

through our partnership with NouKod in Port au Prince! For our older youth we arranged job site visits, job training classes, and networking opportunities to prepare them for adulthood.

22 FAMILIES RECONNECTED

through the efforts of our social worker who found family members for most of our children. Under careful supervision, the kids were able to enjoy reconnecting with their families.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR HAITI DIRECTORS



Dear Supporters, Prayer Warriors, and Advocates,

As Risa and I reflect on 2017, it is our joy to share a few memorable moments from our first year as Directors of CHI in Haiti:

- We were visited by the Haiti National Police (in a good way!) The officers spent a day with us and encouraged the kids to always trust in God and the importance of teamwork and community.
- Professional staffing experts conducted a course in resume writing for our older youth in our new learning center.
- Our older kids volunteered at STEM camps (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), participated in journalism workshops, and were able to visit several businesses during field trips.
- Our kids got to visit a huge ship! The international missions ship “Logos Hope” gave our kids serving and ministry opportunities and access to literature in the largest floating library in the world.
- Gibson Absolut, a graduate, was able to finish high school and is now doing well at one of the top engineering colleges in Port Au Prince, enabled by continued support through generous donors. Gibson has been living independently for two years.
- We had another great Camp-in-a-Box. This year we invited local Pastors and Youth Pastors and watched these vital relationships grow.



Two stories highlight the impact Child Hope has had over the years and demonstrates the potential of our Family Hope program (the names are changed for their privacy):

Jean-Luc: When 3 years old, Jean-Luc was sick with tuberculosis and his father and aunt didn't know how to help him. Many had recommended they take him to the province to let him die. Thank God Bill and Sue Manassero and Child Hope provided a better option! Jean-Luc's family asked Child Hope to care for him and his health improved. Unfortunately, communication with his family was lost. This year, our social worker was able to find his family and arranged a monitored visit with his aunts and cousins. It had been four years since they had seen each other. It was very moving and touching reunion when they began praising God saying, "Surely this is a miracle!" The mission of our new program, Family Hope, is to cultivate these family relationships, where possible.



Fabiola: Fabiola was brought to Child Hope with troubled breathing and weak lungs. Her recovery was slow and took many years. Her mother was believed to be dead and the whereabouts of her family was unknown. In searching for her family members, our social worker found Fabiola's mother! We invited her mother and step dad to our first family photo shoot event. In awe, her mother watched her healthy and joyful daughter run and play! She kept saying in a soft voice, "Look at her run! She is running!" This mother and child reunion was a tremendous positive emotional step for both. As they held hands for their photos, we were reminded of God's command that we care for "widows and orphans in their distress."

We are thankful for you: our financial supporters, our praying intercessors and our advocates for the work of Child Hope. Without you, these beautiful moments of restoration and healing would not be possible. Risa and I are encouraged with 2017 and look forward to the new year!!

May God richly bless you and your family in 2018!

Sincerely,

Spencer & Risa Reeves
Haiti Directors of Operations



February



March



April



May



June



July



September



November



December

OUR PROGRAMS



The government of Haiti estimates that 80% of the 30,000 children in orphanages have at least one living parent. Poverty and lack of access to basic resources & education drive parents and caregivers to place their children in orphanages. Research shows that children raised in institutions, without access to family, struggle to become independent, successful adults once they leave care.

A 2013 government survey found there are at least 750 known orphanages in Haiti, and only 15% are officially registered with the government. Child Hope maintains a strong and positive relationship with the Haitian government and is among the 15%.

Child Hope. Our priority is to provide outstanding care and nurturing in our Boys and Girls Homes. The love of Jesus is taught and expressed every day in our homes, and worship is a strong part of our routine. All of our kids attend school, which is not free, and have access to proactive medical care. Our homes are joyful, clean, fun, and loud! Our vision for 2018 and beyond is to make our ministry to the children better by doing even more to address their emotional, social and vocational needs.

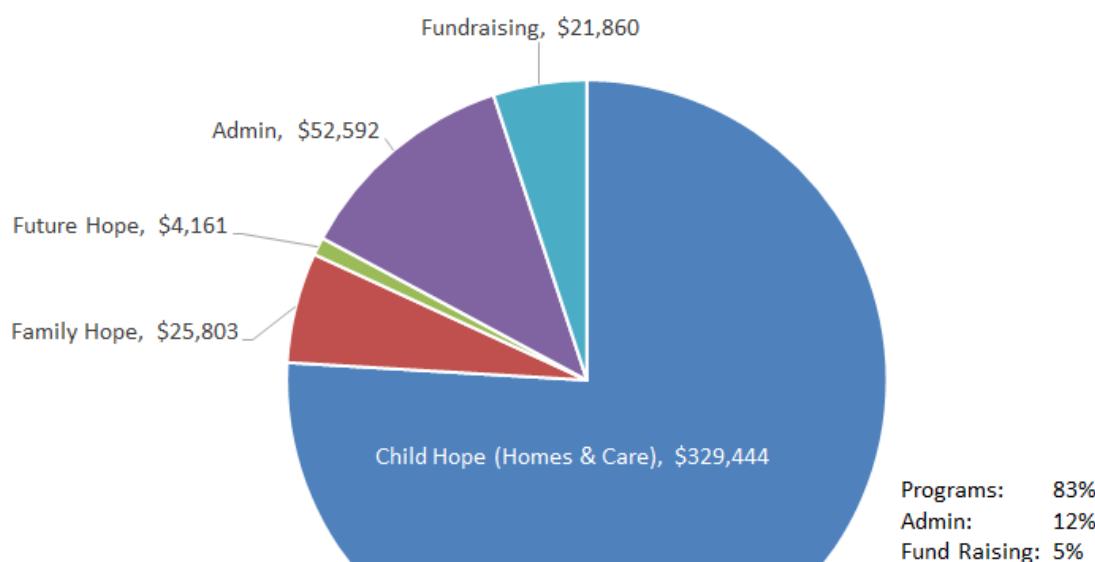
Family Hope. It is clear that God's design is for children to be in families. Most of the children in our care, under Haitian Social Services (IBESR), have a parent or extended family. We believe we should attempt to reconnect the child with family. While it is not possible for every child, Family Hope is our attempt, through qualified social workers and counselors, to identify, reconnect and build healthy relationships between the child and family. We will do this with the goal that when the child leaves our care, he or she has a stronger sense of identity, and when possible, strong family relationships.

Future Hope. We also know that eventually every child will leave our care. To achieve our vision to "provide orphan care that reduces the need for future orphan care" we must address the underlying cause that puts children in orphan care: poverty. Future Hope prepares the child for adulthood by developing individual transition plans for education, training, internships and job placement through partnerships with supporters, schools and companies.

To do these things, we have important additions to make to our staff.

OUR FINANCIAL REALITY

1. Four year giving trend – We have had a steady decline in number of donors and total gifts given. While we have been growing our financial support over the past 18 months, we have not turned the corner yet.
2. We were not meeting our budget – Because our expenses were higher than our income, we made major cuts to some of our programs. Any additional cuts will directly affect the care we give to our children.
3. We were borrowing from savings – To prevent cutting essential care for our children we have been borrowing from our savings. In the fourth quarter of this year, we had depleted our emergency savings fund and have been openly communicating our financial situation with our supporters.



2018 Budget = \$433,860

OUR PLAN FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

We are very encouraged and happy to report that God has been answering our appeals and prayers, through the generosity of many, so the ministry may continue!

We have received a tremendous outpouring of support from an anonymous donor, from church partners, and individuals like you. We were surprised to be named as beneficiaries of an estate! We established the ability and received donations of stock and appreciated assets! We enjoyed amazing response to our #GivingTuesday campaign! We received our first donation from a graduate of Child Hope! All of these gifts will help Child Hope begin 2018 and replenish some of our emergency savings.

We believe that God is moving us from a mentality of “surviving” to “thriving”, prayerfully dependent on Him to provide, as He has, again and again. While sustaining our **Child Hope** ministry, we want to make our ministry even better by investing in our **Family Hope** and **Future Hope** programs:

- We've seen amazing results with our part-time social worker and child psychologists which convinces us to add this essential care with **full-time social workers** and providing access to **mental health services** to our children who have suffered incredible trauma in the loss of family.
- We also want to add a dedicated staff member (similar to a U.S. high school “**Career Counselor**”) to prepare the children for life after graduation with individual action plans as part of our Future Hope program.

This will increase our annual budget by \$30,000.



OUR CHALLENGE TO YOU

Together we can answer God's call to care for orphans and widows in their distress. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us in one or more of the following ways:

- Pray for the children and staff (We know it works!)
- Increase your monthly child sponsorship/support amount
- Increase your annual giving
- Come and See! Invite others to attend a "Vin Aprann" trip and see ministry work in Haiti first hand!
- Include Child Hope in your estate planning
- Include Child Hope in your tax planning with appreciated stock and assets
- Send a special generous gift today to fund Family Hope and Future Hope
- Host a Vision Update meeting where a board member can introduce new people to CHI
- Volunteer! Share your skills and ideas! Contact Amanda!

Thank You!

The ongoing work of Child Hope International is possible because we serve and trust God. Through this ministry, we see His love for children, and we are blessed to be able to serve Him in this capacity.

YOU are an integral and essential part of the work, and we can't tell you enough how much we appreciate your support, and the tremendous good you enable for these children.





Board and Staff

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Kamala Kavati- Secretary

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