

# Child Hope



**2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

# CHILD HOPE

## A letter from the Executive Director

**Vision:** No more “orphans” in Haiti

**Mission:** We minister to orphans and widows in their distress by transitioning children from orphanages into loving families. We do this through Christ-centered care, training, and social work.



Last year was unreliable, unpredictable and unfamiliar to say the least. God met us in the chaos of the season and your STEADFAST support helped children and families be RESILIENT.

Because of God’s provision through you, we had so much to be thankful for in 2020. We witnessed the miracles of finding family, restoring relationships, healing trauma and giving hope to parents and kids. These miracles are beginning to impact families generationally. *These miracles are directly related to your praying and giving.*

As we continue to move towards a family-based care model, it is our Big Holy Audacious Goal to see *no more orphans in Haiti! Families are being called back to the table. They are being empowered to view their relationships with their children as God-given gifts and are taking steps to share their futures together.*

I want to share with you some of my highlights from the year:

### Family Hope Program

- A mom and daughter launched a small business after we funded a training course and start-up money. They are now providing for their family and have continued to maintain the business 12 months later. The child that was reunified with them has continued to go to school and passed her exams this year!!
- Eight children were reunified with their families in 2020 and will continue going to their same schools, as you help support the families with food and income-generating activities.
- Thirteen family caregivers completed our 2-day parenting workshops, which included a time of encouragement, prayer, and sharing Christ’s love for them.

### Future Hope Program

- Thirteen Child Hope graduates (now young adults) went to school and continued their education
- Five kids graduated out of Child Hope and moved in with their families.

These highlights are just a snapshot of the incredible work you made possible! I wish I could share all of the intangible moments of a parent’s hug, smile, or kid’s excitement to the news of finding another family member. This work is hard and messy at times, but God is in the mess!

Thank you so much for your STEADFAST commitment to helping our families be RESILIENT! God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Spencer Reeves  
Executive Director

**Steadfast:** Resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering

**Resilient:** Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult situations

# Family Hope Accomplishments

*Reconciling and reunifying "orphans" with their loving families*



8 children transitioned into the care of their families.



Supported an older graduate through the birth of her own child, while reconciling the relationship with her mother. The mother, graduate and newborn were able to rent a home and stabilize through your support.



5 young men turned 18, graduated out of our care, and were able to return to their families.



Continued supporting 5 families that had been reunified prior to 2020 with counseling & social work, education funds, food, medical care, and employment support.



Advised and collaborated with other orphanages interested in reunification.



Reunification is an important milestone, but not the completion of our Family Hope program. After a child moves into a family's home, we provide wrap-around services such as financial assistance for education and medical care for the children, business classes, micro-finance grants, and other services on a case-by-case basis. For CHI, success isn't simply placing a child in family-based care. Success is seeing them grow and thrive in a family.

## *A Story of Reunification*

In 2011, four siblings were brought to our orphanage. We were told their mother had died in the earthquake. In 2019 when CHI began family tracing, we successfully tracked down their aunt, "Rosaline." She came to visit the kids from time to time, and during that time it became clear to our social workers that Rosaline was actually their mother, not their aunt. When confronted, she admitted that she believed it would be best for her kids if she pretended to be dead so they could live at the orphanage, but she desperately wanted to reconnect. We discussed with her the importance of family for child development, and Rosaline expressed a strong desire to care for her children again.

Our social workers completed several assessments and Rosaline attended many parenting classes. Child Hope financially helped Rosaline find and furnish a home, allowing her to receive the children back into her care.

In August, her oldest son aged out of the orphanage and moved in with Rosaline. In December, Rosaline's 3 younger children also transitioned back home!

Our social workers created an after-care plan to continue to follow up with the family and regularly evaluate their safety and health. The children are all attending school thanks to support from their sponsors. Child Hope will help Rosaline strengthen her business of selling shoes through a microfinance grant, so she can be empowered to provide for her children and become more self-sufficient.

# Maison de Lumiere Accomplishments

*Providing excellent holistic care to children in our orphanage*



The children and staff at Maison de Lumiere are all too familiar with “Stay At Home” orders, which have been on-and-off since 2018. These orders have caused major disruptions to all aspects of life, especially schooling.

Some lessons were taught via Zoom, with several of the children crowded around a computer. We were extremely proud when a few of our older kids offered to recreate the classroom setting by reviewing lesson plans and teaching the younger students.

During the pandemic many of the kids took up a new hobby — sewing. The main project was sewing masks that were used at the orphanage by children and staff alike. Again, in the midst of challenges, the actions of the children demonstrate their love and concern for others, and we can't help but beam with pride!



19 children living at the orphanage received physical, spiritual, emotional, and educational care.



Led training sessions with the children and staff about Covid-19 and how to limit and prevent the spread, while increasing safety measures at the homes.



Children received medical check ups and dental exams.



Consolidated from 2 homes into 1, while separating boys from girls in the layout of the home.



Practiced trauma-informed care during counseling sessions with the children and provided training to staff.



# Future Hope Accomplishments

*Preparing the children and graduates for future success*



31 children and graduates received financial support for university, vocational school, secondary or primary school.



500 hours of after school tutoring was provided.



Over 90% of children passed their courses and were promoted between grades.

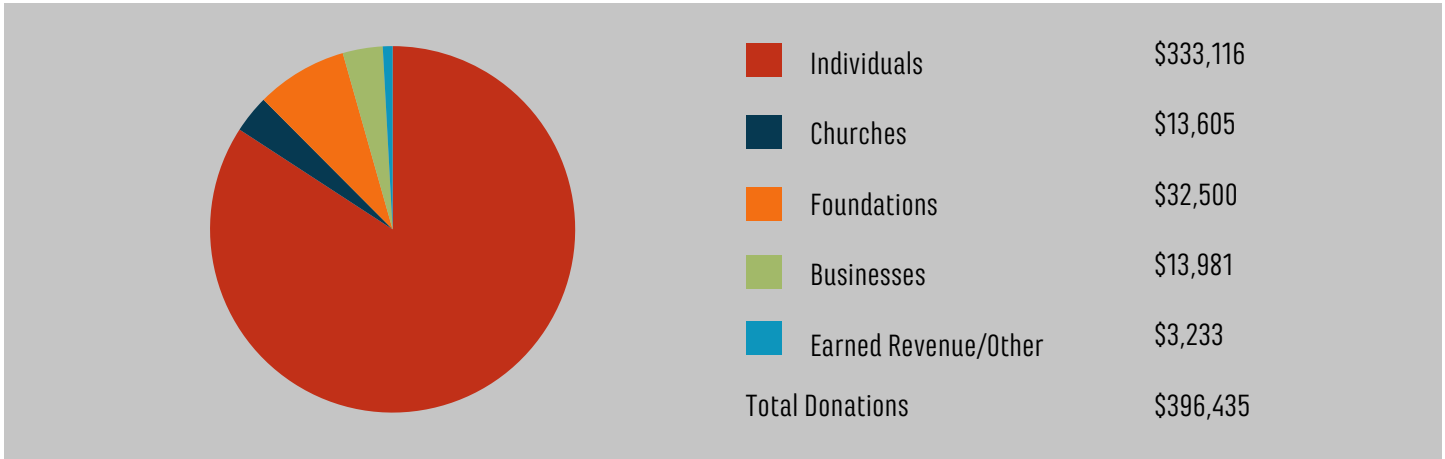
“Peterson” grew up in the orphanage. He is a hard worker and very resourceful but has always struggled with school. At age 27 he had failed the Haitian national exam for 9th grade students on two separate attempts. Despite the failures, he never gave up. He reached out to our Future Hope program for advice and support. We were able to provide him with additional textbooks, guidance, and encouragement. In 2020 after spending the year studying harder than ever, he took the exam a third time and passed!

After earning his 9th grade certificate, Child Hope helped Peterson enroll in a building construction program. After his first semester, he received very high marks! Construction is one of the leading industries in urban settings in Haiti, so once he finishes this vocational training program, he will look for job opportunities. We will use our network in the community to introduce him to potential employers.

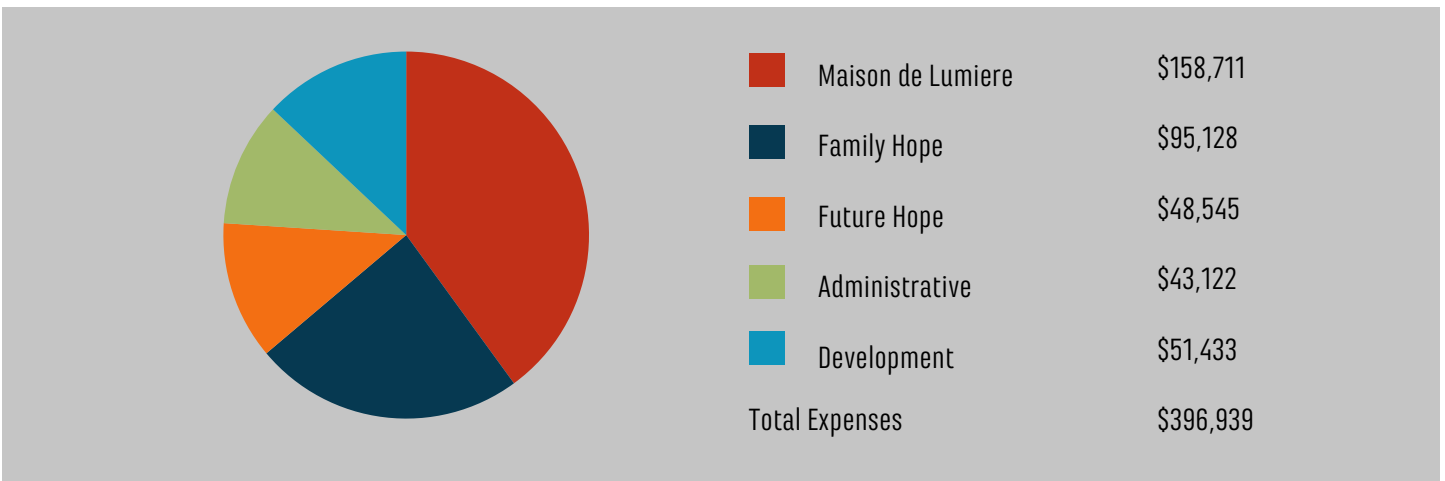
Peterson is optimistic about his future. He believes he can succeed if he works hard and has people around him supporting him. Thank you for helping Child Hope provide that support.

# 2020 Financials

## Donation Sources



## Expenses



As Child Hope headed into 2020, we projected an increase to expenses over the previous year, as we continued operating the orphanage while dramatically increasing the Family Hope work of reunifying children with their families.

When Covid-19 hit, understandably, many of our donors had to decrease or stop giving. As an organization, we trusted God was calling us to the work of reunification, and decided to forge ahead despite the uncertainty.

God was faithful to his promise to provide through you. We had two unexpected grants and one of our strongest Giving Tuesday campaigns ever. Collectively, CHI supporters gave 10% more in 2020 than 2019! Our expenses exceeded our income by a mere \$500. ***Most important, we did not have to compromise on the care and support we provided to vulnerable families and children.***

In the years ahead, we believe our missional impact will grow exponentially through your continued generosity and the support of new partners who come alongside us to champion the cause.

# Our Plan for 2021 and Beyond



Courtesy of Patrick Murphy

While our roots and credibility were established in institutional care (the orphanage) in 2004, scripture and research have been pointing us to a better way of caring for children - *in families*.

Our goal over the next year will be to responsibly and lovingly transition the remaining six children living at the orphanage, Maison de Lumiere, *to family-based care so that these children can grow up with the love and support of a family*.

**As we transition out of institutional care, we will have an even greater impact on pursuing our vision of no more “orphans” in Haiti.** We will serve children in Haiti by working with other orphanages that are seeking to shift to family-based care but are in need of technical support to make the transition.

Our vision for our ministry is growing! We have the same calling - to “care for orphans and widows in their distress.” This new chapter for Child Hope International will allow us to be more effective and efficient as we work to see no more “orphans” in Haiti!

## Thank You!

You are an essential part of the good work God is doing in Haiti. We cannot express how deeply grateful we are to have your support and partnership.

# Get Involved

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

- Pray for Haiti daily. Pray for children & families, our staff, the political situation, and God's Spirit to move among the local church to stir a revival.
- Become a family sponsor! Family sponsorship is a unique opportunity to walk alongside a family during the time they need support the most. [www.childhope.org/family-sponsorship](http://www.childhope.org/family-sponsorship)
- Meet with our Directors! We would love to meet in person (when possible) or over a video call. Email [communications@childhope.org](mailto:communications@childhope.org) to set it up.
- Introduce friends, family, and your church to the work of CHI. For more info, visit [www.childhope.org/ambassadors](http://www.childhope.org/ambassadors)
- Send a gift today! [www.childhope.org/donate](http://www.childhope.org/donate)
- Increase your monthly or annual support. Call our office for assistance (805) 845-1946.
- Include Child Hope in your tax planning, estate planning, and donor advised gifts.
- Maximize your donation! See if your company supports matching gifts, and let us know if we can help with the process.

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