

ANNUAL REPORT

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VISION: NO MORE "ORPHANS" IN HAITI

A letter from the Executive Director

"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed." Psalm 103:6

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.

CHI Family,

Throughout this year, we have been holding on to this promise from Psalm 103 as a focal point for our work in Haiti. As a supporter of Child Hope, you have been prayerfully, emotionally and financially giving to family-based care solutions in one of the most difficult countries in the world. We want to say thank you!

Thank you for advocating and fighting alongside the Child Hope team for families in the midst of high inflation, insecurity, violence, gangs and diseases. We believe God is still at work bringing about righteousness and justice for the oppressed. Thank YOU for making this possible!

With that being said, it is so very important to reflect on the year and celebrate where God has worked righteousness and justice! Some of the highlights you made happen this year include:

- Finally closing CHI's orphanage and longterm residential facility. The remaining kids returned home this fall.
- Deeper relationships with the 14 families located throughout Haiti that were reunited through the Family Hope program. Your support is enabling **9 more** siblings (within those families) to enroll in school for the first time!

- From 2021 to 2022 nearly 80 social workers were trained on how to do family reunification. THIS IS HUGE! They have been involved with 137 family reintegrations and counting.
- Consulting and training 6 different orphanages as they prepare to work towards family-based care. This has the potential to impact over 350 children.

Because of you, kids are getting back into their families permanently!

Sincerely, Spencer & Risa Reeves





Gangs control much of the capital. It is estimated around 80 percent of Port-au-Prince is under the control or influence of armed groups.

Kidnappings, robberies, armed attacks and murders are on the rise. Between 2021 and 2022, the number of kidnapping cases more than doubled. Gangs threaten not only individuals, but also schools, orphanages, and churches.

More than 5.2 million Haitians—almost half the population—are in need of humanitarian assistance. Residents of Port-au-Prince have dealt with power cuts, fuel shortages, and mountains of garbage in the streets. They have been denied freedom of movement and fundamental rights such as access to education and health.

Food insecurity and cholera are a reality for many.

There are no democratically elected officials in Haiti after the country failed to hold elections in 2019, the president was assassinated in 2021, and the terms of the last elected senators expired in January 2023.

At Child Hope we have adapted services as necessary to help the families in our programs. Even still, life is hard.

We commend our staff for the courage they show while working in this complicated environment. They continue advocating for the children, young adults, and families.

Please continue to pray for the country of Haiti.

Family Hope

Reconciling and reunifying "orphans" with their loving families

In 2018, with your help, we began transitioning children out of our orphanage and back into the care of their families. Since then, you've helped 26 children and young adults reunite with their families.

After a child moves into their family's home, they receive holistic support. Social workers monitor their needs through regular connection and follow-ups. A full-time pastor on staff supports the families spiritually through devotional encouragement and home visits. The children's education and medical needs are covered, and additional support is given on a case-by-case basis.

In 2022, you helped:

Transition **5** children from the orphanage into a family, including one child who was placed with a foster family.

92% of children in the Family Hope program remain in a safe, supportive family environment.

Provide **29** food stipend distributions to feed families that were struggling with food insecurity.



Find housing for 1 family.

Provide a small business grant to 4 families.



Provide a stove to 1 family.

A STORY OF REUNIFICATION

As the reunification process began for "Marcel," the social workers had difficulty locating his mother. Over the course of a few years, they did identify an aunt who expressed interest in caring for him. Tragically, she passed away in 2019.

Marcel saw many of the children around him going home and he expressed his desire to have a family of his own. "I just want to be with my mom." Our staff led him in a prayer. LATER THAT SAME WEEK his mom showed up at the orphanage!

She wanted to reunite with her son. After

completing several assessments, the social workers determined that she would be able to provide a safe, loving, supportive home for Marcel.

In August, Marcel moved home with his mom. Through the Family Hope program, your support for Marcel and his mother continues.

In December, you helped the family purchase a goat, which has provided them with a source of income. We hope Marcel's mother will feel more and more empowered in her ability to provide and care for her son.



Transition Support Services

Coaching orphanages interested in transitioning to Family-Based Care

In 2021 Child Hope International launched the Transition Support Services (TSS) program through your support and a partnership with 1MillionHome. As you partner with us in this work, you are helping guide other Haitian orphanages who are interested in adding or expanding family-based care programming. Having made that transition ourselves, we are able to provide contextualized, best practice support while ensuring that children return to family safely and effectively.

This year, you helped:

Reunite **76** children with their families!

Advise and collaborate with **6** other orphanages interested in expanding their family-based care programming.

Host 2 workshops attended by **39** social workers, who are responsible for **1,606** children!



TSS IN ACTION

The organization "LRH" has been caring for struggling children and families in Haiti since 2014. They operate an orphanage for short-term placement until a child can be reunited with their family.

LRH recognized a gap in their services. They did not have a well-defined process to support families after the reunification. One of their social workers participated in Child Hope's first workshop in 2021. Since attending the workshop, LRH has been able to put in place a plan for following up with families after the reunification. They have completed 16 family reunifications!

Future Hope

Preparing students for future success



Thanks to you, during the 2021-22 school year:



1 student graduated high school and 2 students graduated trade school!

21 children and young adults received financial support for university, vocational school, secondary, or primary school.

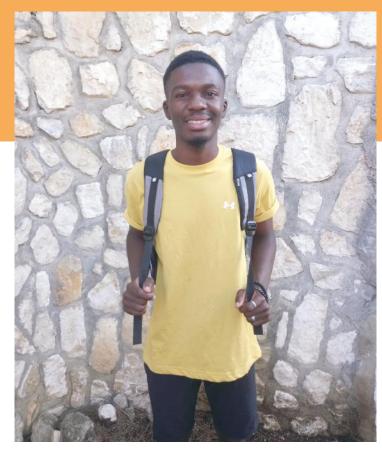
Over **90%** of the students passed their courses and were promoted to the next grade.

A FUTURE HOPE STORY

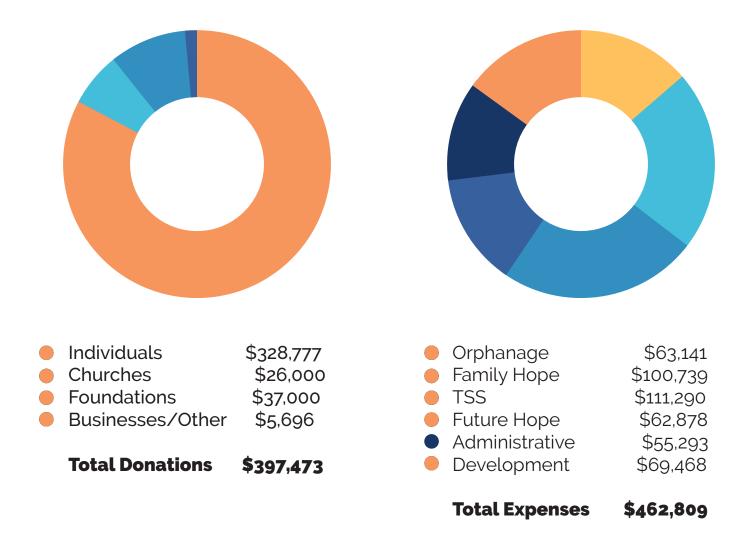
When "Jackson" was seven years old, his mother became very sick and could not take care of him. She brought him to the orphanage so he could have opportunities she couldn't provide. Jackson was able to attend school for the first time.

When Jackson turned 18 and left the orphanage, he continued to receive support for his education thanks to you. The transition was difficult for him, and although he is extremely intelligent, he needed to repeat a grade. Because you were there to help him get back on track, Jackson passed the national exams and graduated from high school last summer!

Jackson was accepted to one of the best polytechnic schools in Haiti, where he is studying telecommunication. He had this to say: "Without the help of Child Hope in my life, I would not have had an education, I would not be able to speak English, and I would not have had the chance to dream of a better future."



2022 Financials



Deficit: \$65,336

Fiscal responsibility is very important to Child Hope - it is how we ensure we can continue providing life-changing services to children and families in Haiti.

In 2022 we created what we believed was an attainable budget. However, after a year of high inflation and instability in Haiti, coupled with a decrease in giving, we finished the year facing a significant deficit. Fortunately, we were able to rely on our reserves to meet our obligations.

In 2023 we are working from a reduced budget, but we will not be reducing any support to the families and children. We have also planned new fundraising ideas to make sure we can continue our mission of serving children and families for years to come.

Please join us in prayer for God to touch the hearts of those who have already partnered with us, and to bring new partners this year who share our vision of seeing no more "orphans" in Haiti. Thank you for standing with us in this important work.

Our Plan for 2023 and Beyond

Though we started as an orphanage, we felt God was calling us to care for children in a family setting. We began seeking out parents and extended family members, inviting them back into their children's lives, and working to heal and restore relationships. By September 2022 all of the children living at the orphanage had been reunified with their families.

Today we are walking alongside those families and working to empower and strengthen them. As the challenges in Haiti continue, we are bolstering our support for the families.

Now that CHI is no longer running an orphanage, we can be more efficient and effective in our vision to see no more "orphans" in Haiti. In 2023 we plan to grow the Transition Support Services program. This will include one-on-one coaching and mentoring, hosting workshops, building online resources and joining with other family-based care networks in Haiti and across the world to increase awareness of the issues facing vulnerable children and families.

We know that Haiti is a difficult context to work in, yet we believe God has called us here "for such a time as this" - to be champions for Haitian families. We believe that brick by brick, wall by wall, FAMILIES will be an integral piece in God's plan to rebuild Haiti.





THANK YOU

Despite the very challenging context, there were many achievements to celebrate from 2022, and none of them would have been possible without your faithfulness. We thank God for bringing so many teammates (you!) around the work of caring for orphans and widows in their distress.

Thank you again.

Get Involved

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

Meet with our Directors! We would love to meet in person (when possible) or over a video call. Email 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

Send a gift today! 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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