

CHILD HOPE

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Child Hope

Dear Partners,

As we look back at the tumultuous year in Haiti (and the world), we are compelled to pause and give thanks for how God has sustained us. Many of us have been in lament as we pray for Haiti during these unprecedented times. God has placed Child Hope right in the center of it all, advocating for kids, families, education and holistic care.

Many people may not know this, but the name of our organization in Haiti is "Maison de Lumiere," which means House of Light. We are a House of Light to parents and caregivers, believing in God's desire for them to be reconciled and reunified with their children. We are a House of Light to nearly 30 kids and young adults receiving full scholarships to attend school, from elementary to trade school and all the way up to university. We are a House of Light to other organizations desiring to change to family-based care.

Be encouraged! God is using Child Hope International as a House of Light in Haiti!

Christ's persistent pursuit, and your faithfulness to follow Him in service to the hurting in Haiti, is the reason Child Hope can continue to be a House of Light in one of Haiti's darkest seasons over the last 50 years. We can't thank you enough for how you have continued your support, prayed with us through the trials, and sowed generously to meet every need in our programs. Thank you for your faithfulness to Maison de Lumiere - and thank you to Jesus - who is the Light!

Sincerely,

Spencer & Risa Reeves
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.



As you read this year's annual report, please know as an organization we strive for best practices of protecting the stories of the children and families we serve. We want to share these stories with you in detail, however we change the names in order to protect privacy.

Family Hope

Reconciling and reunifying "orphans" with their loving families

In 2018 we began transitioning children out of our orphanage and back into the care of their families. Each reunification always has the child's safety and protection as the top priority, with several assessments along the way. Since then, you've helped reunify 20 children and young adults with family members! After a child moves into their family's home, we provide holistic support. Our social workers monitor their needs through regular connection and follow-up. For CHI, success isn't simply placing a child in family-based care; success is seeing them grow and thrive in a family.

Last year alone, you supported children and families by providing:



62 food packets.*



Housing support for 4 families.



A motorcycle for a caregiver who leases it to a driver and uses the earnings to care for two children. She has saved enough money to buy another motorcycle.



You also helped one family lift themselves up out of poverty to the point where they no longer need our support!



*A typical food packet contains 8 lbs pasta, 25 lbs rice, 1 gallon oil, 10 lbs beans, 1 bag peas, cereal, UHT milk, tomato sauce, and toothpaste

A Story of Reunification

While living at the orphanage, "Pierre," the oldest of four siblings, was very distant from his two younger brothers and younger sister. Despite encouraging him during counseling sessions, it was clear that he did not want to have a relationship with them.

Everything changed when the children were reunified with their mother. Pierre began helping his mom around the house. She taught him how to prepare dinners - everything from going to the market and shopping to cooking and serving. Most days Pierre's mom is out late working, so he is responsible for feeding his siblings. He has also stepped in to help them with their homework. Pierre feels a sense of self worth in his role of "man of the house" and takes his responsibilities seriously. Pierre's mother beams with pride at the young man who has blossomed into a leader of the family.



Transition Support Services

Coaching orphanages interested in transitioning to Family-Based Care

This year Child Hope International launched our Transition Support Services (TSS) program and became a National Accelerator through a partnership with 1MillionHome. Our work as a National Accelerator is to guide other Haitian orphanages through the transition to family-based care. Having made that transition ourselves, we provide contextualized, best practice support while ensuring that children return to family safely and effectively.

In the first year of the Transition Support Services program, your support helped:



Advise and collaborate with 3 other orphanages (105 children in their care) interested in transitioning to family-based care.



Host 2 workshops attended by 37 social workers, who represent 26 orphanages and are responsible for 1,805 children!

A TSS Testimonial

Hopestart International is a small organization with a mighty mission. In 2020 after eight years of operating an orphanage in Jeremie (Haiti) we felt God leading us to rethink the way we were caring for our kids. So as God opened doors for us, we followed.

We were introduced to Child Hope International and learned of their experience and success in transitioning from an institutional model to a family-based care model. Through Child Hope's TSS program we received education, leadership, guidance, counsel, and resources to make this huge transition. The weekly meetings really helped to guide us through a step by step of the plan, mentoring staff and refocusing the kids for long term success. We received much needed guidance hiring a social worker and psychologist for our new family preservation program.

It was Child Hope's experience and expertise in the transition process that really made the difference for us which made it easy to invest in the TSS program. We were able to initiate the family preservation process quickly and professionally because of their guidance. We feel fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to work with Child Hope International and highly recommend their Transitional Support Services if you are considering transitioning from an orphanage institutional model to a family-based care model.

Pamela Whitcomb
Board Member
Hopestart International

Maison de Lumiere

Providing excellent holistic care to the remaining children in our orphanage

We are carefully and cautiously pursuing family-based care for all of our children. For those children who have yet to be placed in a family, we are committed to providing excellent holistic care to them in our orphanage.



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



One child had emergency surgery in January 2021. He is recovering well from that! His teachers and nannies report that he seems like a different person - more active in sports and more interested in socializing.

Future Hope

Preparing the children and graduates for future success



In June we celebrated 2 high school graduations!



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



Over 75% of the students passed their courses and were promoted to the next grade.



A Future Hope Story

"Emmanuel" is the fourth of ten children. After his mother passed away, his father was overwhelmed and unable to care for all of the children, so he brought Emmanuel to the orphanage.



Emmanuel has always excelled in school. While living at the orphanage, he would tutor the other children. During the school closures of the past few years (due to protests, pandemic, and other insecurity), Emmanuel began taking the lesson plans from teachers and actually leading the in-home classrooms!

At age 18 Emmanuel exited the orphanage and moved in with an older brother. He continues to receive financial support from Child Hope for rent and for his tuition fees and transportation.

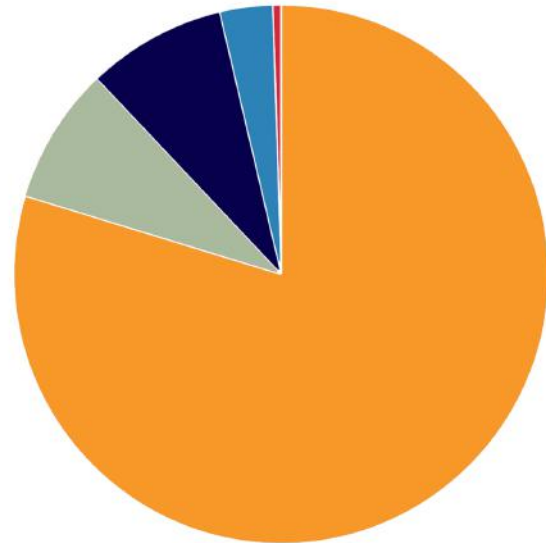
In June, Emmanuel graduated from high school and expressed his gratitude to Child Hope. "I am very grateful for all the support and guidance I have received from this organization. Without Child Hope, I would not have made it to this level of academics."

He recently enrolled in one of the most prestigious universities in Haiti to study finance. Emmanuel wants to become a successful entrepreneur, and with your support we have no doubt he will get there!

2021 Financials

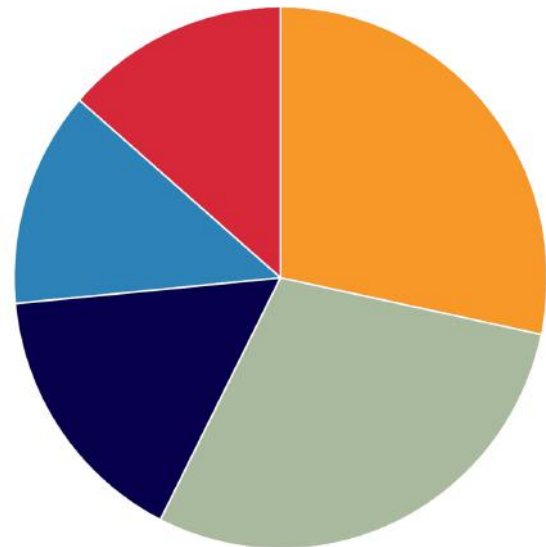
Donation Sources

	Individuals	\$374,948
	Churches	\$38,617
	Foundations	\$39,500
	Government Grant	\$15,000
	Businesses/Other	\$2,407
	Total Donations	\$470,472



Expenses

	Maison de Lumiere	\$126,238
	Family Hope	\$129,492
	Future Hope	\$71,436
	Administrative	\$57,437
	Development	\$60,626
	Total Expenses	\$445,230



Despite the uncertainty of 2021, you were faithful, giving almost 20% more than last year! Our spending came in under budget, as dealing with safety concerns in Haiti limited some of our planned activities. We ended the year with a surplus of over \$20,000. This has positioned us well for 2022 as we plan to hire a family discipleship director who will provide prayer & discipleship and connect families with a church in their home community.

Our Plan for 2022 and Beyond

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

By mid 2022, we plan to completely phase out of residential care. For the four children currently living at the orphanage, *we are working with Haitian social services (IBESR) to place them into a loving family. We will continue to walk with the reunified children and families we serve by assisting them with schooling and emergency needs.*

Is this the end of Child Hope? No, but it is the start of a new chapter!

As we transition out of residential care, we will be more effective and efficient as we work to see no more “orphans” in Haiti! We plan to grow our Transition Support Services program and work with new orphanages that are seeking to shift to family-based care but are in need of technical support to make the transition. This program model has an exponential growth opportunity - all to the benefit of children and families.



Thank You!

God has blessed us with friends and supporters like you who champion the work of reconciling and reunifying children and families in Haiti. None of this is possible without Him or without you. We are so thankful for your faithfulness to the calling.

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
- 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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