

RESTORE FAMILY, RESTORE HOPE

#### A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### BECAUSE THE SOVEREIGN LORD HELPS ME, I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED. THEREFORE HAVE I SET MY FACE LIKE FLINT, AND I KNOW I WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. ISAIAH 50:7

Dear Partners,

For the 3rd year in a row I write this letter to you with a weightiness - and a hope - for Haiti. In 2023, we saw the landscape of child protection and family preservation in Haiti grow more complex. Haiti's collapsed government and lack of leadership have allowed violence, insecurity and gangs to be the norm. Child Hope International is located in the center of the turmoil and with great conviction our team knows the work we are doing is saving lives and making a difference.

Everything we did in 2023 required discretion and keeping a low profile for the safety of our staff and families. We leveraged technology to add a layer of protection in our work:

- Families were supported with food money via a Venmo-like app.
- Satellite-based internet was installed to increase our consulting capabilities.
- We were able to offer online training for orphanages, making them safer and more strategic as they work with families.

Through it all families were assisted, kids passed their schooling exams and families made decisions together, demonstrating bold resilience.

In this annual report you will see how God has continued to make a way to impact children, families and orphanages even in the midst of this dark time. God's hand has continued to protect the ministry staff and their families. I am encouraged and hopeful as I recall the work completed over the last year and the ministry's impact in the midst of such desperate times.

Last fall our board took time to seek the Lord about 2024. We were led to Isaiah 50:7, a scripture that points to challenge and hardship, "because the Sovereign Lord helps me I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame."

As an organization we are staying put, we are not leaving the work. We are setting our faces like flint and will remain committed to supporting the families God has placed in our programs.

We hope you enjoy reading about the impact you have made in 2023. Thank you for responding to this ongoing crisis and thank you for making a difference.

Sincerely,

Spencer 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 that 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 their privacy.



## FAMILY HOPE

#### **KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER**

In 2022, we transitioned all of the children from our orphanage into the care of safe, loving families. These children are growing up with a sense of belonging that was missing before.

Your support helps keep these families together.

#### In 2023, because of you:

- 12 families received ongoing support medical, dental, pastoral, education, mental health, and social work.
- 2 families relocated to safe, longer-term housing.
- Funds for **8,240 meals** were provided to hungry families.
- One girl's wardrobe was completely updated she is growing fast!

#### A Story of Family Support

Fabiola and her mother Marie were reunited in 2018. Since then **Fabiola has been flourishing**. She is attending school and loves playing with her younger brother, Widley. When the gangs moved into her neighborhood, Marie knew she would have to leave in order to protect her children. Your support within the Family Hope Program made it possible for Marie to find safe housing and enroll Fabiola and Widley into a new school in the middle of the school year.

Marie, Fabiola, and CHI's Staff Pastor





## **FUTURE HOPE**

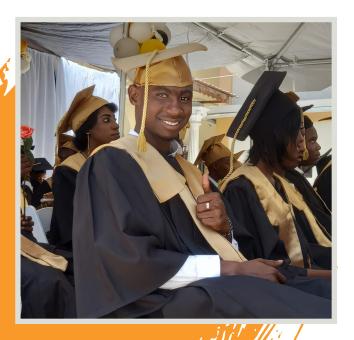
#### PREPARING STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Thanks to you, during the 2022-23 school year:

- 1 student graduated high school! Read his story below.
- **29 children and young adults received financial support** for university, vocational school, secondary, or primary school. Support included tuition fees, books, uniforms, and transportation.
- **82% of the students passed** their courses and were promoted to the next grade.
- **5 students received tutoring or attended summer school** to keep them on track for promotion.

## A Future Hope Story

Yvenson graduated from high school in July. This is a **huge accomplishment** in Haiti where only 17% of students complete their high school education.



After graduation, Yvenson still needed to pass a national exam to move on with his education, where he was hoping to study electromechanics at one of Haiti's top trade schools. He studied hard for the exam but was devastated when his results came back to learn he had not passed. Because of you, Yvenson had a second chance. He retook the exam in December and was filled with joy and relief upon **receiving the news** that he had passed!

Again, because of you, he had support in getting registered and prepared for trade school. As he takes his first steps into the world of electromechanics, he does so with unwavering determination and boundless optimism, ready to seize every opportunity that comes his way.

# PASTORAL CARE MINISTERING TO FAMILIES IN HAITI

Thanks to your support, we were able to **add a Ministry Development Coordinator to our team.** He serves as a pastor to our staff and the children and families we serve. The faith of many was renewed and strengthened this year! Praise God!

#### This year:

- 17 children/young adults participated in a Bible memorization competition.
- **30 visits were made to families** to lead devotions and provide pastoral support.
- 22 French or Creole Bibles were distributed to families.
- Weekly staff devotional meetings occurred, helping ground and center our staff in their faith as they worked to support children, families and students.



## Bible Genius Competition

During the summer we hosted a competition called "Bible Genius." The children memorized the set of verses from Ephesians, then were invited to our offices to recite them in front of an audience. It was a joy to have the children all gather together, laughing and enjoying some friendly competition. Prizes were handed out for those who did the best.

One child said the contest got her reading her Bible more and drew her closer to God. An aunt had this to say after watching her nephew and nieces participate:

"Ten years ago I left the Christian church. As the children prepared for the Bible Genius contest, I discovered that my soul was dead. **The contest woke me up and put me back in touch with God.** I hope one day I'll go back to church."

## TRANSITION SUPPORT SERVICES

#### COACHING ORPHANAGES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

Through your support and a generous grant from 1MillionHome, we were able to help other Haitian orphanages gain the technical skills to find families and restore hope to children. Having gone through the process ourselves, we are able to provide contextualized, best practice support.

This year, you helped:

- Reunite 31 children with their families!
- Advise 5 orphanages interested in expanding their family-based care programming.
- Host 3 workshops attended by 57 social workers, who are responsible for 1,315 children!

#### TSS In Action

Last year you made it possible to host three workshops for social workers. The workshops cover topics such as children's rights, family-based care, steps involved in reunification, and aftercare.

Here are testimonials from two workshop attendees:

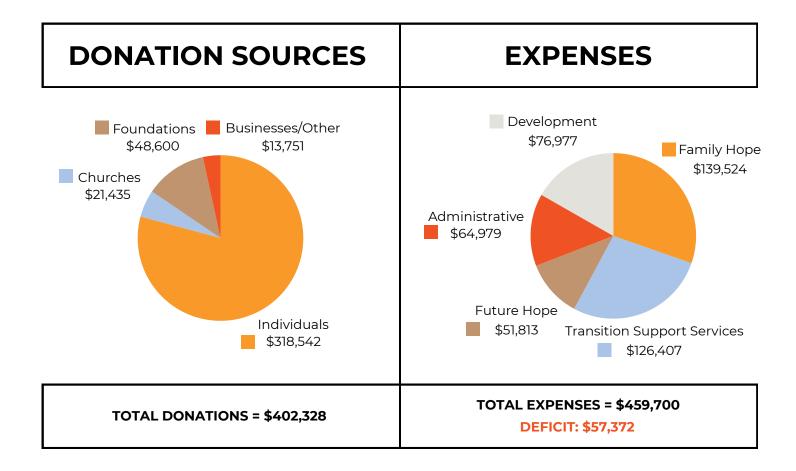
This training will be very beneficial for our institution. We've been in the reunification business for several years, but we have a lot of weaknesses. **Thanks to this training, we're going to correct our imperfections and improve the way we do family reunification** within the institution. -Andrémène

Within our institution, we haven't yet started with family reunification. But thanks to the training we received from Child Hope International, we now have the tools we need to begin. First, we're going to replicate this training with the other members of our staff, then we're going to discuss the possibility of embarking on family reunification with the people in charge of the institution. -Sarah





## **2023 FINANCIALS**



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

After another year of high inflation and instability in Haiti, we finished 2023 with a deficit. Fortunately, we were able to rely on our reserves to meet our budget needs.

The volatility in Haiti is expected to continue and the needs of children and families will increase in 2024. As a result, we have committed not to cut any services despite some uncertainty in funding.

Please pray for generous partners this year who share our love for Haiti. Thank you for standing with us in this important work.



## 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.
- Introduce friends, family, and your church to the work of CHI. For more info, visit <a href="https://childhope.org/become-an-ambassador/">https://childhope.org/become-an-ambassador/</a>
- 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.

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