

House of Hope

Winter 2018 — Daring to Hope

Hope — It looks different for everyone. The word itself conjures images in your mind that aren't the same as mine or, say, one of the kids at the House of Hope (HOH). Some of them don't even know such a thing as hope exists; until they walk through our doors. But once they do, they learn the art of **"Daring to Hope."**

For some, it is daring to hope there will be a next meal waiting for them. For others, it means hoping for a new or healed body (see the story of Leonie). Some dare to hope they will return to their homes and families or maybe have a future through education, but all are encouraged to dare to hope in Jesus, whose faithful love for them never ends.

For 62 years, the HOH in La Pointe, Port-de-Paix, Haiti has been teaching children and youth from across Haiti to hope, but it has not been the HOH alone. **You, too, our partners, have taught lessons in "Daring to Hope."**

You have given financially and materially time and again. You have prayed faithfully for our needs. You have come and given of your time and talents to help us. **Each time you help, you give us a reason to Hope.**

Thank you!

The Early Days of the HOH



Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:

*The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.
Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"*

Lamentations 3:21-24

I well remember a little girl who was badly disabled with a mix of rickets and Pott's disease. Her home was a crib where she would lie, her body twisted on top of a pillow like a pretzel. But her smile. I can still see it. It lit up the room. Her name, which still comes easily, was **Leonie**. Her age I never knew but I'm guessing 8-10 years of age.

One day, I decided I wanted to take a picture of Leonie with her captivating smile. I took my camera, but she gave a firm, but polite, "no." **She was too ugly she said. She elaborated on her ugliness.** I tried convincing her of her beautiful smile, but she wouldn't be moved. I left and went back to my house.

About ten minutes later there was a knock on the door. I was to bring my camera back to Leonie's room and take her picture, all according to her wishes. I wasted no time. Quickly retracing my steps with camera in hand, I appeared alongside Leonie's crib. "Leonie, what happened?", I exclaimed. **"You just told me you were too ugly and you wanted no picture taken."**

Her explanation was to be a forever one. After I had left her, she had reflected. "Pastor," she said and the unforgettable smile returned, **"I realized that I won't be in this ugly body forever. I'm going to heaven. When I get there God will give me a new body. One that will replace this ugly body I'm now living in. It's going to be beautiful. Please take my picture."**

— Don Weaver



Don & Winnie Weaver lived in La Pointe in the 1960's. While he served the local camp and churches, Don made regular visits to the HOH. "Hoping to inspire and encourage them, it was always the other way around. I returned home with the blessing. It was my favorite go-to place."

Pray with Us: Here are some ways you can pray with us. If you want more regular prayer requests, join our Facebook page or sign up for our email updates. See below for how...

- Pray for our kids as they seek to grow in their walk with Jesus. For some, their walk starts at the HOH and we desire that they learn how to let His love flow through them to others in need around us. Pray for us to be lights, shining in the darkness around us.
- Please pray with us for the lack we have in our monthly support. Most of this lack is the staff member's salaries. Their salaries are paid each month through our partner hospital, but we must repay that money. We are behind and have an outstanding debt with them. They are kind and have not pressured us, but we need to repay what we owe.
- Pray for our students as they study hard; that they may retain what they learn and grow in knowledge and wisdom.



HOH in Numbers:

- 300** — Number of meals served each day
- 34** — Number of new kids we received at the HOH this past year
- 21** — Number of kids who were able to return to their homes healthy
- \$200** — Amount it takes to care for one child at the HOH each month
- \$300** — Amount it takes to send a HOH student to school for one year
- 26** — Number of staff members who work for us to provide for their families
- 52** — Number of HOH students who are attending school from kindergarten to university or vocational training

Financial Gifts can be sent to one of our partnering organizations:

(Please include a note that it is for the **House of Hope in Haiti**.)



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