

New Home, New Boys, New Roles! Oh my!

This has been a crazy summer in Haiti filled with lots of laughs, tears, and praise for our great Heavenly Father. First and foremost, we want to say thank you to all of our donors and sponsors, and a special thank you to those that sent notes, pictures and gifts to your sponsored boys. Photos will be emailed out soon. Don't be surprised to see how much your sponsored child has grown. They just keep getting taller and taller!



New Home

Prayers were answered this summer as we were able to successfully move the boys into a

new home in a much safer location. There is plenty of room for the boys to grow and, most importantly, play! We have a huge front yard that is perfect for running around, pushing one another on a skateboard, and playing soccer games



New Boys

Through having this newer and bigger home, we were also able to welcome four new boys into the orphanage! Gabriel (3), Jean Daniel (5), Melchisedek (6), and Charlens (10) are all thriving with their new brothers at Love and Grace. If you or someone you know finds it on their heart to begin sponsoring these boys, please reach out to Nancy Turner at nan@loveandgracehaiti.com. From left to right: Melchisedek, Jean Daniel, Charlens, Gabriel



New Roles

Rony came to Love and Grace from Cite Soleil, a slum area on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. He was 13 years old. His mother was deceased and he did not know his father. The ministry of social services states that when a child turns 18 years of age they are no longer allowed to stay at an orphanage and must leave whether they have a place to go or not. Since several of the boys had turned 18 and had not finished their schooling, we opened the Bridge Home where they could continue with their education and learn a vocation. In April, six of our boys were taken out of the boy's home without my consent. The staff members that allowed this to happen



were let go and Rony came forward to help. He immediately moved in with the remaining

boys. In May he was hired as Assistant Administrator to Madame Altema. He oversees all the boys and staff when he returns from school. He also does devotions and Bible study each evening. The boys say he is too strict, but the changes in the boy's behavior is a sight to see. Rony turned 24 in June and will graduate from Philo in August. He wants to go to school to be a mechanic. First picture is of Rony in 2010 followed by the second picture of him in 2021.



Luckson was one of our first boys at Love and Grace when we opened the orphanage in October 2009. He was also 13 years old. He never knew his father and his mother could not take care of him and his three brothers. He did not hesitate to move into the boy's home in April to help. Luckson is tutoring the boy's each day, and yes, even in the summer. Luckson is 25 years old and will also graduate from Philo in August. He wants to continue his education and become an accountant. The picture on the left is Luckson from 2009 and the one on the right is from 2021.





"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Summer Mission Trip 2021

We had a team of eight in Haiti this summer that built a much needed 8 foot dining room table with benches for the boys' home. Backpack hooks were built for some extra organization inside the orphanage, and the team helped pour a cement roof. We started at 7am and crashed by noon! We felt soreness in muscles that we didn't even know we had. In addition, we held VBS at a local pastor's church for two days and fed 150+ children. On the final day, each child received a gift bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, a Jesus bracelet, a

cross necklace and candy. The team taught about the overwhelming love that our Lord has for us that He would send His Son to die on the cross for our sins. For more information on our summer mission trip and upcoming mission trips, please see our website.









Check out the Love and Grace website to view videos of the children at VBS dancing and a letter from a team member about her trip.

Praises

We received a grant from The Church Mouse on Hilton Head Island, SC for brand new mattresses for both of our homes and a complete solar panel system for the Boy's Home so they will have electricity. In addition, Grace Community Church donated the funds to provide the Bridge Home with a complete solar panel system as well.





Our Current Need

We are currently looking for a truck for the boys' home. Our new driver told us that if we serviced the van on a regular basis, it should last a few more years. If and when the van should break down, a truck would be able to take the boys to school, pick up water each week, run errands, and take a child to the hospital in case of an emergency. We are hoping to purchase a good used one between \$5K - \$10k. If you would like to contribute towards this much needed vehicle, please designate it to: "Boy's Home Truck". We are looking for a truck similar to the truck at the Bridge Home, seen below.





Prayer Requests

Our top priority is asking for prayer over the political stability of Haiti. As many of you know, on the morning of July 7th, Jovenel Moïse, the president of Haiti, was assassinated. This terrible tragedy broke the hearts of its people and left the precious country of Haiti in more turmoil than it's ever been. There are estimated over 77+ gangs are trying to take over the country. Food prices are out of sight; there is no gas because the fuel trucks can't get through the blocked streets. If you can find gas on the street, they are asking \$150 Haitian dollars for one gallon which is equivalent to about \$7.50 in American money. We ask for prayers over the safety of all those in Haiti and that those who are responsible for the presidents death would be arrested and brought to trial, and that the Lord will bring a leader into power that will unite this country.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:6-7

Earthquake Hits Southern Haiti

On the morning of Saturday, August 14th, we received news that sent chills down our spines and panic through our minds. During what seemed like an average start to our weekend here in America, Haiti was struck with a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that terrified millions, killed over a thousand, and displaced many, many more. The earthquake took place just outside of Petit Trou de Nippes, about 80 miles west of Port-Au-Prince. The shaking was felt by those throughout the country, and was even said to be felt in Jamaica, over 200 miles away from the epicenter. Cities surrounding the epicenter have experienced mass building collapses such as homes, hotels, and hospitals.

Our boys felt the earthquake and automatically ran out of the house and into the open yard. Though the shaking was intense, both homes were built extremely well and did not suffer any damages. We are so grateful that all of our boys and staff of Love and Grace are safe from harm.

Please continue to pray for the country and those affected by the earthquake.