



**Hello Everyone!!**

“SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.”  
1 JOHN 4:16 ESV

Recently I have been thinking about the love of our Father God, and how it relates to each of us and also how it relates to our work among the poor in Haiti. One of my favorite books is The Furious Longing of God by Brennan Manning. In it he says: “The wild, unrestricted love of God is not simply an inspiring idea. When it imposes

itself on mind and heart with the stark reality of ontological truth, it determines why and at what time you get up in the morning, how you pass your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, and who you hang with; it affects what breaks your heart, what amazes you, and what makes your heart happy.” The phrase “what breaks your heart” especially drew my attention. Many times in my interactions with people in need, who come to us in an endless stream of broken humanity here in Haiti, I fall far short. My heart is not broken, I am tired and insensitive and short. I ask them what their “bottom line” is—sizing up what they need from me materially so I can get rid of them and move onto the next thing. Then I am ashamed. At those times, I am thankful for His grace and forgiveness, and as often as I fail, I grab onto His hand remembering that not only God loves even me, but that He IS Love!

Each of us has the challenge of living in and out the Love of God. Many of you struggle in your workplaces, neighborhoods, churches and even families, as we struggle here in ministry. Let us continue to lift up each other in prayer as we seek to serve Him. And when we fail, may we always remember to reach out for the hand of our Father God.

Meg

**Greetings from Cap-Haitien!**

*We have been very blessed these past few months. Thank you for your support and all the help and encouragement you give us in this work. This month, we are working with the church in Fosse Capois to add three new classrooms to the school. We are also starting a new school in Jacqueszyl and a new church with Pastor Jude in Terrier Rouge. We have been able to install several new wells this winter and are working on plans for a High School in coordination with Pastor Eberle. Please pray for us as we work alongside the local church in our community. God is doing great things in Haiti!*

*Your brother,  
Wilbert*

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THE HOPE OF THE WORLD**

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**LIVING HOPE MISSION, P.O. BOX 17322, PLANTATION FL 33318**



Volunteers from 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Greenville SC making school benches

# NEEDS:

As we move into the hot summer months, and children will be home from school, we like to send them home with a hygiene kit for the summer. What we mean by that is: a ziplock bag with a bar of antibacterial soap (like dial or safeguard); a toothbrush, tube of toothpaste, washcloth and a comb. If you'd like to help provide these, you can send them to:

*Living Hope Mission, Unit 1015 – LHM, 3170 Airmans Dr., Fort Pierce FL 34946*

LHM pays \$1.50 per pound to transport these items from Fort Pierce to Cap-Haitien. We appreciate donations to help cover the cost of delivery. These can be sent to the LHM address in Plantation FL. Make checks payable to "Living Hope Mission".

Hope Center has been busy these past few months. Many volunteers have come to work with us this winter and early Spring. What did they do? Sand, cut, and hammer wood for benches, host parties for school kids, teach seminars, haul dirt, lift blocks, plant flowers, scrape paint off, put new paint on, make crafts with women, take school portraits of children, teach English, clean and sew wounds, prescribe eye glasses, and more---all with a wonderful servant spirit and good sense of humor. Living Hope Mission's volunteer teams are a vital part of our ministry. Thank you to all who come, all who support and encourage those who come, and most of all pray for those who come!

## "Make New Friends, But Keep the Old"

As a little girl, one of my favorite songs was "Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold." This rings especially true to us as we announce the retirement of our wonderful bookkeeper, Pat Galy, who served LHM and the people of Haiti for the past 16 years. Pat worked diligently along with our former treasurer, John Boldt and LHM Secretary Carol Thompson, to keep the books for LHM, prepare tax and budget information, and correspond with donors. She has been a great friend LHM's workers and board. Pat's husband, Ron, has been a great supporter to the work and encouraged Pat over the years. We thank them for their hard work which has given LHM a firm financial foundation.

At the same time, we praise God for our new volunteer, Kim Clifford. Kim is an old friend who has served as treasurer in two of our supporting churches. She brings a wealth of experience to the job, having worked in budgeting for the City of Fort Lauderdale for many years. Kim has worked with Pat, and board member Carol Thompson this year, to be trained in this very time consuming volunteer position. Our treasurer, Mike Lawson, is also working with Kim to make sure that all donations are properly recorded and funds are accounted for. We thank you, Kim and Mike for your willingness to serve!



## Pastor's Conference

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> LHM hosted a Pastor's Conference for local church leaders and their wives around the area of Cap Haitian. Pastor Ray Still from Oakwood Church in New Braunfels, TX taught the pastors. While the men met and received training for better leading of their congregations and families, the women participated in Bible studies and crafts prepared by a few women from Oakwood. Everyone enjoyed fellowship during breakfast and lunch over the two-day learning event and were given opportunities to ask questions. Overall it was a great encouragement and treat for the couples and friends.



Well repair team



Medical Team from Shawnee

