



Greetings,

When the Haitian Children's Aid Society (HCAS) was formed 11 years ago, those involved were hoping to be able to fill the basic needs of the children in care at Haiti Children's Home (HCH). During the next few years we became better at this task of providing aid with many faithful and generous donors helping us support the orphanage children. After the 2010 earthquake that did so much damage to Haiti and its people, HCAS took on another challenge, the building of a new and modern facility. Opened last year, the new HCH complex is a model of excellence in construction and of the philosophy that each child needs to feel a part of a home and family as well as have the basic needs of health and education met. This past year or so, HCAS has begun to increase our programs of providing food, water, healthcare and education to the people of the community surrounding the orphanage. We are interested in changing more lives than just those within our walls. The vision of HCAS going forward also includes providing not just hand-outs to people, but job training and job opportunities which can provide a permanent livelihood for those involved. With a successful track record in Haiti, HCAS continues to learn what works and what doesn't work when providing aid. HCAS is changing lives and saving lives in Haiti at an administrative cost far below that of most other charities. HCAS believes that the HCH compound can be an integral part of a vibrant community in this part of the country for years to come.

The main thing now standing in the way of further implementation of this vision is not having enough stable, reliable funding coming in to provide a firm foundation to build the future programs upon. In other words, we need to increase our monthly funding to keep our present operations within the walls of HCH fully funded on an ongoing basis. Doing this will free up other funding to move forward in further implementing our above goals. In the next 6 months, HCAS is endeavoring to **increase the number of monthly sponsors by 250 sponsorships**, a level large enough to sustain the needs of our base operations. With your help we believe this is an attainable goal. If all our present child sponsors could add another sponsorship through personal giving or by promoting us to one or two friends, a local business or to their church, we would have the job done. To kick off this drive the children at HCH are helping us decorate a tree with "**Ornaments of Hope**" for every new sponsor over the Christmas season. Help us decorate the tree with new sponsors. See the next page for our 2 sponsorship programs, and stay tuned to the HCAS or HCH facebook page for updates!

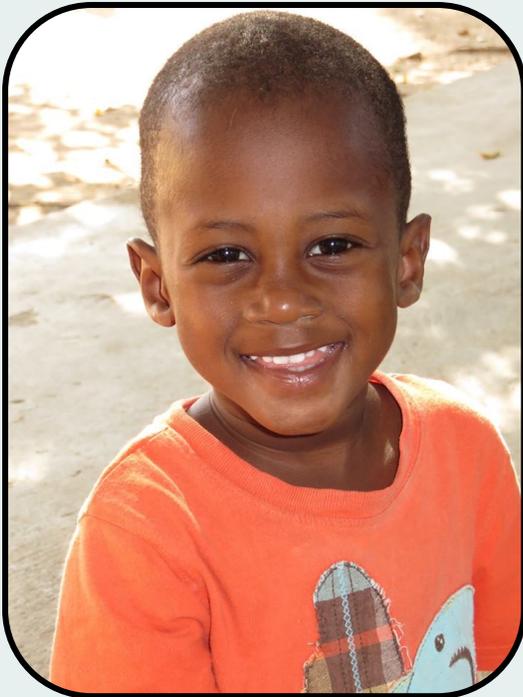
Have a Blessed Christmas, Vince Vold, HCAS President



**HCAS**  
HAITIAN CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

December 2016

## Monthly Child Sponsor—\$40/month



The Child Sponsorship program provides care for the children who call the orphanage their home.

- 24 hr care by Haitian Staff
- Education
- Spiritual Enrichment
- Shelter
- Nutrition
- Medical
- Recreation

To view children in need of sponsorship, please visit [www.hcas.ca](http://www.hcas.ca) and click the sponsorship link.

## Monthly Sponsorship Programs

Help us increase our Sponsorships by 250

### Community Outreach Sponsor —\$50/month

This program focuses on HCAS/HCH unified desire to keep families together and educate them on the importance of quality nutrition. This program is an umbrella covering all children that have family involvement but are still not receiving the nutrition and care needed to thrive.

- Formula and medical check-ups for infants from the community (Milk Program)
- Nutrition and medical care for children needing temporary respite care at HCH
- Nutrient dense food packs for families in the community

To become a Community Outreach Sponsor please visit [www.hcas.ca](http://www.hcas.ca) and click on the sponsorship link.



## Container Bound for Haiti

Last year's newsletter we showed you a picture of the packed and loaded container. In April a team unloaded the container and equipped Haiti Children's Home with many new and helpful items. Thank-you to the team who went down and spent a week helping to set up furniture, new playground equipment, kitchen equipment, etc... Thank-you to everyone for donating to help fill and ship the container!



Pure excitement as new bikes and playground equipment emerges.



All hands on deck to help unload



New bunk beds, mattresses and cribs.



### THANK-YOU...

To Shane, Joy and Ty Trusz who served as our Field Directors from summer 2014-Fall 2015. Leading the charge to complete the build and get the children moved in. HCAS is truly grateful for your service! All the best in your future endeavors!

### THANK-YOU...

To the Lloydminster, AB/SK area for the contributions to our Community Outreach program for 2016. Board Member Aulden Reid garnered a lot of support to provide Manna Packs to our neighbors in Haiti.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH STORY

Little premature Joray was referred to Haiti Children's Home by a friend at another organization doing other work in Haiti. His mama died and his grandma is now successfully caring for him with a little support from our milk program! He came to us just weighing under 2kg and is now over 8 kg. Thanks for supporting our Community Outreach program for families like Joray's who need a little support to make amazing things happen!



Big impact through our Community Outreach Programs!



*Joray today with his grandma, healthy and thriving!*



## MEET THE DONAHUE'S

Meet our new Field Directors—the Donahue's!

Originating from Kelowna BC, the Donahue's now call Haiti home. Scott and Tanya have 2 biological sons and 2 adopted daughters. Their 12 year old daughter Ellie was adopted from HCH in 2006, they have watched the transformation at the orphanage and are excited to be a part of the vision of the Board. Please pray for this family as they work together with the Haitian people and HCH to show God's love.

## ADOPTION UPDATES

Adoptions are slowly picking up after three very slow years that have been challenging for everyone doing adoptions in Haiti. The last child to go home to their forever family from HCH was in 2013.

There are currently 3 children getting really close to joining their forever families in AB.

Two more children have been matched to their forever families and will now begin the rest of the adoption process.

There are 14 more children whose files are being prepared to match with their forever families.

Please pray for the families awaiting their children and for speed in the process.





**THANK-YOU...**

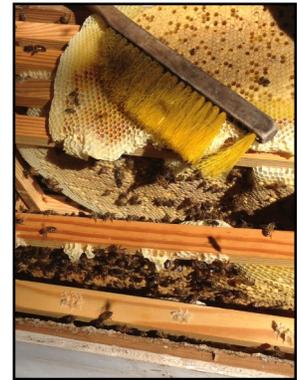
To our monthly supporters. Your steady supply of donations allow for a steady stream of funds to Haiti Children Home. We thank-you for your continued support and interest in HCAS!

**THANK-YOU...**

To Ptarmigan Foundation—your generous cheques have given us much needed boosts at critical times! Thank-you for believing in our cause!

**THOUSANDS OF NEW FRIENDS**

HCH now has bee hives for their own fresh honey! 5 hives are kept at a separate site far away from the children and Guito, who is one of the security guards, is also the bee keeper! This new little venture is going well, if expanded large enough we will look to sell our excess honey at market!



House Families



Twins—Johnsley and Mackenley



Sweet Laine!



## HAITIAN CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

In 2005, HCAS was born when several adoptive families in Alberta joined forces to "give-back" to the community of Mirebalais, Haiti. Originally, HCAS was formed to provide dedicated fundraising support to the Haiti Children's Home. Now, since the earthquake of 2010, this faithful board has committed to come alongside the people of Mirebalais to empower them in rebuilding the orphanage and assist them in realizing their vision of providing essential community services.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SPRING FUNDRAISER**

**CROSSROADS CHURCH**

**RED DEER, AB**

**MAY 6, 2017**

**STAY TUNED AT HCAS.CA**



## DONE READING YOUR NEWSLETTER?

**Pass it ON**

Post it at your church, Pass it to your friends, Spread the word!

*Manna Packs provided through Community Outreach in Palto*



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## Did you know you can donate online?

Go to [hcas.ca](http://hcas.ca) and click on the "Donate Now" button located along the top banner.

Any cheques post-marked Dec 31, 2016 or earlier will be receipted for 2016 tax year.

**THANK-YOU FOR SUPPORTING HCAS!!!**

