

# How can I help?

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# Share with Others

about RHFH. Please pass this newsletter on to a friend or family member. Share the prayer needs in your small group. Tell a friend about a Haiti story that touched your heart. Explain to your pastor the work of RHFH and ask how the church could support it. Follow us and like posts on facebook, twitter, and instagram and share them with others. Show your children the importance of missions and loving others. Host an event to highlight

# A Great Time To Give

We need your help to spread the word God blesses us so we are able to bless others. We ask you prayerfully consider donating to RHFH this Christmas season. Please remember your donation will save lives, inspire hope and bring healing. Yearend donations enable us to transition well from one year to the next, ensuring our program and their impact will endure. While there are many wonderful organizations you can help, we also want to remind you to remember your local church in your year-end giving. We believe in the RHFH and challenge others to give their local church and need them to thrive and flourish as well. Merry Christmas!!



## Praver Requests >>>

- ~Revival in Haitian churches
- ~Peace during political transition
- ~Focus on making disciples
- ~Needs met according to God's will
- ~Direction for future RHFH projects
- ~Healing and health for all patients and kids
- ~Safety for all RHFH staff

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Thank you for sharing hope in this life and the life to come!

# Hello from Haiti



contact info >>>

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If you have changed your address or email lately, please let us know by writing us at the address above or info@realhopeforhaiti.org. We would love to have your email address to make communication fast, affordable, and effective.

www.realhopeforhaiti.org

### Isaiah 58:7

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.



# **GOD IS GREAT!**

Our genuine hope is that you will come to the same conclusion as us when you read of how God preserved Isma's and Nofie's lives, blessed Dieula with a healthy daughter, and provided a foster home for Izabella: That God is great and awesome indeed. The grace of God is amazing. His mercy is unshakable. His power is unbreakable. His love is unchangeable. There is none like our God!

It is important we marvel at the greatness of God and His everlasting love. When we fail to do so, our own ego swells and cultural problems grow as we shrink God in our lives. What if each time we felt overwhelmed, we focused on the greatness of God's glory and might? It would be our pride and our circumstances that would shrink small then.

We see significant needs here in rural Haiti. There are systemic problems in Haiti that prevent growth, perpetuate poverty, and threaten the future. While different, there are equally pervasive

problems in the United States, and throughout the world, that point towards perilous times. One thing is for certain; our great needs should propel us to petition our great God in prayer, who alone can deliver us.

Psalm 86 begins with David crying out in prayer. David goes on to explain why he prays to God, writing, "There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All nations who you have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God." (vv 8-10)

What might God accomplish if we interceded that He pour out His mercy on this evil world? Certainly the problems are massive, but they are no match for the grace, love, and power of Creator God. Let's get on our knees and cry out for God to empower the global church to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

We love that you pray for us, and we love to pray for you. If you have a particular prayer request, please send it to prayer@realhopeforhaiti.org

### Saving Lives >>>

# ISMA

**NOFIE** 

# Isma and Nofie

When a health care worker from a partnering organization was visiting a remote mountain village, she noticed a family with several children with severe malnutrition and reached out to help. Isma, Nofie and their brother were ill and she explained to the parents that they all needed inpatient care. The next morning, she went back to travel with them to our clinic. Sadly, the brother had not made it through the night. Despite grief and fear, the parents knew that they had to send the girls to get help. They just couldn't bear to lose another child. The four hour trip was hard on their fragile bodies and they were very weak when they arrived. The staff worked hard to do everything possible to save the girls. Each day they grew stronger and healthier. News reached their parents that they



survived and were doing well. They were relieved and happy. Trust was established and they listened with open ears and hearts. The health care worker was able to educate and encourage good hygiene, clean drinking water, and balanced nutrition. Houses in this area are usually made out of rocks and clay with a tin roof. Water is found in a natural source coming out of the ground, but should still be treated for bacteria to prevent intestinal problems. One meal a day of rice and beans is common, but with a few minor changes they will be able to add more vegetables and protein. Small, nutritious meals throughout the day will help maintain their health and weight. RHFH is happy to partner with other organizations throughout Haiti to bring good health to these sisters and many more children in need. They will have follow-up visits from the health care worker that initially found them at the clinic where she works near to their home. Thank you for supporting RHFH as we work together to bring lasting health and hope.



# Generations Touched

Dieula was a 6 year old malnourished child we cared for in our home in 1999. She received a high protein diet and lots of love. Her parents brought her to the clinic occasionally for check-ups. They made sure that they put into practice the health education that they received to provide balanced diets for Dieula and their other children. She recently came back to visit and brought her own daughter to make sure that she was healthy. What a blessing to see the impact that RHFH has had on both generations. May He continue to use the resources and staff to accomplish His will here in rural Haiti.

bringing hope >>>

# Love Overcomes All Obstacles

Family is not defined by our genes; it is built and maintained through love. ~Amalia G.

Izabella was abandoned at the clinic in August 2012. She was found on a bench with a bag of her clothes and a bottle of milk. Her mom had also left a note for us in the bag explaining that she felt she could no longer care for her and her decision to leave her at RHFH. Izabella was born without a foot and also has deformities in her hands and jaw. She was in our care for a little over a year as we searched for family. When no one could be found, she was placed with a foster family here in Cazale. She has thrived in her home full of love. Her foster mother has helped her through many obstacles and she can now walk and talk. She has a vibrant personality and is loved my many. Her laughs bring joy to us all. Izabella plans to start school this fall and is excited to begin learning to read and write.



# Your Support Impacts Body & Soul

God called our family to Haiti to love and care for His children while we spread His Word. Over the 22 years that we have had the opportunity to minister in rural Haiti, doors have opened for us to provide health care in the Name of Jesus. Over 3000 people are able to be served in the clinic, cholera hospital and nutrition center each month. Bodies are healed and lives are saved, but this means nothing to the Kingdom of God if His Name is not proclaimed. Each of the encounters that we are able to have with patients are opportunities to speak into their hearts and plant seeds of the salvation message.



Chrisnold is 23 year old man that came to the clinic with difficulty breathing, coughing, weight loss, fever, & weakness. His mother was a Christian in her youth, but had renounced her faith many years ago and decided to pursue voudou. She raised her kids with these beliefs,

but Chrisnold rejected them as he became older and received Christ as Savior. His family disowned him, he became ill, and everyone said that he was cursed. At around 100 pounds, it took all his strength just to come for his appointments. During one visit, he even passed out and thought he was close to death. Through much encouragement from RHFH staff, he became closer to God and his faith became unwavering. He said, "I will either die and go to be with God or God will use this for His good pleasure. Satan will not have the victory." After many tests and specialist consulted, it was determined that he had tuberculosis and treatment was started. The progression of healing was slow, but he is now close to a full recovery. He thanks God first and then all the nurses that worked so hard to help his body and soul during this difficult time. His mother watched quietly as he recovered and became stronger in his faith. Chrisnold asked for prayer for his family to turn to Christ. His mother recently began to attend church with him and has committed her life to God once again. We are still praying for his other siblings to accept the power of grace and salvation in Jesus. Death has no victory! Jesus is Lord!

# building community >>>

Many of the gardens in Cazale are made possible by a gravity irrigation system implemented many years ago. Erosion and time have destroyed part of the ditch line making it difficult to supply and adequate amount of water for the needs of the farmers. The Community Group has been able to start repairing sections of this in preparation for the fall/winter bean crops to



improve the amount and frequency at which about 200 gardens receive water. We are hopeful for a profitable bean harvest this year. This rainy season, they will also plant 8000+ trees in three areas to prevent erosion and protect the mountainsides around Cazale. The goat project is succeeding as well. Thanks to all who participated!



# Commitment of Love

Weddings can be expensive & most people can't find the extra money to make this dream come true. The marriage commitment will strengthen families and RHFH recently began to help some of our staff (5 so far) by doing Bible studies on marriage and then helping them celebrate their big day. Let us know if you would like to help with any future weddings.

# Bible Studies Reach Teens

There are two staff that hold a total of 4 Bible classes per week. Class size ranges from 5-15 people. Over the past few years, we have varied the classes for different ages - kids, youth, and adults. By far, the teen classes are the most popular. There is a thirst for knowledge and hunger for God's ways. We use Kreyol books provided by LIFE Literature. A generous donor made is possible for us to purchase and give each student a Bible or songbook this year. Upon completion, there is a small celebration to praise God and share what they have learned with others that they have invited.

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