



The Foundation for the Children of Haiti

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Year End 2024

My Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to write and thank you for your prayers and generosity over the past year. We are so grateful for your faithful partnership with us.

In the face of unimaginable obstacles and danger, God continues to protect everyone at the Foundation and has allowed us to continue all our ministries. We continue to do everything we can to keep life as normal as possible for the children under our care.

After the Kenyan police force arrived in late June there were a few months where the level of gang violence seemed to be in check. However, in early November things deteriorated significantly as the gangs made a push to control all of Port au Prince.

There was a very tense day in mid-November when gangs attempted to expand into Petion Ville, a quiet neighbourhood that lies between the hospital and my home. Fortunately, the Kenyan and Haitian police forces were able to turn back the invaders. About a week after that, I was advised to leave Haiti due to the level of insecurity. With all commercial flights having been cancelled due to the violence, I left on a US military flight on November 23.

I am now in Florida staying with one of my siblings until the situation calms down. Fortunately, I am in contact with the staff in Haiti, so can work almost as if I am there.

Through God's grace, the area where the Children's Village and Hope Hospital are located continues to be relatively calm. As well, in there is much less insecurity in Mussotte – a rural area in southern Haiti where we have an elementary school and C-Tech.

Despite what we have faced the past year, with God leading and protecting, and knowing that you stand with us, we look back on 2024 with gratitude, and forward to 2025 with hope for better days.

I wish you all the best for a happy Christmas and every blessing in the coming year.

Love, *Gladys*





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FCH Ministries

We can't thank you enough for standing with the Foundation for the Children of Haiti through its 43rd year of making a difference in Haiti.

Starting in 1981 with one small orphanage, FCH now operates the following six amazing ministries:

Children's Village (Port au Prince)	
Rainbow of Love Residence	Home to 75 children, from toddlers to late teens
Hope Home	Residence for 23 children and adults living with disabilities.
Children's Village Elementary, Middle School, and Special Education Class	Kindergarten to grade 8 with 255 students: 75 from the Rainbow of Love & Hope Home, and 180 children from the neighbourhood.
Programs in Mussotte (southern Haiti)	
C-Tech	Post secondary training institute. 185 students enrolled in nursing, computer science, and electrical engineering programs 53 students live in an on-campus residence.
Mussotte Elementary School	Day school with 260 students – kindergarten to grade 6 – in a rural area in southern Haiti.
Hope Hospital (Port au Prince)	
70 bed general hospital	General medicine, emergency, ICU, neo-natal ICU, surgery, dialysis, lab, pharmacy, X-Ray, obstetrics, pediatrics, urology. Over 35,000 patient visits annually.



Hope Hospital

Rainbow of Love Residence



Mussotte School





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The impact you have had during 2024

Your generous support has allowed The Foundation for the Children of Haiti to not only continue operating all its ministries, but also to implement improvements to better serve the people of Haiti and become more sustainable.

Here are some of the ways you have made a huge difference in Haiti over the past year:

1. Helping FCH to deal with the crippling cost of every-day necessities by ensuring that sufficient funds were always on hand to purchase food when it became available. (Disruptions caused by gang control of transportation routes, and violence throughout Port au Prince, have resulted in ongoing shortages and an astronomical increase in the cost of food.)
2. Providing sufficient funding to support a lunch program for neighbourhood children attending the elementary and middle school at the Children's Village. This has allowed FCH to increase enrollment by about 150 students. (In these very difficult times, neighbourhood families are struggling to feed their children.)
3. Providing funds to install solar power for the new wing at Hope Hospital.
4. Funding the expansion to the annex at Mussotte Elementary School.
5. Funding the purchase of 3 new dialysis machines for Hope Hospital.



Left: C-Tech electronics students working on solar panels.

Right: C-Tech nursing students.



C-Tech Scholarships

C-Tech is a life-changing opportunity for young adults, providing technical skills and training to equip them with the ability to earn a living.

In addition to the education and training, a very significant advantage of C-Tech is that it gets many students out of Port au Prince, free from the dangers and fears of living in the gang-controlled city.

In 2023, a high school grad from Rainbow of Love residence enrolled at C-Tech. This fall, **six** Rainbow of Love grads are now enrolled in programs at C-Tech.

The cost of tuition and room & board at C-Tech is \$3,000 US per year. This amount is nothing compared to the cost of post-secondary education in Canada, but it is beyond the means of most Haitians, particularly in these troubled times.

To assist C-Tech students, as funds are available, FCH provides scholarships to qualifying students.

If you would like to help a student with their C-Tech education, a donation can be made through our website – <https://cfchcanada.ca/helping-financially/>

(Leave a note "C-Tech Scholarship" in the comment section when you make a donation.)



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Some Immediate Challenges Arising from the Violence in Port au Prince

A. Shipment of New Dialysis Machines to Haiti

- In October, three of Hope Hospital's 4 dialysis machines failed.
- Thanks to CFCH donors, three new dialysis machines have been purchased and are in the US ready to be transported.
- However, in mid-November – due to the increasing gang violence – the United States civil aviation regulator grounded all flights to Haiti and the Port au Prince airport closed. There is currently no indication as to when flights will resume.
- FCH is hoping that approval for humanitarian flights will be granted some time soon, however at this point there is no way to get the new dialysis machines to Port au Prince.
- Tragically, a number of Hope Hospital's dialysis patients have passed away due to the current lack of machines.

B. Rainbow of Love grads getting to C-Tech

- Six recent high school grads at Rainbow of Love are enrolled at C-Tech but are unable to travel from Port au Prince to Mussotte due to extreme danger on gang-controlled highways.
- The students are taking on-line classes but, given the hands-on nature of the nursing and electronics courses, they are anxious to get to Mussotte and begin their in-person studies.

Please pray that the situation calms to the point where the machines can be delivered and the students can get to Mussotte.



Hope Home Christmas Gifts

Each Christmas CFCH purchases gifts for the residents of Hope Home. Prior to 2020, these gifts were delivered by work team members. However, for several years the violence in Port au Prince has made it impossible for the teams to travel to Haiti.

To get gifts to Hope Home, supporters donate funds and CFCH volunteers order gifts through Amazon. These items are delivered by Amazon to Mission Flights International ("MFI"), a charitable aviation company in Florida that flies passengers and cargo to Haiti.

Although the gifts were all delivered to the MFI base in good time for Christmas, sadly they did not arrive until after all flights to Haiti were suspended. We're praying that flights will resume and Hope Home residents won't have to wait too long for their gifts !



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In the coming year...

Please join us in praying that God will continue to protect the children, patients, and staff of the Foundation, and that ultimately peace and security will be restored in Haiti.

Our top priority is maintaining funding to allow FCH to continue providing for the children under its care in the face of extremely high prices for all day-to-day necessities.

Thank you for your prayers and support... We can't express how much of a difference you are making and how much it means to the FCH staff in Haiti.



Gang Control of Port au Prince

It is estimated that there are over 200 criminal gangs in Haiti. For decades, Haiti's gangs have been closely associated with politicians, political parties, businessmen or other so-called "elites" in Haiti. Over the past 4 – 5 years, as the stability and power of the government has collapsed, gangs have competed for influence and control of territory in Port au Prince. Gang violence has displaced an estimated 700,000 people in recent years as gunmen burn and pillage communities in a push to control more territory.

The UN reports that gangs control over 80% of Port au Prince. Residents live under the constant threat of physical & sexual assault, murder, and kidnapping.

Widespread violence has paralyzed the city. Gangs control all the main roads in and out of the city, restricting the flow of goods, frequently confiscating food, fuel and other daily necessities that they then sell at exorbitant prices, and extorting payments from truckers they allow to pass.

Over the past 2 years gangs have openly sought political power to expand their criminal activities. To achieve this goal gangs formed coalitions, working together to overpower the police.

Since early November, violence has sharply increased, as gangs have attacked neighbourhoods that had previously escaped the worst of the violence. The Port au Prince international airport was closed in mid-November after gangs shot at a commercial flight as it landed.

The 400 member Kenyan-led police mission lacks resources and funding. At this time, the Kenyan and Haitian police are vastly outnumbered by heavily armed gang members.

Gladys and the staff of FCH greatly value your prayers for Haiti.