



The Foundation for the Children of Haiti

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July 2026

My Dear Friends,

As always, it is a pleasure to write and thank you for your faithful prayers and support and give you a brief update on our work.

Haiti is still in a time of great trial. Little has changed since I last wrote. Gangs still control most of Port au Prince: roads in and out of the city are shut down, the airport remains closed, widespread violence and kidnapping continue. Life is so difficult.

Yet, in the midst of all this, we continue to praise God for his protection and provision.

- We have been kept safe. The only areas in the city not controlled by gangs are the neighbourhood where the hospital and Village are located and the one I drive through to get to and from work. My home is in an area of relative quiet because the international anti-gang force has a presence there.
- We thank God that all our activities continue to thrive as He has provided financial resources to respond to growing needs and make prudent cost-saving investments.

Despite the turmoil, we do all we can to provide a safe and peaceful routine for our children and staff and make sure there are special times of celebration.

- We had a joyful time on Mother's Day celebrating the House Moms at the Village with a party that included cakes, pastries, drinks, cards, a rose, and monetary gifts. Everyone was very happy.
- In June we marked the grand opening of our new commercial bakery. All the children and staff gathered for a party to celebrate this wonderful gift that will provide for us every day.
- The school year ends mid-July. On the last day we will have our annual Kindergarten graduation party followed by "water day" with kiddie pools and water games, and then camp days for the kids.

We can't thank you enough for all you do to help in this work. Your love and prayers encourage and strengthen us as we continue to do God's work during these difficult times.

With love, *Gladys*



Left: House Mom's at Mother's Day



Right: Children at Bakery Grand Opening



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Twelve Quick Facts about the Foundation for the Children of Haiti

- ✓ 58 young people (age 3-24 years) live at Rainbow of Love. High school grads who have nowhere else to live stay at RoL while they attend trade school or university.
- ✓ 18 people living with disabilities are permanent residents of Hope Home.
- ✓ During the school year a number of neighbourhood children with disabilities attend the special education class and board at Hope Home during the week.
- ✓ Including staff, 100 people live at the Children's Village.
- ✓ Enrollment at the Village school has increased from 165 in 2023 to over 300 this year. The increase in the number of neighbourhood children attending has in part been due to the meal program (breakfast and lunch) that FCH began in 2024.
- ✓ Next year enrollment at the Village school is expected to be around 350.
- ✓ 31 students attend the special education program at the Children's Village School.
- ✓ C-Tech (FCH's post-secondary trade and technical school in Mussotte, southern Haiti) has 201 students, 81 who live in the on-campus dorm.
- ✓ 260 students attend Mussotte elementary school.
- ✓ Hope Hospital cares for over 35,000 patients annually.
- ✓ Hope Hospital now has 82 beds with the opening of the new wing.
- ✓ FCH employs over 300 Haitians.

And a bonus 13th quick fact... your generous support makes all this possible !



We are grateful for...

- ❖ God's protection of FCH, keeping the children, staff, and facilities safe in the midst of the constant violence and turmoil in Haiti.
- ❖ God's provision of financial resources to not only maintain all activities, but to undertake enhancements to sustain operations, reduce costs, and care for more people than ever.
- ❖ The steadfast generosity and commitment of our supporters who have sacrificed to allow FCH to expand its work in the face of so many obstacles and dangers.



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The Village Bakery is Up and Running !

100 people live at the Children’s Village – 76 residents at Rainbow of Love and Hope Home plus around 25 on-site staff. Every school day the Village population increases by around 225 as neighbourhood children come to school where every child receives breakfast and lunch.

With gangs in Port au Prince controlling supply routes and regularly stealing food to sell at greatly inflated prices, the challenges of feeding that many people are overwhelming.

Last fall we outlined FCH’s plan to purchase bread-making equipment to somewhat mitigate the extremely high cost and chronic shortages of food.

The commercial bakery at the Village is now operational. On June 11 the first bread was baked and two weeks later a grand opening celebration was held.

The bakery will produce enough baked goods for all the students and staff at the Village (at a fraction of the cost of purchasing from the market) plus enough to supply some neighbourhood families with bread to sell for income.

Five bakery employees will train older children at the Village, giving them an employable skill.

We thank CFCH supporters who provided most of the funding for the new bakery.

You have given a gift that will provide for the children at the Village for many years to come.



Thank You for Keeping the Meal Program Going

In 2024 many neighbourhood children attending the school at the Children’s Village were coming to school hungry since their families were no longer able to feed them. In response, FCH implemented a program to provide the children breakfast and lunch each school day.

This is a very expensive program given the extreme cost of food and increased enrollment at the school.

When we made this need known, our wonderful supporters generously responded, allowing FCH to continue the program.

We can’t thank you enough for your willingness to share in this work.



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Projects Underway

Thanks to your generosity, FCH has the following projects underway that will make operations more sustainable by reducing costs and will enhance the care provided to the children living in FCH residences and attending its schools, and patients at Hope Hospital.

Oxygen generator for Hope Hospital.

- Hope Hospital purchases oxygen tanks from local suppliers. Given the constant supply disruptions caused by gangs, oxygen is extremely expensive and from time-to-time it is difficult to acquire enough to meet the hospital's needs.
- This investment will allow the hospital to fill its own tanks with medical grade oxygen, assuring adequate supplies on an ongoing basis.
- This will also save over \$100,000 US annually.
- The new system was ordered mid-June, with delivery expected in the fall.

New well at the Children's Village

- The current well has low flow and runs dry outside the rainy season, necessitating the purchase of water. In dry seasons, the Village needs 5 truckloads / week, at a cost of \$300 US per truck.
- A new well was dug in mid-June and initial flow is encouraging.

Welding shop at the Children's Village

- A welding shop is being built at the Village to provide employment-focused training to high school students and grads.

Culvert at Village

- During rainy periods a portion of the Children's Village site was unusable due to heavy water runoff, which also eroded the road into the Village.
- A culvert has just been completed which will eliminate this problem and make that portion of the site usable.

Water cistern at C-Tech

- A cistern with a capacity of 52,000 gallons of water is being built at C-Tech to collect rainwater to supplement the well during dry periods.



Left: Culvert being built.



Right: Water from new well.

Below: Oxygen Generator System





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Thank you all for being a critical part of the FCH team

FCH has showed remarkable resilience and has made incredible progress during the past 5 years of violence and turmoil in Port au Prince.

This has been possible through the grace of God who has protected, equipped, strengthened, and guided the talented and dedicated Haitian management and staff of FCH.

God added another pillar to supports this great work... our faithful and generous friends across Canada who provide for and encourage the wonderful workers in Haiti.

We can't thank you enough for the prayers and resources you have provided to the team in Haiti.

- You ensured that the children living at the Village and attending the school are fed every day despite out of control increases in food costs and a doubling of enrollment at the school.
- You provided funds to make operations more sustainable by investing in solar power, water cisterns, the commercial bakery, an oxygen generator system.
- Your support allowed FCH to carefully expand its capacity to touch more children at this time of great need: expansion of the Village school to accommodate high school classes, tripling the size of the annex at the Mussotte school, putting a lift in the Village school to allow the rapidly growing special education students to access 2nd floor classrooms.
- You provided scholarships for C-Tech students and funds to honour house moms on Mother's Day.

We hope that you understand how important your partnership is and what a profound impact it is having as FCH continues to be a light of hope and refuge in Haiti.

