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My Dear Friends,

It was a pleasure to be in Victoria and Vancouver last month to meet with some of you as we marked the 30th year of CFCH's support for Haiti.

I can't express how grateful we are for all the ways you have encouraged us with your faithfulness and helped us build an organization that today touches the lives of thousands of Haitians.

God has protected us through 4 years of turmoil and terror, and we trust Him for continued protection. Also, through your generosity, He has provided the resources to not only maintain our activities, but to expand our capacity to show His love for Haitians in need.

Thank you all for your prayers, love, and support.

Gladys



CFCH 30th Anniversary Project

FCH is undertaking an expansion of its elementary school in Mussotte.

Established in 2009, the school now has 260 students and it is "bursting at the seams".

An annex building is being enlarged to accommodate more students. (See details and pictures on page 2.)

The estimated cost for this work is \$30,000.

If you would like help us with this project and continue CFCH's legacy of making a difference in Haiti, donations can be made at <https://cfchcanada.ca/> or mailed to the address below.



A few of the children attending Mussotte School

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Mussotte Elementary School – Time for an upgrade !

In 2009 FCH started an elementary school in a small refurbished house in a rural area of southern Haiti. In its first year the school ran with 3 classes: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2. Each year another grade was added. In 2011 a small annex was added and in 2013 another wing was built.



Left: Original building.



Right: annex (2011)



Above: Original building in front, wing added in 2013 behind.

Below: Expansion of annex underway.



The school now has grades K – 6 and the space is “maxed out” with 260 children attending.

The classrooms in the annex are very small, so a project to expand the size of each room and add a second floor is underway.

This will accommodate the existing students better and allow for increased enrollment.

Estimated cost of the expansion is \$30,000.

To mark CFCH's 30th anniversary we would like to raise enough to cover the cost of this project, which will allow more children in the area to attend school for many years to come.



Some of the children and teachers at Mussotte elementary

If you would like to help us with this important project, donations can be made through our website - <https://cfchcanada.ca/helping-financially/> , via e-transfer to info@cfchcanada.ca, or by cheque to the address below.



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FCH – Always Moving Forward

For the past 4 years the economic and security situation in Haiti has deteriorated dramatically as gangs have taken control of Port au Prince. During this period, many charitable organizations have been forced to curtail their activities, and some have ceased operations.

However, through the grace of God, things have been very different for FCH.

Despite the chaos, a number of significant projects have been completed, allowing the Foundation to maintain – and in some cases expand – its activities and reduce operating costs.

- 1. Solar power system installed at Hope Hospital (2021-2022)**
- 2. Solar power system upgrade at the Children's Village (2022)**
- 3. Men's residence completed at C-Tech (2022)**
- 4. New building completed for the nursing school at C-Tech (2022)**
- 5. Middle School building completed at the Children's Village (2022)** (Picture on page 4)
- 6. New wing added to Hope Hospital (2022-23)** (Picture on page 4)
 - Will accommodate 20 beds plus space for 10 incubators for the neo-natal intensive care unit.
- 7. Screen porch added to Hope Home** – A small but very important project that allows Hope Home residents to be outdoors without being bothered by insects. (Picture on page 4)



Completed Projects: Above left: Solar Panels at Hope Hospital. Above right: Men's Residence at C-Tech. Below: Nursing school classrooms at C-Tech.



CFCH funded the solar power systems and the Village projects. Primary funding for C-Tech buildings was from a private foundation in the US. Primary funding for the new wing at Hope Hospital was from US & European medical mission organizations that also use the hospital for short term medical teams.



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FCH – Always Moving Forward (continued)

From its inception 42 years ago, FCH has been committed to moving forward, prudently expanding and enhancing its activities to serve the community more effectively and operate more efficiently.

We can't thank our friends across Canada enough for the ways you have helped FCH move forward in the face of the extremely difficult circumstances prevailing in Haiti.



Above: New wing at Hope Hospital (2022-23); Below: Middle school classrooms (2022)



Above (left & right): Hope Home screen patio (2023)



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FCH – Looking Forward: Projects Underway

In addition to the projects completed over the past 3 years, and the Mussotte school expansion, FCH has another project underway :

1. Medical clinic building at C-Tech

- The clinic will provide medical care to people living in the area and be part of the C-Tech nursing students' practicum training.
- FCH is in discussions with a US charitable organization regarding funding for the clinic.



C-Tech medical clinic under construction



FCH –Looking Forward: Projects Planned

FCH has other significant projects planned, pending funding:

1. Equipment and furniture for new wing at Hope Hospital

- A US charitable foundation has given preliminary approval of funding for this project, which will hopefully allow FCH to equip the new wing in 2024.

2. Solar power system for C-Tech

- C-Tech currently has a small, inadequate power system.
- The new system will fully provide C-Tech's electric power requirements.

3. Add capacity to Hope Hospital's solar power system

- Existing system generates sufficient electricity to handle Hope Hospital's current activities.
- Additional power will be required for the new wing and an oxygen generator (see below).

4. Oxygen Generator* for Hope Hospital (*A system to fill oxygen tanks)

- Oxygen is very expensive in Haiti, and over the past couple of years supplies have been interrupted, putting patients who require oxygen at great risk.
- An oxygen generator will provide an assured supply of oxygen at a much-reduced cost.



Hope Hospital front (above) & side (right)



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Thank you for being involved in 30 years of making a difference in Haiti

Thank you to our friends across Canada for your amazing support for the Foundation for the Children of Haiti over the past 30 years.

You have been faithful in so many ways: praying that God would protect the staff and the people they care for; steadfastly providing funds to cover day-to-day expenses for FCH's activities; providing funds for new facilities and equipment; helping FCH respond to critical needs after the 2010 and 2022 earthquakes and natural disasters that have struck Haiti over the past 30 years.

We hope you appreciate what an amazing difference your partnership with FCH has made in the lives of thousands of Haitians.

Overview of FCH activities

The Children's Village: Located in Port au Prince, "the Village" is home to:

- **Rainbow of Love Residence** – Home for 70 children from toddlers through high school.
- **Hope Home** – home for 25 children and adults living with disabilities.
- **New Academy of Excellence elementary & middle school** (K to Grade 8) – Attended by children at RoL, Hope Home residents who are able, and children living in the neighbourhood. (RoL children attend a local private high school for grades 9-12. No public schools in the area.)

C-Tech: Post-secondary training institution in Mussotte (southern Haiti) with ninety-five students enrolled in three programs: nursing, computer technology, electronics.

Mussotte Elementary School: 260 students from the community enrolled in Grades K - 6.

Hope Hospital: 62 bed general hospital in Port au Prince.

FCH employs over 250 Haitians in its activities.



Clockwise from top left: Rainbow of Love, Hope Home, C-Tech, Village school.





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Some of the people you are helping

Here are some of people you have touched in a significant way through your generosity.

Thank you !

