



To all my dear friends in Canada,

It is a privilege to write and share a bit of what is going on here in Haiti.

Our work continues to move forward – despite the challenges we face – thanks to the grace of God and your generosity.

We can't thank you enough for your partnership with us over the years.

Knowing that you stand with us is a great encouragement, especially at times like this.

May God bless you all.

Gladys



OUR MINISTRIES

Children's Village

Life continues peacefully at the Rainbow of Love residence and Hope Home in the Children's Village in Port au Prince. We have almost 100 children living at the Village – 29 special needs residents at Hope Home, 70 children at Rainbow – and our devoted staff provides each one with the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they need.

We are having success in encouraging family members to become involved in the lives of their children living at Hope Home. This is a blessing for all concerned – the children, their family members, and the House Moms.

COVID restrictions and ongoing political unrest have made day-to-day supplies scarce and very expensive, but we have been able to get the provisions we need.

Education

Our elementary school at the Children's Village in Port au Prince and our elementary school and post-secondary training institute (C-Tech) in Mussotte remain open, although some short-term closures were necessary in the past year due to political violence and COVID restrictions.

The elementary school at the Village has 85 students, which includes 11 special needs children and a number of children from the neighbourhood. Our teenage children attend a local high school.

Mussotte elementary school has 265 students, which is over-capacity, so we are praying for funds to expand the building because we have a waiting list of neighbourhood children who want to attend school.

C-Tech is at full capacity for the existing building, which is wonderful because it means we are making the maximum impact from the current facility. Although the Mussotte region is usually peaceful, given the current violence gripping Haiti (see below), we are taking steps to improve security for the C-Tech campus.



OUR MINISTRIES (continued)

Hope Hospital

The hospital continues to provide excellent healthcare to the people of Port au Prince. The hospital has 65 beds and 141 employees, offering a very wide range of medical care – emergency, surgery, neonatal care, pediatrics, maternity, general medicine, dialysis, X-ray, lab services, pharmacy, outpatient clinics – serving over 20,000 patients each year.

The new solar power system is working very well, providing sufficient electricity during the day to power the whole hospital. We now have reliable power and are saving \$5,000 US per month on diesel fuel since we only occasionally need to run our generator.

Thank you to our Canadian donors who provided sufficient funds to cover almost the full cost of this critical new system. We can't fully express how grateful we are to you !

We are working on an extension to the hospital on an adjacent piece of property purchased a few years ago. We are progressing slowly as funds are available.

COVID

So far, Haiti has been spared any major outbreaks of COVID. We have had no cases at the Children's Village, which is a great blessing because – as you know – this is the site where our home for people with disabilities is located right next to our children's residence and elementary school. We continue to take precautions, and trust that we will remain healthy.

Although the virus itself has not had a serious impact, COVID restrictions have resulted in reduced supplies and major price increases for food and other daily necessities, lost jobs, and periodic school closures which have created significant challenges.

POLITICAL UNREST & LAWLESSNESS

The political unrest that we have faced for the past 2 years continues.

In addition to the ongoing disruptions from demonstrations and violence, there has been a serious deterioration in law-and-order, with gangs in Port au Prince now operating unchecked, resulting in daily violence and kidnappings. A few weeks ago, 26 people were kidnapped in one day.

This is a time of great fear in Port au Prince. We ask you to pray for us, that our staff and children would remain safe, and order will be restored.

OUR 40th ANNIVERSARY

Le Fondation pour les Enfants d'Haiti was started in 1981.

Over the past 40 years, God has allowed us to expand beyond any expectations we had in 1981, as He provided us with vision, protection, devoted staff, and friends like you.

We're praying that the security situation in Haiti stabilizes so we can have a 40th anniversary celebration later this year. In the meantime, we'll continue our work of making a difference in the lives of the children under our care, the students at C-Tech and our other schools, and the people who come to Hope Hospital for healthcare. ***Thank you for being part of this wonderful work !***