

The Foundation for the Children of Haiti Changing minds, changing hearts, changing lives since 1981 August 2025

My Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to write with an update on the work of the Foundation and the situation in Haiti. By God's grace, we are doing well, despite the turmoil and violence that surrounds us.

The summer has been busy with lots of activities.

- ✓ On July 11 we had a big celebration at the Children's Village to mark the end of a good school year. We thank God that we were able to operate with no interruption during the full year, and that all the children and staff remained safe.
- ✓ Our 9th graders took the state exam for high school (they are all confident that they will pass) and we celebrated 25 kindergarteners who "graduated" and will be in 1st grade in September!
- ✓ **Starting on July 28 we had a two-week camp at the Village** for the children at Rainbow of Love and Hope Home, and children from the neighbourhood 150 children attended. All children from the community had breakfast and lunch. For some, it would be their only meals for those days. It was a big undertaking, but a lot of fun for the kids who enjoyed a carefree time.
- ✓ At the end of the camp we distributed food hampers to neighbourhood families.
- ✓ In August we began a project to expand the middle school building to accommodate our grade 10 and 11 students. Thanks to your generous support, CFCH was able to send us the funds needed to start this project.

We used to send our children to a high school in the neighbourhood. However, due to the dangers involved in having our children leave the safety of the Village, and the high cost of tuition, we decided to begin a high school on our site, starting with 10th grade in September 2024. Last year, we improvised by using the library and a porch as a classroom, but this coming school year (starting in September) we have more students and we need additional classrooms.

✓ At the hospital, we continue to be safe and very busy, as many other hospitals and clinics have closed. We are adding beds in the new wing, installing the lift between the first and second floors, and working on the water cistern as funds are available.

As for Haiti, not much has changed. Gangs continue to control most of Port au Prince. People are running from their homes and suffering in refugee camps. Killings and kidnapping go on, life remains extremely harsh, and inflation keeps rising.

Although the situation in most of the city is horrendous, by the God's grace we feel safe in the area around the Village and hospital, and the neighbourhood around my house is quiet.

However, gangs are causing havoc in the mountains just south of my home. In early August, gangs broke into the orphanage of Little Brothers & Sisters in Kenscoff (about 10 km from my home) and kidnapped children and staff. The kidnapped children are all special needs.

In the midst of such appalling evil, we thank God for His protection and provision. We continue to do what we can to spread His hope to a desperate nation.

We can't thank you enough for your prayers and support. With you by our side, we move forward, trusting for better days ahead.

With love, Gladys



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Children's Camp at the Children's Village

Annual summer camp was held from July 28 – August 10

Above: Children playing in the pool and waterslide.

Left: Hope Home resident enjoying the fun.

Right: Craft time for the little ones.



Update on C-Tech, FCH's Post Secondary Training Institute

- 230 students are enrolled in the following programs: Nursing, Electronics, Electricity/plumbing, Computer science, Medical Laboratory Technicians, Administration.
- Young people are seeking skills to guide them to better employment.
- The C-Tech dormitory has 61 students from out of town. A new dormitory building is under construction to accommodate up to 20 more students
- A workshop is being built as a laboratory for hands-on practice in the electronics courses.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support

Thank you for your ongoing support that allows Gladys and her team to continue caring for the residents of Hope Home, children living at the Rainbow of Love, and the children attending schools in Port au Prince and Mussotte.

Your generosity enables FCH to provide meals for over 300 children and staff at the Village every day despite rampant inflation and ongoing supply interruptions that result in exorbitant food prices.