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OVERCOMING CHALLENGES WITH FAITH AND HOPE

We hope this report finds you well and filled with the same warmth and kindness you've always shown to the children of Haiti through your generous support.

Despite facing numerous challenges, both personally and ministry-wise, Marie Estelle, our dedicated Project Director in Haiti, continues to lead Vision of Grace School with unwavering commitment and grace. These past few months have been a mix of challenges and progress. Personally, Marie Estelle has faced significant health issues, primarily due to the stress caused by the ongoing insecurity in the country. Despite these difficulties, God has shown mercy, and she has managed to find medicine and now lives in a calmer environment.

On the ministry front, despite the current problems, there has been considerable progress at Vision of Grace School. The children recently completed their third check exam before Easter week, and most of them achieved impressive GPAs. This is a testament to their resilience and the dedication of our staff.

Smiling Faces, Bright Futures:
Students at Vision of Grace School

The Impact of Your Support

The importance of Vision of Grace School cannot be overstated. It serves as a sanctuary of stability and learning amidst the chaos. Several parents, despite relocating far from the school, have chosen to keep their children enrolled, underscoring the school's significant impact on their lives.

Moreover, the church has witnessed a heartwarming transformation as a parent and his two daughters recently accepted Jesus as their Saviour, joining the Christian family with hopes of spiritual growth and perseverance.

Nourishing Young Minds And Bodies

Marie recently shared with us a heart-wrenching update from the field. "A *child arrived at school in a dire condition, appearing sick and weak. Upon speaking with him, we learned the heartbreaking truth - he hadn't eaten anything for days. It's a reality many of our children face, arriving at school on empty stomachs, unsure if they'll have a meal after classes. Thanks to the school's canteen, we were able to provide nourishment to this child, witnessing a remarkable transformation in his well-being. But this isn't an isolated incident. Many other children in our community are facing similar struggles, battling hunger as they try to focus on their studies.*"

The school is a source of hope, offering them not just sustenance, but the opportunity to learn and thrive. Your support can make a tangible difference in the lives of these children, ensuring they have access to nutritious meals that fuel their bodies and minds. Join us in our mission to provide hope, one meal at a time.

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Spending of funds is confined to approved programs and projects. If any given need has been met or cannot be completed, the understanding is that the gift will then be used where it is most needed or where another opportunity of similar nature exists.

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Over The Last Quarter

- **Increased Enrollment:** The unrest in Port-au-Prince has led to the closure of many schools. Vision of Grace School has welcomed several new children, providing them with a safe and stable learning environment.
- **Nourishing the Hungry:** Many children come to school hungry, and the canteen ensures they receive at least one meal a day, crucial for their learning and development.
- **Dedicated Staff**: Despite the difficult circumstances, the staff remains committed, ensuring the children receive quality education and care.
- **Student Sponsorship:** 32 sponsorship slots have been filled out of 76. At just $49 a month, you can change a student's life by signing up at https://impacthope.ca/sponsor-a-student.

Praise Points

We are overwhelmed by the generous response to the property fundraiser held in memory of David Farquharson. Thanks to your kindness, we have raised over **$4,000** towards **securing the land for Vision of Grace School.** Your support honors David's legacy of compassion and commitment to helping others.

However, we still have a long way to go to reach our goal. We ask for your continued support to ensure we can secure the property and provide the necessary resources for the children.

Prayer Points

- **Political Stability and Security:** Pray for a stable government and an end to violence, allowing the children to finish the school year peacefully.
- **Health and Well-being:** Pray for the health of the staff, students, and their families, as medical care is scarce.
- **Provisions for Next Year:** The school needs funds and supplies, including books, uniforms, shoes, desks, and blackboards, for the next school year. Your donations are crucial to meet these needs.
- **Securing the Property:** We continue to seek funds to finalize the purchase of the land on which the school stands. This is vital to ensure a stable and secure future for the children and the community.

In addition to the wish list, the yearly budget is $38,000 for the **regular operating expenses** of the school, including teachers' salaries, cooks, and food. We have received $7,481 to date for these three areas (until the end of May). Your continued contributions will help us bridge the gap and ensure that the staff can continue their essential work.

WISHLIST FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Support the school through one-time or recurring gifts.

- **Books:**
  - 150 for Preschool (5 @ $50) - totalling over $1500
  - 160 for Elementary (4 @ $65) - totalling over $2600
- **3 Blackboards:** $375 each ($1125)
- **5 Desks for Teachers:** $175 each ($875)
- **Storage & Benches:** $1360

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We need your help to support the children of Haiti!

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, we are reminded of the incredible impact your support has already had on the lives of so many children. But the challenges in Haiti are immense, and the need for your help is greater than ever.

For many children, the school is the one place where they can feel safe, supported, and inspired to dream of a brighter future. Please, consider making a donation today. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in the lives of these children. Together, we can provide them with the education, support, and hope they so desperately need.

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