



2019- A Review of God's Faithfulness This Year



Year End Giving Opportunity



Looking forward to 2020

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2019 Philippians 1:6 says “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. “This year we celebrated our 7th year of ministry and it has been the hardest one yet. In it, we endured death threats, betrayal, terrible unrest in the country that shut down the country in February for 2 weeks and also for the months of September and October, gas and food shortages, cancelled teams, and many discouraging disappointments. Through it all, one thing we knew and still know today is that God is with us! Though we at times walk through the valley of the shadow of death. It is just part of the journey, we just keep on walking and keep trusting and know that no weapon formed against us prospers. The Lord is so faithful and He takes notice of those whose trust is in Him. “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him” (2 Chronicles 16:9). When we didn't know where we were going to find gas or food because everything was closed down, when we felt like the whole world didn't understand or know what Haiti and all of us were going through, when we had to cancel 8 teams which is very discouraging because team members often turn into supporters for the ministry who we desperately need due to the increase in cost of living in Haiti, we know He never left us or forsook us. When life seemed too much to bear, He was there, the author and finisher of our faith always giving us strength and telling us to not fear but be courageous for He is with us and He is fighting our battles for us. God is not done with Haiti, with us, or with Lift Kids Haiti.

Through all of the challenges of this year, the Lord still allowed us to get so much done! We praise God! This year we were able to build the first 3 of 12 classrooms on top of the Mango Tree village church that will be our Bible School/Classical school. This year was our first having the Mango Tree village church in its new building on the new property. The church is growing and everything is going amazing! The church even started a music program for the kids where they can learn to play drums, guitar, and keyboard. We also did some repairs to the tent city school building making it drier during the rainy seasons. We were able to start 3 new kids churches! Now we have 8 kids churches that meet each week. We also did a clean water project in





the village of Source Sable where we connected an orphanage and a clinic up to a well to get them running water for the first time. We built a cistern to hold purified water for the people in the clinic, orphanage, and community to drink. We also were able to move our old Mango Tree village wooden church building up to the new property which is now home of our very popular Sunday Bible school class for kids. Praise God! We saw many more families this year receive the Lord and burn all of their voodoo items in their homes. Glory to God! We were able to have one team in January and they did a men's conference and blessed our orphans so much. Our Orphan Loves also got blessed this year with their first ever and much needed visit from a dentist. The discipleship of the students in our schools and the kids that faithfully come to kids churches each week has really been our focus this year. We have been tracking their growth and celebrating them when they successfully complete their lessons and memorize all their verses. We were even able to have a summer program for the kids and end of summer party which was very special for them. We also taught our students about agriculture and they planted about one hundred food-bearing trees in the villages this year. We also were able, with the help of all our donors, to feed families in need. This year we gave out more than 150 bags of rice to severely hungry families in the villages. We praise God for all He allowed us to do this year and for all of you, our faithful supporters. During the months of unrest our schools and almost all school in Haiti were threatened by gangsters saying that if we opened up the school, they would burn it down. This was bad news because our schools are our heart and our ministry but we didn't want to put any of our students in danger so we kept the building empty for a few weeks and then we decided too many kids are doing nothing all day and just wishing they could go to school so we opened our schools up to any kids that wanted to come. We didn't ask anyone to wear a uniform because it wasn't officially school because the gangsters wouldn't like that. So we made lemonade out of the lemons we were dealt and because of the threats of the gangsters we had way more kids than usual in our school building each day learning God's word and experiencing the Lord's love and getting to get away from the stress of the country being shut down and just being a kid and getting a yummy snack too. We praise God for using us to minister to all the kids during the roughest of times.



Due to the unrest in Haiti, Boss and I decided to use our time wisely and come to the U.S. to fundraise since Haiti was shut down, not allowing us to get anything done. We got here in the end of September and so far we have been to Ohio (3 times), Maryland, and Florida. Soon we will speak at a few churches in MI and hopefully a few more in Ohio. We have had a wonderful time connecting with new supporters and making new friends as we travel around. God is so good! Please pray for us as we continue to fundraise to fill the gap in our budget that was caused by the increased cost of living in Haiti due to a weakening currency, increased political unrest and corruption, and fuel shortages. If you have a church that might want us to come or even just a small group or homeschool co-op or any type of gathering that would like to hear more about what God is doing in Haiti through Lift Kids Haiti, then please contact me at missy@liftkidshaiti.org

Peek at Haiti's Economic Crisis

-According to a U.N. World Food Program (WFP) survey 1 in 3 Haitians, or 3.7 million people, need urgent food assistance and 1 million are experiencing severe hunger. The WFP blames rising prices, the weakening local currency, and a drop in agricultural production due partly to the recent unrest.

-In the last two years, Haiti's currency, the gourde, declined 60% against the dollar and inflation recently reached 20%.

-11 million people live in Haiti and of that about 60% make less than \$2 a day and 25% earn less than \$1 a day.



Year-End Giving This is a wonderful time of year to be giving. Our ministry costs are increasing and we need our donations to increase also. Considering all the problems there, especially in an already extremely poor country, we need funds to provide hope and help to the children. Please consider giving towards the work of Lift Kids Haiti. You can easily give a one-time year-end tax-deductible gift by clicking on our website www.liftkidshaiti.org. Or if you are ready to partner with us by becoming a monthly supporter, you can easily set up payments on the website.



2020 The whole Lift Kids Haiti team is excited about 2020. Next year we hope to be able to receive teams again. We are looking forward to one team planning on coming in the summer to build more classrooms for the Bible & Classical school in the Mango Tree Village. We also hope to start more music classes in other villages to give more kids an opportunity to learn and worship the Lord with

music. This year we also plan on improving our kids churches by having one specific team that goes to all of our kids churches to keep them all connected, fun, active, and growing.

God is good and we look forward to all He has in store for us this year. From all of us at Lift Kids Haiti, Merry Christmas and thank you for your love and support of the work we do in Haiti. We are forever grateful!

-Boss and Missy Petit