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***“...By  
My Spirit,  
Says the Lord  
Almighty!”***

***Zechariah 4:6***



**Marre Blanche Students are all smiles because of their new books.**

## God and His People Are Getting It Done

Once again horrific weather has challenged the people we serve in Marre Blanche, Haiti. Animals were lost and crops were destroyed, but they refused to give up. Students, teachers, and others from our school campus walked two hours to meet the delivery truck carrying school books and supplies that have been delayed. Just weeks ago they hauled 50 pound sacks of rice and beans back to our school.

**“...with God all things are possible!” Matthew 19:26**

## Honoring Local Heroes And Promoting Haiti's Kids



Hope for Caribbean kids, Inc. founders, Richard & Iva Presberry and board members honored five local heroes for outstanding accomplishments and benefits to countless individuals. Their awards displayed original art done by students at Marre Blanche Haiti. The honorees and awards were: Donna Kay Nicklas: Champion for Christ Award, Mayor Carrie Tergin: Exceptional Public Leadership, Doug and Alisha Wright, founders of Building Community Bridges: Outstanding Nonprofit; Dr. Tixieanna Dissmore: Lifetime Achievement; and Rod Smith: Dynamic Impact Award.

Iva Presberry challenged the audience with the question: “Why This Mountain.” It highlighted the journey of the 24-year ministry and God’s specific call to serve children in the mountains at Marre Blanche, Haiti.

**Thank You for Your Prayers and Support!**



**Weather Damaged Road**



## God's Work for the Poor Children of Haiti Orphanage

The children are still safe in the midst of gang territory. **Praise God!** Their greatest complaint is that the cost of food is rising so fast they cannot keep up on their current stipend. These smiles are sacrifices of praise to God and thanks to you for all that they have.



**Orphanage Teachers**

**The Bread Making Business** shared in our last newsletter is on hold due to insufficient funds to establish it.

**Pray for a way for the orphanage to become self sustaining.**



## Davidson is Trusting God.

In a phone conversation this month Davidson talked about how much he appreciates the prayers of everyone here in the United States. He is trusting God to help him come here for the surgery that he has needed all of his life.

We are still waiting after the encouraging message that Children's Hospital in New York may be willing to take Davidson as a patient. **Please continue to pray.**

Davidson and his family live a three-hour walk from our school campus. His parents and four siblings had never attended school until this year when two of his brothers, ages 14 and 16 started attending. Davidson's father, Alustin Vius, learned how to do masonry work in his youth and repairs and helps to build houses.



## Make a Difference! Sponsor a child!

<https://www.hope4caribbeankids.org/sponsorship/>



**Save the Date: April 25, 2024**

### "Building Hope for the Future of Children in Haiti" Fundraising Dinner

Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center



Non-Profit Best  
of Jefferson City  
5th Hall of Fame  
Award

**Richard Presberry, Sr., Ph.D., President and Founder**

**Iva V. Presberry, Executive Director and Founder**

**Board of Directors: Tom Meeks, Chair; David Akrobetu, Vice Chair; Christy Schnieders, Secretary;**

**Maurice Dixon, Chaplain; Barbara Burgess, Sherman Hamlin, Randy Rippee**

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## MORE SCENES FROM MARRE BLANCHE

### Hope for Caribbean Kids Christian School



**Hope spring eternal for these 350 students who are eager to learn.**

These Children are present and accounted for. Many walk one to two hours to school. For some it is three. Their country is in anarchy. No one is exempt from the pain of it. The cost of food is outrageous along with everything else. Keeping them fed for a full month is not easy to do.

**We Need help! They Need Help Will You Help?**



**Classrooms are over crowded.** There is barely enough room to write or eat. Yet, they are all smiles because they have new book and pencils. They can be a part of a real school.



All deliveries have been delayed due to a lack of supply, damaged roads, dangers and more.



**Pastor Jeanthony Perime**  
School Director

**No one works harder or cares more deeply**

***“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”***

***“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him”***

***Lamentation 3:22-24***