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## Mark Your Calendars!

Spring Auction – Sale Date: March 14th

Donation Deadline: Feb 21st



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas season.

Thank you for your generous donations this year.

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# REDEEMED

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

## The Lord Our Refuge

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:9-11

Haiti has a long history of changing governments and political unrest, but in the last year violence has erupted across the country. Most schools are closed, some police stations have been burned, well-established businesses in Port-au-Prince are downsizing or closing, many missions and NGOs have left the country, and there is still no end in sight.

Most news outlets report the manifestations as a popular protest to oust a corrupt president, but the reality is quite a bit more complicated. I don't make any claims of being an expert on Haiti or its history, but I'm going to give you my perspective on what's happening and what we're facing here in Haiti.

Most Haitians seem to agree that our President, Jovenel Moise, should re-sign. It is also common knowledge that many

of these protests are funded by some of the biggest business men in Haiti. It all seems to come down to a very lucrative government contract that Jovenel did not want to renew. I personally don't believe that our president is 'corrupt,' at least not any more corrupt than the rest of the government. Any way that you tell/hear the story it comes down to a stand-off between Jovenel and the opposition in the government. Jovenel refuses to step down, and the opposition has spent too much money on protests to back down now...so we're left with a collapsing infrastructure and gangs taking advantage of the chaos to rob and steal (often with violence).

Life is difficult for everyone here.

We can't go about 'normal' life. The country is in 'lock down.' It occasionally opens up

for a few days at a time and we restock on supplies, but the violence keeps increasing. Life is unpredictable—no one knows what the future holds, and no one seems to be able to come up with a suitable compromise that could bring everyone together. Everyone is suffering. People in the mountains, people in our little town, and all over Haiti. People are hungry, they're using up the last of their savings and they'll have to start all over again with their businesses when this is finally over. Electricity is usually off right now and most of the time we have a porch full of people charging their phones. Fuel for vehicles and generators isn't always available either. We fill up everything whenever our gas station has fuel. Prices are going up for everything. Our students can't pay for classes and I have a feeling that many people are surviving on money sent here by their family in other countries. We're all hoping something changes soon and trusting God to provide.

We here at Redeemed Vocational School feel 'safe' in

our little town. We're still having classes although the schedule tends to be unpredictable for the classes that have teachers from Port-au-Prince. In many ways our life has slowed down from its normally hectic pace. We stay home unless we can make it in to Port-au-Prince for supplies whenever it opens up long enough to give everyone a chance to breathe a bit. So far we have everything we need.

God is good and we trust him to carry us through this storm.

*Thank you for your concern  
and we appreciate your prayers*

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph



# Report on Leaf Pilot Program

## LEAF (Lighthouse Education Assistance Fund)

By the grace of the almighty God all the approved students in the LEAF and PILOT program are fine and in school now. In LEAF program we have 6 students; 4 in the university, 1 in senior high school and 1 in the nursing training.

In PILOT program they were 22 one has been sent to her biological parents by families in another city, I am having 21 children currently. 15 children in **Ankaful M/A basic school**, 3 children in **Abura Catholic school**, 1 in **school for the deaf**, 1 in **Ansapetu M/A basic school** and 1 in **Esuekyir M/A basic school**.

One had an accident and with the help of Mr. Alnord Frey and Mr. Delfred Webber financially and the grace of God he is in school now receiving tuition.

Thank you lighthouse ministries international for the smile you have putting on the selected ones. God bless you all.

*Joyce LEAF Admin.*

# Building Project

## Building Project Current Status

- LHCH owns a 7 acres suitable for building the Home.
- Architectural drawing are complete.
- Site is leveled to grade.
- Project supervisor has been retained and contractor hired.
- Foundation and floor have been completed & paid for.



## Points to Consider

- Ghana has competent building contractors and materials.
- The country best benefits from outside help in the form of funding to hire local workers that need employment.
- LMI Board is comfortable that a high-quality facility will be constructed by the local resources.
- Building project is currently proceeding with funds on hand.

## Funding Requirements

- LMI has funding sources via monthly commitments and fundraisers etc. to meet ongoing operational expenses.
- This is a one-time capital raise for the purpose of getting this project to the stage that it can be inhabited by the Children's Home.
- Total project cost: 250,000 CAD. Current shortfall: 150,000 CAD.

## Building Goals & Timeline

- LHCH is currently renting. Rent renewal is next spring (2 years prepaid).
- Rent cost: approx 25,000 CAD.
- If the building can be completed, the renting treadmill can be stopped.



## **From the Headmistress & Staff of Anakaful M/A Basic School in the Cape Coast Metropolis of Central Region in Ghana-West Africa**

It has been a blessing having Lighthouse Ministries International support and cater to the wellbeing of the fifteen selected students among the brilliant but needy pupils in the Anakaful M/A Basic School.

In fact, your Godly mandate has really enhanced the personal development of these disadvantaged children through the provision of their educational support.

This academic year, (2019-2020) all the fifteen children received the needed supplies. Including educational materials, enabling them to participate in school regularly, which in turn, causes the program to run effectively.

This has gone a long way in enhancing the steady attendance and punctuality of the children. It has also improved the school's enrollment for this year. We cannot thank you enough for the medical support given to Michael Gamawu. He is now back in school and receiving tuition.

The head teacher, school management committee, Parents Teacher Association, the staff and the entire population will forever be grateful to you.

Thank you.

Mrs. Beatrice Caiquo  
Dennies *Headmistress*



## My Name is Simon Koufie

I am ten years old and in stage 5 in Ankaful M/A basic school. I thank light-house ministries international for the love they have for me. I will be a good boy and learn hard.

*God bless you.*

Simon Koufie

## Board Report

Greetings to you as LMI supporters!

A special thank you on behalf of the recipients in Ghana for the support shown at the Beef BBQ event. A big thank you to all who helped with singing, food, serving, set up and clean up.

We also want to thank Dennis & Laurie Frey for their 4 years of service on the events committee, much appreciated. We want to welcome Marvin & Judy Diefenbacher as their replacements. To all of the event committee, your dedicated efforts are much appreciated.

We ask for your continued support & prayers for the child funding and the building project as it progresses.

As we approach the Christmas season, we think of God's love for us. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16.

*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."* 2 Cor. 9:15

Our desire is that this Love might reach the souls in Ghana through sharing what God has given us. *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"* Luke 2:14.

On behalf of the board,

Kevin Weber

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## Scholarship Appreciation

Dear Sir/Madam,

May the Lord God bless you for your great help that you have given to my daughter (Beatrice Suzzy Cobbinah). For paying her school fees and for giving her money for feeding, because, we encountered hard times that there was no hope anywhere to get the fees of my daughter.

May God bless you according to His riches in glory. I could not have paid such an amount if you had not come to my aid. Together with my family, we say God bless you bountifully, and may you prosper in whatever you do in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr. John Cobbinah

## Fundraiser Auction Info

### Saturday, March 14th, 2020

For questions or if you are interested in donating an item for the auction or helping in any way, please contact one of the Events Committee listed below. **Donations Deadline: February 21st.**

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