



Haiti Children's Aid Society

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008



A Season of Progress....

So, where to begin? So much has happened in the 9 months since my return. We currently have 31 children ranging in age from 12 days old to 12 years old. This is down from over 40 children when I returned to HCH as 15 children have left the home since September 2007 to go to their forever families – praise God!!!

Minnie and Lori continue to pour out God's love on the children and the ministry is so blessed by their contributions. English classes started in the Fall of 2007 and the children are doing phenomenally well. Additionally a special room has been set up for organized play for the toddlers and activities have been set up for all ages of children throughout the day. Also, bible classes have been set up each afternoon from Monday to Friday.

Other milestones include:

- 4 individuals have accepted Christ as a direct result of this ministry.
- The Toyota truck was purchased and is being put to good use.
- Land was purchased adjacent to the HCH property for future expansion. Currently it is being used to supplement food at the home through crops that are being planted.
- An incinerator for the burning of refuse has been built and installed and is now operational.
- Landscaping is coming along nicely.

We are excited about all the positive things that are taking place here. I feel that the children are receiving top notch physical, emotional, spiritual and educational care with the team God has provided. (It feels good to sleep well at night knowing their needs are being met). We have been able to set up a nice routine for them with activities all through the day to keep their little minds learning and their hands busy. Four of them are already reading in English and they have learned numerous Bible verses and songs!

We are currently working on the laundry house that is being financed by the BC group. A second story will be added with an efficiency apartment for two or three girls.

Finally, I have been able to spend many hours cleaning up the administration, writing statutes, getting the accounting in order, making up forms, and working on employee issues and boosting morale. And, of course, we continue to receive babies and my mom is still caring for the very smallest of the small at her bedside.

What a wonderful season of progress!

-Melinda for all



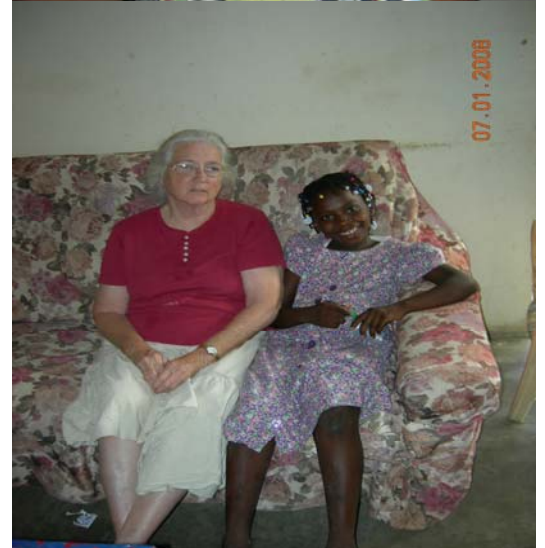
It's That Time Again....Fundraiser!

Come on out for a great meal, awesome fellowship with other adoptive families and to support a great cause. Haiti Children's Aid Society is hosting their spring fundraiser to raise operational funds for Haiti Children's Home. The evening will include dinner at the Ponoka Recreation Center, entertainment by Ben Kellert as well as a silent and live auction.

WHERE: Ponoka Recreation Center
 (4311-49th Avenue, Red Deer AB, Ph. 403-346-8841)
WHEN: Saturday June 14th, 2008 @ 5:00PM
TICKETS: \$25 per adult, \$5 per child for babysitting
CONTACT: Patti Vold to reserve your tickets (403-783-6079)



SEATING IS LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!

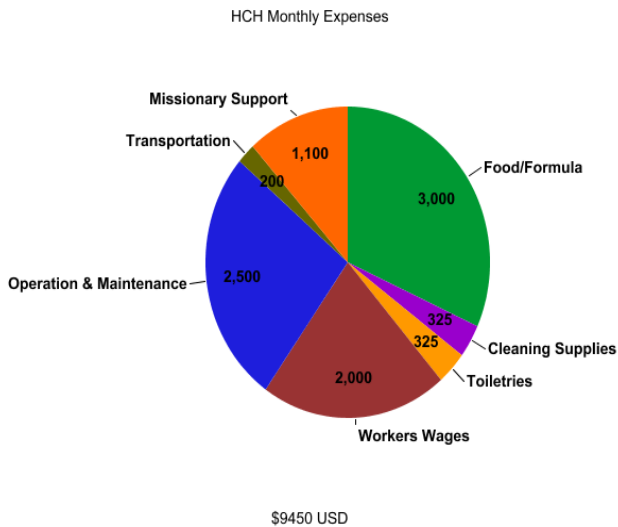


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An Appeal for Continued Monthly Support

The HCAS Board of Directors would like to thank all those loyal and faithful individuals who continue to support HCH in finance, prayer, ministry, etc. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and please be sure that all financial proceeds are forwarded directly to the HCH general operational fund.

While Haiti is the Western hemisphere's poorest nation, the finances to keep HCH open and operational for the children are not insubstantial. Regular monthly giving is appreciated to help keep the home operational, and we would like to ask for your prayerful consideration in becoming a monthly partner with HCH. Here is a breakdown of the monthly operational expenses:



An explanation of some of the various expenses are as follow:

- o Missionary Support: costs for Melinda to reside in Haiti, medical insurance and expenses, personal items, etc.
- o Transportation: costs for gas, insurance, license, maintenance and repairs for HCH's truck.
- o Workers Wages: 3 shifts of local employees at \$3 USD/day.
- o Cleaning Supplies: 75gal. detergent, 8gal. bleach, 4gal. disinfectant, 6 cases lye soap, etc.
- o Food/Formula: 300lb. of rice, 18gal. of beans, 150cans of formula, 12cans powdered milk, etc.

Currently HCH receives approximately \$5,000 in monthly support, which leaves a \$4,450 deficit every month in which Melinda and Pat are required to penny pinch and pray in order to survive.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly supporter. Post-dated cheques can be made payable to:

Grace Community Fellowship
5850 Kerrywood Drive
Red Deer, Alberta T4N 4X6
Memo Bar: HCH

Please note that tax deductible receipts will be issued in the new year

THANK YOU FOR BLESSING HCH AND THE CHILDREN!!

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor"
- Proverbs 22:9





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