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LCM Continues to Celebrate!



Reflections from the Board Directors

Throughout 2018, Life Connection Mission celebrated one great success after another! After beginning the year with our 20th anniversary, we welcomed our school children, teachers, and cooks back in September and celebrated a new cafeteria and kitchen at the mission school. Then we ended the year with a bang! The significantly larger medical clinic opened its doors to all in need in the community of Montrouis, and Christmas was merrier than ever for our children! We find such energy and pride in these great success stories. Every wonderful story you read in this newsletter is because YOU continue to be so generous in what you give, the prayers you offer, and the service you give by visiting with us in Haiti or by sharing your passion and dedication to LCM. Thank you for energizing us to continue to do all in our power to help the children we love. Please keep the mission and all of those involved in your prayers. Through Christ, we continue to change the lives of so many people in Montrouis. May God continue to smile upon you and your family.

Sincerest thanks on behalf of the board of directors,
Christie Anne Short, President

From Our Staff & Students in Haiti

Reflections on Christmas 2018 & Completion of the School Kitchen

I always wished to write an article to express my gratitude for everything LCM has done for me. By the grace of LCM's sponsorship program, I could expect a lot of bigger things in my life. Since after the moment I got into school and learned I had a sponsor, I could start to see my value in another person's eyes and with the love they shared with me I had greater hope. My life really started to change at that time. Between all the kids in Haiti that have parents or those who are orphans, LCM's supports gave me more strength and hope for me not to be part of the orphaned.

By: Elie Eugene
Age 25



Don't ever hesitate to email or call with questions about our programs, joining a mission trip, or sponsorship payment status.

We are excited to share in this edition of the newsletter stories primarily composed by those living in Haiti and working 365 days a year to see that LCM is run the right way and for the right reasons. They share their excitement for the progress they have seen over the years and for the programs that bring happiness to our students and all those living in the community of Montrouis.



Christmas in Cadenetter (neighboring community in mountains of Montrouis)

As a leader in the community of Cadenette I would like to thank Life Connection Mission for making Christmas special for all the children in this community. I can testify how all the children were heartily happy for everything that Life Connection Mission brought to them. All of the children got food and some juice. Many of them got shoes, clothes, and toys. Parents in Cadenette are really grateful for all that Life Connection has provided for their children for Christmas. As for myself, I give glory to God for using

Life Connection to do His work in Haiti. We pray that God will continue to bless all of you who keep supporting Life Connection even more.
We Love you and we pray for you!!!
By: Pastor Fresnel
Saint Jeance



Christmas Talent Show

In order to discover the talent of many children in our school and create activities that allow people living in the community of Montrouis to be entertained during Christmas time, the Life Connection Mission staff in Haiti is always pleased to honor His appointment with Montrouis residents. For the third year we have the greatest show organized in the community called the Christmas Talent Show.

This year as always, the children offered great performances. This allows us to be able to discover and promote talented children for singing, dancing, playing music, theater, etc.

All of this was possible thanks to you who are have always been keen on supporting Life Connection Mission in Haiti. On behalf of all the staff, I greatly thank you. I wish that God will bless you and your families more. We count on your financial support to continue to create more fun such as these kinds of activities for the entertainment of the community. We thank you, and we will pray for you.

By: Jean Seide Destirable, Supervisor, Institution Educative Excellence de Montrouis.



Coming soon...Our newly designed website
www.lifeconnectionmission.org

"Be the living expression of God's kindness: Kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." Saint Theresa of Calcutta

New Kitchen and Cafeteria at Institution Educative Excellence de Montrouis (LCM school)



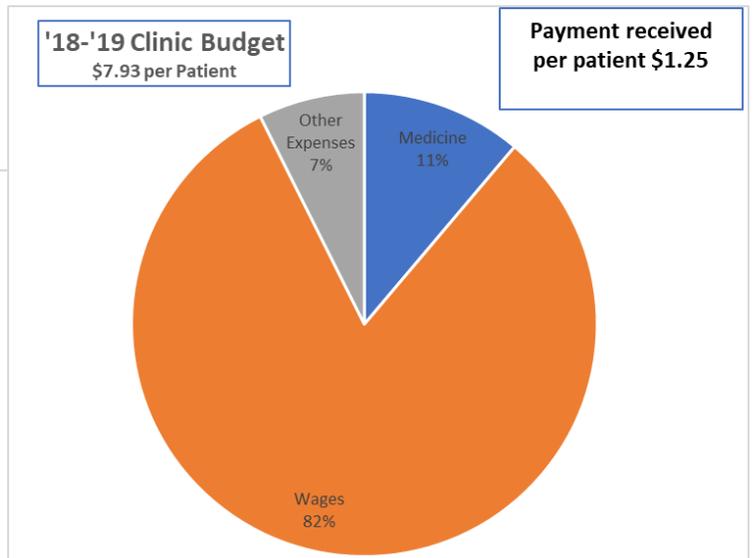
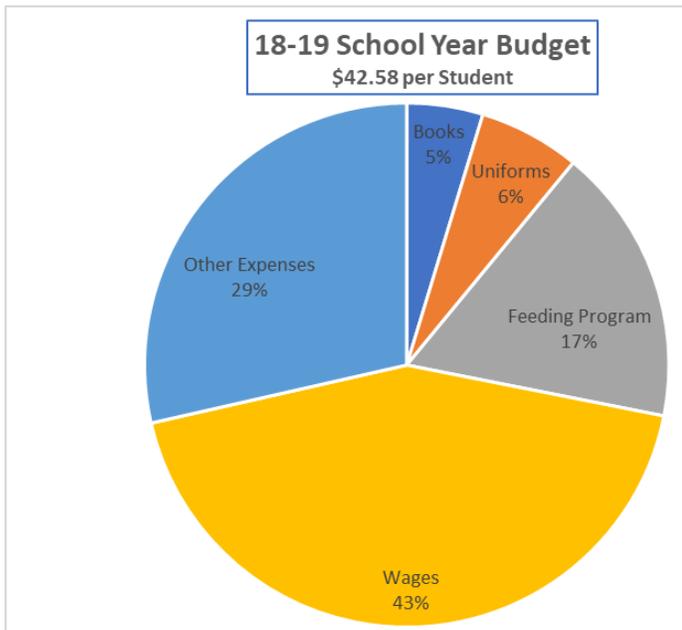
Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this wonderful kitchen and cafeteria project possible. This brings a lot of happiness and excitement to the children, and everyone in the community greatly appreciates all the hard work done by Life Connection Mission in order to serve and treat the children in Montrouis with greater respect and dignity. This new kitchen allows us to prepare the food in better hygienic conditions and the children sit in a more comfortable place to have lunch. This new cafeteria is more spacious. The room is large enough for three classes to eat at the same time. We thank God for all the work done in the community of Montrouis through Life Connection Mission. We pray that He will continue to bless the mission and its donors.

By: Pastor Moleus, director of the LCM school and Pastor at New Life In Christ Church

The old days!!



Financials at a Glance



Why is there Political Unrest in Haiti?

By: Peggy & Sebastion Lucien

Let's start with the poverty in Haiti. The national poverty rate is 58.6% in comparison with the United States at 12.3% (US Census Sept 2018). The average annual income is \$1,793.55 US in Haiti while in the United States it's \$59,039. In Montrouis, Haiti many people don't have the opportunity to work. I personally know educated, driven people in Haiti that can't find work.

The value of the dollar in Haiti is currently about 15.5 US dollars to 1 Haitian dollar. The inflation rate has risen from 7.52% in 2015 to a concerning 13.27% in 2018; yet the people are making the same amount of money.

Now let's add the cost of fuel into the picture. The cost of gas, on average, is \$3.04 per gallon. The government of Haiti entered into an agreement with the IMF (International Monetary Fund) to receive assistance. The IMF in turn told the Haitian government they need to increase their fuel prices. The Haitian government took the advice and immediately increased gasoline by 38%; \$4.20 per gallon and diesel by 47%! We as Americans would be protesting too; yet, we are earning more money than the average Haitian.

Now, imagine STRUGGLING to provide one meal for your child a day, sleeping in a 20' X 30' hut with up to 6 people on the dirt floor, trying to make just a little money to survive. Many Haitians do this by providing tap tap rides or rides on motorcycles for a few pennies in U.S. dollars. People can only be pushed so far before they just can't tolerate it anymore.

The most effective way to understand just how hard it is for the Haitian people is to think about the one thing almost every person in Haiti I've spoken to can relate....When they were young and hungry, and their mother's didn't have anything to give them, their moms put a touch of salt under their tongue to trick their stomachs into thinking they ate. This would stop the pain in their stomachs that most of us have and thankfully will never experience.

Christmas 2018- Thank You!

I was very happy to receive gifts, rice and beans this year. My whole family was joyful, and we rejoiced. May God help my sponsor to continue in this path of love and sharing. Thanks. Zephir Petersen, Grade 12

Desire Julson, Grade 10
I'm so happy to received rice in beans from my sponsor. I share with my neighbors, and other children. I make them really happy. They love me more. I want to continue. Thanks to Life Connection.

Pierre Louisa Spaly, Grade 10
Christmas is a very important holiday. And thanks to the support of Life Connection my Christmas was very special. I received \$30 to buy things that I needed and food for my family. I love Life Connection and my sponsor a lot.

The gifts rice and beans my sponsor sent me were a great opportunity for me to share. And to share the power of God is sharing with others. Thanks for all. I was very happy . God bless you.





Sponsor Me!

Please help these children find a sponsor in 2019.

The sponsorship cost of \$40 per month is used to pay the tuition, books, and uniforms for one child to go to school. The child is also given lunch each school day and medical care if needed. Sponsors will receive at least one picture a year.



Carlens Louis Jeune
Preschool
Date of Birth: June 15, 2014



Jo-Meira Anne
Preschool
Date of Birth: September 28, 2015



Nathanaïelle Diclervil
Preschool
Date of Birth: September 3, 2014



Wichy Louis Charles
Grade 7
Date of Birth: March 7, 2005



Francky Jean
Grade 3
Date of Birth: December 29, 2009



Phaneica Gemima Exantus
Grade 3
Date of Birth: January 15, 2011

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for His deed. Proverbs 19:17

Clinic Corner

And we
thank
YOU!!
LCM's NEW
PRIDE &
JOY!

LCM's New Medical Clinic

Among all of the changes that have taken place at the clinic, this year of 2018, LCM staff has scored a jackpot by building a new facility that is more appealing and more relevant to health activities in the area of Montrouis. The new facility appeals to everyone, both patients and employees. Although there is still a lot to get done, everyone already feels at home. Employees feel more comfortable and more willing to humbly serve the daily visiting patients.

We had been waiting for this moment of excitement for a while. To show our appreciation and excitement, from the first day of opening, we have received about double the amount of patients we used to receive prior to the relocation. Thanks to this new facility, we can finally receive more patients and provide them with the quality of services they have always dreamed of. The confidentiality of the patient's condition is now an absolute guarantee.



"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is delicious".

Thank you to all those who have allowed LCM to provide this gift to the residents of Montrouis and surrounding areas.

Together, you all give to the residents of Montrouis and surrounding areas at least the chance to manage their health problems. It is such an invaluable gift. No one can really buy health, but we can help maintain it.

A special thanks to the donors and LCM staff for helping to defeat the enemies of health and development in one way or another through the new medical clinic building in the town of Montrouis.



Patients share their excitement about the new clinic.

A survey was conducted on the reactions and feelings of the clinic's regular patients about their excitement on the new location. Their reactions were as follows:

Joseph Yvro Saro, explains that there is more space at the new medical clinic, which allows the services to be better delivered. I prefer the new location because it is closer to the national road. I feel safer because I usually leave my house at 4 A.M in order to arrive on time at the clinic. The transportation becomes less difficult for me.

Monisca Caricia, explains that the new medical clinic is more spacious and it is easier to reach the location compared to the old one.

Noel Mickelange, prefers the new medical clinic because the rooms are more comfortable. A laboratory and more services such as maternity and dental care are expected in the new medical clinic.



Article done by:
Yves Jerry Pierre,
LCM Medical Clinic
Administrator

Pictured: the patient registration process, a patient receiving medication from the expanded & secure pharmacy, and vital checks all done now by our wonderful team of Haitian doctors, nurses, and clinic administration.



With God's grace and your support LCM has been privileged to serve the people of Montrouis for 20 years. Please consider how you can help us accomplish all we hope in 2019, and see dreams become a reality for our students.

Life Connection Mission is working hard to make Montrouis a better place. With the help of our sponsors in the United States, Life Connection Mission has already accomplished many wonderful things in the community of Montrouis. Several major projects have come to an end in 2018. Projects such as the brand new clinic which allows us to serve more patients now, and the brand new kitchen and cafeteria which also allows us to better prepare the food and serve the students in a more comfortable place.

At Life Connection Mission, we are aware of many other tasks to be done. For this reason, we already are looking forward to seeing many other wonderful accomplishments in 2019 and the years to come. One of them which we make our current priority is a NEW PLAY-GROUND for the children at the school. This should get the children into action so they grow physically, encourage them to build social skills, and healthy emotional development, etc.

As we say, Life Connection Mission would never be able to accomplish all these wonderful things without its sponsors' help. We will be eternally grateful. We would like you (Sponsors of Life Connection Mission) to consider continuing to support our projects. Your contribution really does make a difference. Thank you for your LOVE for the Haitian People. Reflection by Jean Seide Destignoble, Supervisor, Institution Educative Excellence de Montrouis.



Please detach the form below and return to LCM at: 23 Grey Pebble Ct. Germantown, MD 20874

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Please prayerfully consider one of our projects to support.

New Play Yard- Install a new play area up to 6,000 sq. ft. at \$6.20 sq. ft.. This provides landscaping and a safe area for children to play. This is a \$37,000 project. Please accept my donation of \$ _____

School Feeding Program- At this time we have approximately 20 children without a sponsor. We will continue to feed them every day. Please help offset the cost of the children who do not have a sponsor. Please accept my donation of \$ _____

Medical Clinic- Construction is done! Now we must always have the ability to purchase supplies and medications are always needed. Approximately \$200 is needed to treat 25 patients. Please accept my donation of \$ _____

Sponsorship Opportunities Can you sponsor another child? Or please also show the enclosed pictures to family/friends and share of your experiences and joys of sponsoring a child with LCM.

Child's Name: _____

Enclosed is my check for: ___ \$40 (monthly) ___ \$240 (1/2 a year) ___ \$480 (1 year)

We pray the resources needed to complete these projects will be made available to us in 2019.



Life in Photos

More of Christmas 2018



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