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Reflections from Peter Boushy, Outgoing Chair, Joy and Hope of Haiti

What a meaningful journey it has been to serve as the Chairperson of Joy and Hope of Haiti for these past four years! As I step down tonight with a heart full of gratitude, I'm delighted to welcome Josh Pearl as our new Chairperson. I'll be continuing my service as secretary, taking over from the ever-organized Jim Turnbull. Thank you, Jim, for your faithful service!

God's faithfulness has remained our constant companion. As Jesus taught us, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26).

Some seasons have tested us more than others, but we've NEVER been alone in our challenges.
This past year, ending April 30th, was remarkable - actually, our second-best fundraising year ever – thanks in large part to the hustle of our Executive Director Cal Schultz. More importantly, it was the year we sent the most funds to Haiti in our history. When our Haitian friends needed it most, we had it, and our board unanimously decided to send what we had. This is not to downplay the financial concerns in the days to come.

We're happy to welcome John Thériault to our board this year—thank you, John, for standing with the precious children of Haiti! We're expanding our educational reach by adding Grace Christian School with 440 more students and restarting a school in Plaine du Nord that previously struggled. Just this month, we sent another shipping container of food, adding to the one sent in March—millions of servings nourishing hungry kids and teachers.

Our schools focus on Transformational Christian Education, and this year, about 10% of students became new believers—that's over 550 new followers of Jesus! In Haiti, where the national average of students advancing to the next grade is just 49%, our students across all 11 schools achieve an astonishing 95% pass rate, with some schools seeing 100% of their students advance.

While Cap Haitien remains relatively safe compared to the rest of Haiti, our work continues in a country facing many challenges.

As Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).
Joy and Hope of Haiti enters its 37th year with renewed commitment to keep our promises to our beloved Haitian friends who labor faithfully with so little. They ask us to do what they cannot, and together, we fulfill this beautiful partnership.

As Jesus reminded us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

I thank each of you—my fellow board members, officers, volunteers, and staff. Together, we bring smiles to thousands of faces, and as Cal rightfully keeps reminding us, Jesus smiles too as we serve His children in Haiti.

God Bless everyone here and the work we do.
In Christ Always,
Peter Boushy Outgoing Chair – Joy and Hope of Haiti