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Joy and Hope of Haiti – Annual General Meeting for Year Ending 2025 Reflections from our Chair- Peter Boushy

It is my honour to serve as Chairperson of Joy and Hope of Haiti. As a volunteer Board, we are deeply committed to our mission, and I am continually inspired by the dedication of each member. Our Board of eight is a true “working board,” meeting approximately every six weeks, with each person offering a unique and invaluable contribution.

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." – Galatians 3:28

This foundational truth guides our heart for Haiti. We serve all of God's children, loved equally by Him, and we are called to reflect that same all-encompassing love in our work.

"And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth... that they should seek God." – Acts 17:26

We are all of one origin in God's eyes, and our mission is to ensure every child in Haiti knows they are seen, valued, and loved.

"Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all." – Colossians 3:11

In a world that divides, Christ unites. Our work in Haiti is a testament to that unity, serving communities without distinction.

This year, we expressed our sincere gratitude to **Michael Jacks** and **Jeff Stirling**, who retired from the Board, and we warmly welcomed **Ernie Miles**.

Our work is powerfully extended by a crucial team of non-board volunteers, without whom we could not operate. Special thanks to **Lynne Bowley, Mark Schultz, and Marie Aufrey**, who form our administrative backbone. Thanks to their exceptional efforts, and with **Board Member Helen Welsh** on the reporting team, our financial reporting is among the best of any Canadian charity—all while maintaining admirable administrative costs of just **10%** of total revenue.

We are a smaller charity, but we punch far above our weight in both impact and the number of people served. At a time when many organizations have withdrawn from Haiti, we are not only standing firm but seeking to grow. We aim to increase the number of schools and students enrolled—a bold vision in today's economic climate, but we are determined.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

This boldness is already in motion. A small team visited Haiti in November to explore adding new schools, and our Executive Director, **Cal Schultz**, made two trips this year. With secured funding, we hope to bring transformational Christian education to **1,000 more children**.

Fundraising remains a significant challenge in the current economic and political environment, yet we are sustained by wonderfully generous donors. To all who give—thank you. We need, and welcome, more partners in this vital work.

Our Impact Across Haiti:

Our schools are lifelines in diverse and often challenging regions:

- **The Lory Plain:** Two agricultural plain schools, one needing a new roof in the coming year.
- **Urban Centers:** One school in Cambefort and **St. Michele** in the heart of Cap-Haïtien, serving 1,000 students.
- **The High Mountains:** Schools in **Coup a David, Lasairre, and Roque**—the only schools within walking distance for many children, a journey that can take hours for some.
- **Rural & Remote: Duty School** received a new security gate and well repairs. The beautiful, remote **Gaudin School** now has a bridge over a deep creek and a rainwater collection tank, thanks to a matched local contribution.
- **Scale & Growth:** The **ICEP School** serves 2,000 students with bus transportation.

We expanded our curriculum support by adding another grade level to participating schools. Furthermore, we hope to place New Testaments in the hands of every Grade 5 student this coming year, as almost none have a Bible of their own.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." – Psalm 119:105

In May, we sent **one million servings of soup** into Haiti. In January 2026, we sent another shipment of food. Thank you to Food for the Poor and Ontario Christian Gleaners.

The message from our teachers in Haiti to both **Jim Turnbull** and **Cal Schultz** has been loud and clear:

"You are making a huge difference in the lives of these young people and the adults who teach them. You are an answer to our prayers—prayers we pray fervently."

Our joy as members of Joy and Hope of Haiti comes from the knowledge that we are joining with Jesus in what He is doing in these lives. This work belongs to Him. Whatever success we experience is because of Him.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

A final shout-out to our dedicated Board members, our indispensable volunteers, and our generous donors.

Blessings from Peter Boushy Chairman Joy and Hope of Haiti