



Foundation for the Children of Haiti – A Note From Gladys

Friends,

I always look forward to connecting with you in these brief messages. You mean so much to all of us at FCH that it is a joy to write and say thank you for the many ways you encourage and support us. We are so grateful to God for giving us such wonderful partners in His work in Haiti.

It seems that whenever you hear news of Haiti it is bad news. ***One of the reasons I look forward to writing is to let you know that at FCH every day brings good news.***

In my last message I shared how, in the midst of the severe trials faced by Haitians, FCH was still able to accomplish wonderful things to benefit and support many in Haiti during 2021.

Despite Haiti's many persistent problems, we have more good news to report in this update:

- ✓ The project to increase capacity of the solar power system at Hope Hospital is almost complete and the solar upgrade at the Children's Village is about to begin. (See page 2.)
- ✓ The cost of the solar power project has been covered by your very generous donations.
- ✓ Our Special Education program (for children with special needs) continues to thrive at the elementary school in the Children's Village. (See page 3.)

These are just the highlights... there are many things we could report from our other ministries that continue to make a difference in Haiti.

We treasure your commitment and the trust you place in our work. All of us at FCH recognize and appreciate the sacrifices you make to include us in your lives.

Therefore, we strive to utilize the funds you provide as carefully and promptly as we can. That is why I am so pleased to share with you the ways your generosity impacts the people we serve here in Haiti.

Thank you for your partnership with us.

Love,

Gladys



P.S. One of my children recently came across a video from 1994 (13 years after FCH was founded) outlining the story of the beginnings of FCH. As FCH enters its 41st year, I thought perhaps you'd like to see how our vision has become reality.

Here's a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LxQHoVi9eI>

(If the link doesn't work, go to YouTube and search for: "Gladys Sylvestre-Thomas 1994".)



Peter at school



New solar panels at Hope Hospital



Foundation for the Children of Haiti Solar Power Expansion at Hope Hospital

In previous newsletters we reported that moving to solar power at Hope Hospital was necessary because the unreliable Port au Prince city power system left the hospital without power on a daily basis. A solar power system was installed in the Fall of 2020 and during 2021 it exceeded expectations. The new system provided all electricity needs except for times of peak power demand and after midnight (when batteries are drained and can't be recharged until the next day). As a result, reliance on generators was greatly reduced. ***(CFCH supporters funded the cost of the system... thank you !!)*** However, Haiti frequently experiences shortages of diesel fuel (needed by generators), and the cost of fuel is extremely high. Therefore, in late 2021 FCH decided to expand the capacity of the hospital's solar power system to cover overnight and peak requirements.

The Children's Village has a small solar power system, but the Village is frequently without electricity. Upgrading this system would be a real benefit, giving the Village's 105 residents and elementary school a reliable supply of power.

We have three exciting things to report:

- 1) The expansion at the hospital is almost fully in place, with just some finishing pieces to be installed.
- 2) The expansion at the Children's Village will begin in February.

3) Once again, our CFCH friends came through and fully funded the cost of the upgrades for both Hope Hospital and the Village!

You have been so generous in supporting the solar project we have run out of ways to say "thank you"!



Aerial view of Hope Hospital with panels in place on the roof.



Two new batteries for the system



Some of the new panels on hospital the roof



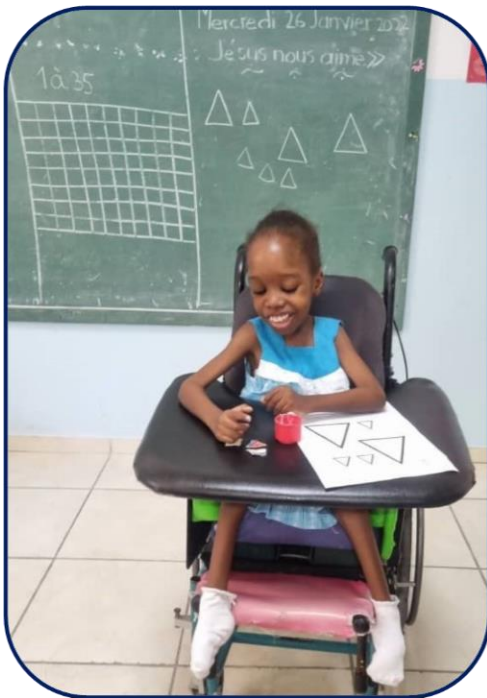
Foundation for the Children of Haiti Special Education Class at the Village School

In 2016 a new elementary school was built at the Children's Village. This allowed FCH to realize a long-held goal of offering an education to children with special needs.

There are currently 12 Hope Home residents in the Special Ed class, along with 3 children from the Rainbow of Love residence, and 4 - 6 children who live in the neighbourhood. This makes for a very busy classroom ! From time-to-time some of the neighbourhood children attending the Special Ed program live at the Village during the week and return home on weekends, as this makes it easier for their parents.

Mme. Andre, the Special Ed teacher, is assisted by therapists working at Hope Home and Marie-Nicka, FCH's psychologist. Together they provide programs tailored to each child's needs and abilities.

This kind of a program is rare in Haiti, especially considering that this class is part of a general elementary school attended by children living at Rainbow of Love and children from the neighbourhood.



Christina at work



Mme Andre and a therapist
work with their students



Davidson ponders a question



Peter – a very happy student !



Foundation for the Children of Haiti... making a difference since 1981



Village Elementary School (above)
Hope Hospital (below)



Rainbow of Love Residence (above)
Hope Home (below)



Mussotte Elementary School (above)
C-Tech (below)



And of course... the children !!

