



## MISSION OF HOPE'S BERCY CAMPUS GOES "BACK-TO-SCHOOL"

BY ANNETTE BOORMAN

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For families around the world, "Back-to-School" brings up many emotions. For some, it means a sad goodbye to carefree days of sleeping in, playing at the pool, and watching marathons of favorite shows missed during the school year. For others, it means a return to welcomed structure, as healthy lunches are packed, bedtimes become more predictable, and new experiences are put on the calendar. Because of the faithful partnership of The Chapel with Mission of Hope, Haiti, there is a beautiful family in Bercy, Haiti that wanted to share their "Back-to-School" emotions this year.

The Chapel serves as one of the strategic Anchor Partners for the villages of Bercy and Leveque, partnering with the local churches in those villages to help bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child. By helping to

meet the specific needs of the people in those villages, that partnership creates opportunities for the gospel to be shared repeatedly and lived out practically, each and every day. One of the most powerful ways the gospel is lived out is through the School of Hope Bercy Campus, where over 300 primary school children receive a quality, Christ-centered education, as well as a hot nutritious meal each day. That educational and nutritional opportunity stirs strong emotion in the Leandre family.

Jean Arthis Leandre and his wife, Madame Pierrette, live in the village of Bercy with their three children: Marie Athlande (11 yrs.), Marie Pednika (9 yrs.), and Jean Mathensly (7 yrs.). When asked what impact this school has had on their family, Jean Arthis quickly answers:

*"My children like to go to school and they are learning so much. The teachers are committed and show up every day. Although the children do not always have food at home, they are certain to get a good meal at school each day, which makes it easier for them to learn. The curriculum, that uses the truth of God's Word, has given my children strength to face their fears, and they have peace and are no longer afraid. I love that my children happily sing songs and pray on their own. My greatest wish is that my children will follow God, love Him always, and that they will trust God to guide their paths as only He can."*

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The students that attend the Bercy Campus also have a unique opportunity to see first-hand the transformation that is possible through the gospel and through education, since it is housed on the North Campus of Mission of Hope, on property gifted to the Mission by the Haitian government. Sitting right on the ocean, this campus also includes the Leadership Training Center, now under construction and set to open in 2014. It will be used to train pastors and teachers, as well as to teach local farmers new farming methods and about products which yield higher returns for them and their families. Hundreds of volunteers are also now housed at the Mobilization Team Housing located at this campus, putting them right in the middle of all of this exciting activity. The site plans also include a transition home for the older orphans to learn to live on their own, as well as a home for senior citizens. It is truly an opportunity for hundreds of children, just like the Leandre children, to see that the gospel not only brings hope for individuals and communities, but also for an entire nation, as well.

Currently, there are 180 students who still need sponsors at the Bercy Campus, as well as 150 students at the brand-new Leveque campus that will open in October. These two schools are a vital part of the 16 school campuses that Mission of Hope supports, with over 3200 new students added just this new school year! This doubles the number of children supported by MOH that are experiencing life transformation and taking those principles back to their families. Be praying that God will raise up sponsors for each one of them! ✂

*To learn more about Mission of Hope, Haiti, visit [thechapel.com/kingdomcome](http://thechapel.com/kingdomcome) or [mobbhaiti.org](http://mobbhaiti.org).*

— NEWS BRIEF —

## MOVI MOMENTS IN HAITI



*By Kristen George*

In the summer of 2013, 11 leaders and 32 high school students spent an incredible week in Bercy, Haiti to join Mission of Hope, Haiti. The trip allowed participants to share and see faith in a very authentic way. The week included painting, tilling, skits, songs, soccer games, worshipping together, and more than a few tarantulas. Throughout the week, the group saw how several months of training had paid off as students shared the gospel, prayed with Haitians, and formed friendships with people who often feel forgotten.

All week God was speaking to and through the students, and the spiritual growth that each person experienced was different. One thing that was incredible to see was the impact that Mission of Hope, Haiti is having in several communities. All of this was started by two couples who were obedient to God's call to abandon their comfortable American lives and follow Him. As we heard the story of how Mission of Hope started, I found myself asking two questions: If God called me somewhere to serve in a life-long ministry far from familiar comforts, would I go? And, if He did, would my current busy lifestyle and lackluster devotional time even allow me to hear that call? After seeing how the obedience of just a few has multiplied into a thriving ministry that is changing a nation, I came home with a realigned set of priorities, and a renewed excitement to spend time with Him regularly. ✂

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— LOCAL CONNECTION —

Interested in getting involved with one of our local ministry partners? Here are some places for you to start serving!

### DESTINATION LIFE FELLOWSHIP

22nd Street & Linwood Ave  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305  
716.297.7799

### LOCKPORT CARENET

229 East Avenue  
Lockport, NY 14094  
716.434.1771  
[lockportcarenet.com](http://lockportcarenet.com)

### NIAGARA GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

PO Box 2657  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302  
[info@niagamissions.com](mailto:info@niagamissions.com)

### SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES

PO Box 1013  
Williamsville, NY 14231  
716.893.1840  
[sgmworld.org](http://sgmworld.org)

### XCEL LEADERSHIP CENTER

567 Hertel Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
716.819.4100 x295  
[xcellleadershipcenter.com](http://xcellleadershipcenter.com)

*Are you a professional photographer or writer? XCEL's Kids with Cameras is looking for volunteers to help train tween/teens in photojournalism. For details contact Toni at XCEL.*

*For a complete list of ministry partners, visit [thechapel.com/kingdomcome](http://thechapel.com/kingdomcome).*

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

#### THE VERITAS FORUM AT UB

You are invited to attend The Veritas Forum: A Life Worth Living, featuring Dr. Stuart McAllister, D.D., at Lippes Concert Hall in Slee Hall, UB North Campus at 7pm. For more details visit [veritas.org/buffalo](http://veritas.org/buffalo).

OCTOBER 5-6, 2013

#### KINGDOM COME WEEKEND

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Kingdom Come Partner Appreciation Dinner on Saturday and with the Partner Lunch on Sunday. Please contact Amy at [atartick@thechapel.com](mailto:atartick@thechapel.com) or 716.631.2636 x209, if you and/or your small group is interested in volunteering!

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