



Letter from the Board

As this year comes to a close, we would normally be looking ahead to all of the great things to come in 2020. Instead, we continue to face a very critical situation that is showing no signs of improvement. Due to the continued political unrest, Haiti is quickly approaching famine-like conditions, and thousands of people are without food.

We have rededicated our focus in 2019 to the core vision of Heart to Heart - to provide education, nutritious meals, and access to health services for children living in poverty in Haiti. At this desperate time, this means feeding more than 1000 people from our church and community who are starving outside of our compound gates. We are using food stores that we planned to save for 2020 and we have put other projects such as building and renovations on hold temporarily.

We, along with Pastor Luc and our team in Haiti, continue to pray for a solution and deliverance for the people of Haiti. We humbly ask that you partner with us and continue to enable our organization to send food and resources to the areas in Haiti that need it most. As we head into the holiday season in Canada, we pray that you will keep the people of Haiti in your mind and in your heart.

Please join us in lifting up Haiti in your thoughts and prayers.



Political Unrest Update

Haiti is currently living in a state of unrest. Issues that had been protested in February 2019 were left unresolved and have recently resurfaced. This time there is a country wide fuel shortage, making what little fuel is available hard to find and very expensive, not to mention dangerous to obtain when there are mobs fighting

for it. Having a fuel crisis affects all aspects of life in Haiti and spans across all social classes. People who are used to having their houses powered by generators are having to get used to life without power (no fridges, no water being pumped, no washing machines, no fans, no a/c, no internet). People who own businesses have been crippled by limited power, no delivery trucks, no customers, and perishable food going to waste. People who have a truck or motorcycle tap-tap business cannot make a profit as fuel is either too expensive or not available. People who relied on tap-taps for transportation are walking or just staying put. People who don't have food stored at home are not able to find any within walking distance. People who don't have emergency cash stashed away aren't able to purchase what does become available. The closure list is large... businesses, banks, schools, gas stations. The list of protests, blocked roads, and burning barricades is also long and changing by the hour. People are tired of the uncertainty and many are very hungry and feeling desperate.

Since February, many international businesses and charities have already limited visitors to essential personnel only, and as the situation worsens again, they are now feeling weary and uncertain for the future. This adds additional duress to our home, school, and church in Haiti, which rely on the incredible work that teams do every year.

(content and picture provided by Rebecca Honorat)



This Christmas, Heart to Heart will be hosting our annual Christmas Fundraiser! This holiday season, given the uncertain situation in Haiti, we will be raising funds to provide a nutritious Christmas dinner for the children in our home, as well as food hampers for families in surrounding communities who are struggling to find food. There will be more information regarding this fundraiser in December, but if you would like to make a contribution, follow the link below!

Gift of \$25 - provides five Heart to Heart children with Christmas Dinner

Gift of \$50 - purchases two food bags for families in Grand Goave

[Donate](#)



At the end of 2019, Heart to Heart is sad to say goodbye to our Director of Logistics and Administration in Haiti, Rebecca Honorat. Rebecca has served with Heart to Heart in Haiti for almost fifteen years and has been an incredible asset to our children's home, our board, all of the teams who visit, and the Grand Goave community. Rebecca, along with her husband Renel and their two children Hasannah and Jelani, have been called to pursue a new endeavour in 2020. Their family will still be actively involved in the Heart to Heart community and we are thankful that we get to maintain our relationship with them as we serve Haiti alongside each other. We wish them all the best as they embark on this new adventure in Haiti!



Introducing our new Liaison for Teams and Sponsorship, Emanio Faustin!

Ebenezer (Emanio) Faustin was born in Haiti in the small mountain community of Tetebef. When Emanio was young, his parents decided to send him and his two older siblings to Heart to Heart so that they could have a better life and get a good education. Emanio's hobbies include playing the trumpet and singing. Emanio graduated from High School and participated in Heart to Heart's scholarship program, earning a four-year Science of Administration Diploma at a University in Port- au-Prince. He holds important leadership roles in the H2H church as part of the senior band and leader of the junior choir. Emanio is a hard worker with a humble servant's heart.

Our vision for Heart to Heart compound is to be completely Haitian run. We want to raise up Haitian leaders so that we are utilizing their knowledge and skills to address the needs of their own country. A lack of job opportunities in Haiti has led many educated Haitians to seek work in other countries. We have made it a goal to provide local Haitians with good jobs in our church, school, and children's home.

Pastor Luc and the Board of Directors are confident in Emanio's ability to do this job well and look forward to working with him as the newest member of our team!

As our team in Haiti is changing, our Board of Directors in Canada is as well! We would like to introduce you to three new faces who will bring their skills and passion for Haiti to our Heart to Heart Board. We look forward to their contributions to our team.



AJ

Williams

AJ and his wife Holly RaeAnn Williams have been married for 12 years and have three

children, Nyjah (7), Mykah (6), and Ella (2). They are members of Northview Community Church, Mission campus. AJ graduated from MEI secondary school in Abbotsford and then attended Columbia Bible College in the Missions program. AJ and his wife travelled to Haiti as grade 12's on a high school mission's trip and as a result, as part of his college education, he decided to spend 10 months' there teaching English for the 2003-2004 school year. AJ's time in Haiti stretched him outside of his comfort zone and created an opportunity to grow in his faith and as a person. As a result, Heart to Heart Children's Home has a special place in his heart. Currently AJ is a construction worker and runs Athletes in Action basketball gym in Mission for Kindergarten-Grade 4. Physical tasks and hands-on activities have always been a strength for him when it comes to serving.



Janelle

Baerg

Janelle grew up in a strong Christian family on a dairy farm. Over the years of living on a dairy farm, her father helped to instil in her a good work ethic by providing various jobs and responsibilities on the farm. Through these experiences she learned the value of hard work as well as the joys of working with animals. Janelle has been involved in the church community for several years as a youth leader and woman's bible study leader. Janelle also enjoys exploring the world through travelling. Janelle has a bachelor's degree in

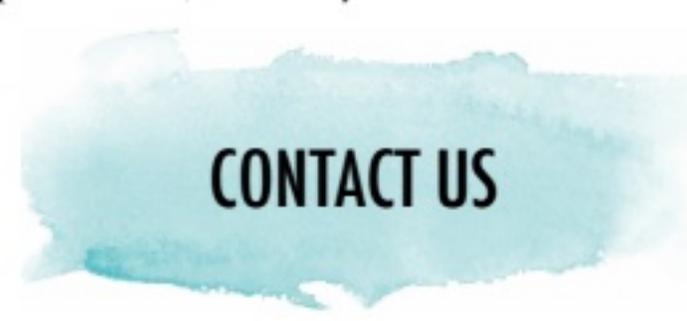
nursing and two master's degrees in public health; tropical medicine and disaster medicine. Janelle currently has a full-time position at the University of the Fraser Valley as an Associate Professor in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Janelle has had a heart for Haiti since she was eight years old as a result of an influential teacher who was a missionary in Haiti. Since then, Janelle has travelled to Haiti with different friends and teams seven times, including church and Trinity Western mission trips and more recently, with the H2H Medical team.



Corina

Vogt

Corina grew up in a Christian home and has been actively involved in volunteer ministries. She started by teaching Sunday School with her mom as a teenager, church ushering, and volunteering as a camp counselor and nurse for ten years at Camp Squeah. In the past two years, she has also participated in the H2H Medical team that spent two weeks in Haiti running walk-in medical clinics. Corina has a bachelor's degree in Nursing and a master's degree in Nursing Education. She is currently a Director of Workforce Optimization Staffing Services at Fraser Health Authority and an Adjunct Professor at Trinity Western University School of Nursing. Corina has an interest in growing and developing leaders in health care and global health both locally and internationally.



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