



“I want God to use me to make a difference in the life of one of the little ones.”

Wilkyns Chal

To say that this has been a challenging year would not adequately describe this year at all and for the children in Batey Central their year has been fraught with school closures, lack of food, hurricanes, loss of homes and livestock. I think most of us probably saw the videos of the flooding after the hurricane and watched helplessly as their meager belongings were washed away.

Yet... they persevered and as of the writing of this newsletter, 90 children are currently back in school!!!! I am sure, along with the rest of us, you have been praying for Wilkyns, the teachers, and the children that they would be able to return to school. Even though Covid has struck us all and it may have caused a few bumps in the plans, Wilkyns refused to bow out. He gathered people together and continued to feed and minister to the students when they were stuck at home and unable to gather at school. Some teachers still met with the students in their homes, so that their education did not falter.



Although an education has always been one of the top priorities, sharing the gospel and the truth that God loves them has always been number one. In spite of the adversities, they

continued the meal program and not only fed their stomachs but filled their hearts with the love of Jesus!!! The pictures are evidence of the light that continues to shine in the Batey. They continued all these efforts without the support of their government and instead relied on God to direct their footsteps and be their shield.



The new addition is almost finished and soon they will have six new classrooms, a library/computer room, counselor’s office, and some additional office space. It is amazing to realize that in some small way, we have all banded together and have made that happen. God’s blessings have continued to open doors and make great things a reality!!!

In addition, the Victory Scholarship was kicked off. The Victory Scholarship seeks to aid young women in their valiant pursuit of a different life through providing for their college tuition. A huge shout out to Alexandra Harakas for spearheading this program, identifying a need, and seeing it through to fruition. If you care to support this program that provides a college education for a young woman who dreams of a better life and wants to contribute to her community in a positive way, then you may do so through Children of Hope. Just type in the memo box “Victory Scholarship”. Four years of college costs about \$960 which breaks down to about a \$120 per semester. If you have any questions, you can email victoryscholarship@gmail.com.

We have added a new avenue to donate. For those of you who were not aware, we are now on Amazon Smile! Our link is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-3391159>. Become a supporter through Amazon Smile and then by all means shop away, knowing a portion of your purchase is going to Children of Hope and solely supporting the ministry and education of the children in Batey Central.



“Living only makes sense, when what you do with your life, blesses others”

Wilkins Chal 2013

Although the purpose of this newsletter is to ensure that you, the sponsor is kept in the loop, there is more going on here than just classrooms being built and children being fed – God is on the move! He is using our obedience and generosity to change lives and share hope. For the mother, who looks into the eyes of her children, she can now say I know that I am loved and saved. For the father, who struggles to find a job and keep food on their table, he can now know that he is not in this alone. For the child, who used to go to bed hungry night after night, not only has a stomach that is full, but also a full heart knowing that God loves them. It isn't just sponsoring a child, it is making a kingdom impact that goes on for generations!!!



In this world that we currently live in, it is easy to become distanced. We wear masks, we stay six feet apart, but what about our hearts, have they become distanced also? Now more than ever, we need to band together!!! Children of Hope ministry has new children that need to be sponsored, whether it is because they have never had a sponsor before, or their sponsor could no longer support them. There are 27 unsponsored children on the website and there are still more to be added, but we are waiting on the pictures from Wilkins. If you would prayerfully consider an additional year end donation or a full sponsorship of a child, it would be greatly appreciated. Let us show the children of the Batey that God provides through all barriers. For the glory is not ours, but God's!!!

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Tammie Chrisman Harakas keeps us in touch with candid photos and brief updates.

Link to Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-3391159>.

Have questions about sponsorships? Contact Sandy Robinson at : childrenofhope.dr@gmail.com

Link to website: sponsorchildrenofhope.com

To donate: Log on to the website. Click on donate through the drop down box. It will automatically link to the Easy Tithe App. Follow the instructions and you are now helping a child overcome the obstacles in their lives!

Thank you for your continued support of these vulnerable children—

You are Amazing!!