

October News

Have you ever wondered?

On a fairly regular basis you hear news about the happenings in Haiti and the ministry there. So, how does that happen? Hope for Haiti currently has six board members that stay pretty much in the background and just take care of business. Here's a bit of the breakdown, one in Pennsylvania, two in Kansas, one in Illinois and two in Tennessee. Each are "Tentmakers" holding down jobs to pay the bills at home. None are paid from the funds helping sponsor children and covering projects and other needs in Haiti. We are often asked how administrative fees are covered or, more pointedly, what are the overhead costs or percentage to run Hope for Haiti. It all started in the early 1990s by the founders as an incorporated and registered 501 c 3 non-profit organization with the overhead being covered by those that believed all funds contributed to Hope for Haiti should go, well, to Haiti, they still do.

Much prayer has, and continues, to go into this ministry, so many other volunteers help by responding to the continuing needs. The overhead is covered by what we will call special donors, who *really* are in the background (not letting the left hand know what the right is doing) and wish to stay there. They all contribute to a different fund supporting one of the board members. So, without making it more confusing, think about it this way; God paid the price in full and for Hope for Haiti. He continues to provide. Pretty sweet and all praise goes to God.

A quick overview of what takes place behind the scenes. It all started with the children in the EMEVI ministry and a desire that they be able to attend school. Photos are taken and, in most cases, a very short bio collected so that it's made available to potential sponsors. This is ongoing and labor intensive but such a blessing. Requests for help are sent out or, when storms hit, we send the word out for prayer. Updates after teams visit or a short something special is shared to help keep the information flowing. Why not let it all come directly from Marcel? Communication in and out of Haiti continues to be sketchy at best. With the number of those interested the Lord put it on this person's heart to work as a distribution point of sorts. Hope for Haiti board members meet about once a month including Marcel when possible just to keep everything up to date.

So there you go, wonder no more.



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