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ABOUT US



We are a non-profit ministry serving an impoverished Dominican-Haitian community in Villa Central, Barahona, Dominican Republic.

Our vision is to provide impoverished children in the Dominican Republic with the Word of God, food, education, and job skills training that will in turn equip them to accomplish their God-given destiny.

Our mission is to present the love of Jesus Christ to the children, families, and community by establishing programs to teach the Word of God, academic training, and Job skills development.

For more info, you can visit us on Instagram at [chca_barahona](#)

What's in the Name!

“Those who know your name, put their trust in You.”

----- PSALMS 9:10a

A name is not just a name or a label we give a person, a place, or a thing! A name in the Bible and in Hebrew Culture has a significant meaning. A name reflects the character of the person or tells about a place or an object. Abraham means “father of many nations”, Moses means “to pull out/draw out”, Jesus means “to deliver/rescue” and the list goes on. This concept is also true for GOD!



His names reveal His character and His identity to us. When we learn His name, we are understanding the very character of our God. How can we trust God to heal us if we don't know Him as Jehovah Rapha, my God that heals? How can we walk in authority if we don't know Emmanuel, God with us? Knowing that God is always with me, gives me protection, boldness, power and so much more – knowing that the GOD that created the moon, sun stars, and every mountain is with me at home, work, school, the mall... everywhere! It's a game-changer! Knowing that my creator helps me to understand who I am – remember Genesis 1:26, we were created in HIS IMAGE! I am all that He is because HE lives inside of me when I give my life to HIM! So, what's in the NAME? Everything we need to live a victorious and abundant life!



Education Program

The latest news!

Together we have been exploring in science class everything about aquatic life! We have explored the letters “L” and “S” and their corresponding syllables.

It is also exciting to share that Jonatan, who will be leaving us for public school this September, is beginning to read and has started writing short words and his name.

Continue to pray for all our preschoolers that they will enjoy learning and excel in their classes. We currently have 27 preschoolers (wow!). Our plan is to hire another teacher and open another class this September to facilitate the growing number of preschoolers.

God is truly faithful! It has always been our goal to run a self-sufficient project and we appreciate everyone who continues to support our vision.



As you all know we provide breakfast for our preschoolers. This past month, once a week, we started providing food grown right on the property (Garden of Eden). We are preparing plantains, bananas, eggs, and papaya. Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for your financial support in enabling us to develop our agricultural program.

JAMES 1:17

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

To our friends and partners, we would like to thank you for your generosity these past several months. Your generosity and obedience to God’s call to support our ministry is greatly appreciated. We truly value your partnership with our ministry.



Please prayerfully consider partnering with us a monthly basis. Our ministry would not be successful without faith partners like yourself.

Together our impact is immeasurable and together we are fulfilling the GREAT COMMISSION.

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<https://friendsgc.com/christian-hope-community-association/>

Spiritual Program

Kids and Youth in the Word



There is nothing more exciting for us here at CHCA than to experience young children who are enthusiastic to learn God’s Word.

Our Kids in the Word program continues every Saturday with 25-30 children coming weekly. We have been exploring the character of God through His various names (Immanuel, Jehovah Rapha, El Shaddai). Continue to pray with us that these precious children would come to know Jesus as their Saviour at a young age, destroying the devil’s work in their families and community.

Our Youth in Word program consistently has 11-15 youths attending weekly. We are learning what it means to be children of the light and how the enemy wants to destroy their God-given destiny.

On March 31, we planned a games night with our visitors from the Bridge (a Markham community church), Sandra and Mackenzie! It was a great success.

We first studied Ephesians 5:1-14, and what it means to be imitators of Christ through making decisions that please the Lord! Then they participated in fun games and obstacle courses that encouraged teamwork and celebrated each other. It was a great time for them to build community and have fun for His glory.

We are looking forward to more special events like the games night to grow our youth ministry!



Agricultural Program

The fruits of our labour over the several months are reaping great rewards!

We are growing a variety of fruits and vegetables that serve to expand our breakfast program and help families in need. We have planted mango trees, lime trees, orange trees, papaya, plums, pomegranates, plantains, bananas, cherries, cassavas, peas, grapes, pumpkins, and passion fruits. We have 19 hens, 5 roosters and three baby chicks born at Eden's chicken farm! Celebrate the goodness of our Lord with us! We give Him praise and thanksgiving for His faithfulness.



Ministry Highlights

From February 18th until June 24th, we would have hosted eight short-term missionaries! It is wonderful serving alongside our friends and partners in the ministry.

Sometimes short-term mission trips receive a bad reputation if not done correctly! Some people may see it as a humanitarian trip, an opportunity to visit a new country/culture, or an experience to feel good about yourself because you helped someone else.

These are not bad things, but they are NOT what mission trips are really about! It has been my personal experience that a mission trip first starts with God doing a great work in me! Then it is about completing the great commission of Jesus Christ...

Go to all the nations and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)!

Making disciples is about relationship, a relationship with others (individuals/communities) and a personal relationship with Jesus. At CHCA we strive to provide opportunities for individuals to share their gifts

and talents through long-lasting programs and impact that can be reproduced by local staff, ensuring personal growth for the missionaries and local residents through the Word and lifestyle choices!

We would like to thank Leonie Smith (12 trips with us), Claudia Nesty (first trip), Mackenzie Maskery (5 trips), Sandra Masson (5 trips), and Ishani Slocombe. She first joined Pastor Paulino back in 2002 to serve this community in Barahona and invited Sharma and I on our first short-term missions trip back in 2003! This is what you call doing mission God's way! Thank you, Ishani for taking that first bold step of obedience – your impact continues today in the lives of many children, youths, young adults, and families.



Esmailin reading one of the books in our new library!

Prayer Requests

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

----- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Remember our ministry in your prayer time. We are in the process of hiring a new teacher to assist our growing preschool program, please pray that the right person will join us in our work. Continue to pray for all our children and families that we serve through our ministry; that they will come to know and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Pray for the successful completion of this school year for our students and a safe summer vacation. Pray for increased impact and spiritual growth for our ministry. Keep all our short-term missionaries joining us here in the DR in your prayers as well. Continue to cover Mackenzie who has committed to three months of serving with us.

Remember Luis Emilio (staff) who will be returning to the United States for the English summer work program and Wilkins (staff) who will be leaving for his first trip to the United States for the same program. Pray for their protection as they travel and work and pray for God’s favour and wisdom. Pray for our family’s upcoming trip to Toronto this summer, a time of rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation! And lastly, please keep our children in your prayers that they will always walk in Truth and the Light of our Lord and Saviour!

