



# **His Hands Support Ministries**



A new team member holds a family rooster during an update visit outside Belize City.



Families waiting in line in Cote d'Ivoire - our newest HHSM partnership.

**Our Partners. Their Stories.**

Our partners are some of the most loving, hardworking, giving, and sacrificial Christ-followers we know. When we hear their stories, we are enraptured by their bravery, convicted of their humility, and encouraged by their faith. We come away with a renewed sense of thankfulness that we get to support them, even in the tiniest ways, and so grateful God has sent them to us. This newsletter is to share their stories. They are the heroes that we want to uplift.

You will love seeing a little bit into their lives, learning their needs, and hearing their joys. We hope you come away with the same feeling of excitement as us! God is good and He is working in the hearts and lives of people around the world. Here are their stories.

## South Africa - Theo's Legacy



*"Thank you for your donations - we appreciate it very much! Please keep Jwalang in your prayers and continue to support the kids. Theo's legacy is still alive and the vision is to add another grade level to the school."*

*-Yvonne Burakeye*

A testimony from the South Africa coordinator:

"This past summer, Jamie and I went back to South Africa to see our friends Yvonne Burakeye and her daughters. It was a pleasure to see them again after a year and a half.

The first time I visited Johannesburg, I was plagued with anxiety. It was my first trip as a new program coordinator, Covid and mandatory testing still occurred, and Pastor Theo Burakeye had recently passed. Jamie and I did not know how that would affect Jwalang Ministries and our partnership.

When we arrived, Yvonne and her daughters were grieving their loss and trying to manage life without him. Our visit to see Jwalang was the first time Yvonne had been to the school since she came home from the states.

Jwalang's board of directors abandoned Yvonne after Theo's passing and they were now fully relying on HHSM's sponsorships and donations. The situation left me heartbroken and I wanted to do as much as I could to help Yvonne.

When we left Johannesburg, our mission was to raise funds for Jwalang to get a gas refrigerator (the school had to abandon their electricity because people from the squatters camp were stealing it) and host a clothing drive for the kids."





*Because of your generosity we were able to achieve our goal of getting a gas fridge and provide gently used clothing items and blankets for Jwalang Ministries.*

"Preparing for this trip, I was excited to see old faces and meet new ones. I knew what to expect and my focus was to build a stronger relationship with our partners. Yvonne currently teaches Grade R and has turned Jwalang into the school Theo imagined it would be. The children and teachers love and respect her. Yvonne has given hope to the children she is teaching and paving the way for a strong and kind generation. She continues to do her best for Jwalang while upholding Theo's legacy."

- Mary-Ruth, South Africa Coordinator



Child #SA3100 is a girl in the 3rd class. She was born in 2018. She lives with her mom and dad. The sponsorship amount for her is \$25 per month.

[Sponsor A Child in South Africa](#)

His Hands for South Africa was founded in June of 2018 when a partnership was formed between His Hands Support Ministries and Jwalang Ministries. For a small monthly payment of \$25 you can help a young child have a safe place to be cared for during the day and give them a positive head start on their education!

When a child is sponsored for \$25 per month through *His Hands for South Africa* they receive:

- early education
- food
- basic medical care

**"Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow, cries for injustice, feels every sorrow, carries the pain of His children? Jesus does." - WTK**

## The Philippines - Distributions





The distributions in the Philippines-Luzon program is a time of fun and fellowship. The many churches in the program are spread out all over in the north of the island of Luzon, so this is a great opportunity for some of the churches to gather together for this event. At this distribution, HHSM and our partners were able to distribute school supplies to sponsored and non-sponsored children in the church communities.

During the distribution, pastors pray and preach a message, groups in the congregation sing or recite a piece for the group, and policies and procedures are spoken as a reminder. After this, the school supplies and gifts are given out to many thankful children and families.







Distributions are only possible through the gift of sponsorship!

When a child is sponsored for \$10 per month through *His Hands for the Philippines - Luzon* they receive:

- All the required school supplies
- Enrolls their family in regular distributions of food and other household essentials

NOTE: In 2024, monthly sponsorship for the Philippines will increase to \$12.50 per child and \$25.00 per college student.



Angel is from the Asin C community in The Philippines and is in the 11th grade. The sponsorship amount for Angel is \$10 per month.

[Sponsor Angel in The Philippines - Luzon](#)

# Sponsor Corner

## **New Treasurer and Professional Bookkeeping Service**

Due to the growing size of the organization, HHSM has sought out a professional bookkeeping service to handle our finances. Up until this point, we have had a wonderful, hardworking, and dedicated volunteer,

Wanda Meisner, who has blessed this ministry with her incredible mathematics skills and faithfulness to God's work.

She has given hours and hours of hard work to HHSM over the years. We appreciate her very much and we hope to continue to see her in other facets of the ministry.

Thank you SO MUCH, Wanda!!

The treasurer position on the board is now being filled by existing board member, Tim Corbett, who has used his financial skills in his previous work as a lawyer in the state of Maine.

We are continuing to work out the details of the switch to a new system for bookkeeping, but in the meantime, if you have questions please contact the HHSM office at the email address below.

[Email the HHSM Office](#)

# HHSM Market

**\*Christmas Giving\***







*Nicaragua Corn Husk Angel Ornament, Haiti Christmas Decoupage Cards, Mexico Talavera Hanging Angel Holder, Haiti Metal Christmas Stocking Ornament, Haiti Metal Santa Ornament.*



Shop with a cause on the HHSM Online Market!

The online market is the perfect place to find a beautiful gift for a family member or friend while also helping us in our efforts to support children and seniors in need.

We have handmade items available from all over the world on our online market! From jewelry and handbags, to clothing and kitchenware, there is something for everyone!

These items are available for suggested donation. Donation amounts are listed and already include shipping. At this time we are only able to ship to U.S. addresses only.

Start shopping with a purpose today on our website at

[www.hishandssupportministries.org/market](http://www.hishandssupportministries.org/market).

[Visit Online Marketplace](http://www.hishandssupportministries.org/market)

## Haiti - Saturday Feeding Program



*Marie Noel and other church members in Terrier Rouge, Haiti offer food on Saturday's to children in the community. Often, this is the only meal these children will eat that day.*

Have you ever been hungry? More precisely starving. Most of us haven't. We've easily eaten a meal way before the hunger pains affect our bodies. For a

moment, picture yourself unable to get that meal. After the first urge to eat passes, now hunger pains cramp your stomach. Another day passes and your body feels weak and you're imbalanced. Another day and you're dehydrated and thirsty along with your intense hunger. You're sleepy but you can't get comfortable. Your body is experiencing low blood pressure and a slower heartbeat. You're simultaneously dizzy and your stomach is in tremendous pain. This horrific picture of hunger is the hunger that many children are going through today in Haiti and around the world.

The Saturday Feeding Program in Terrier Rouge, Haiti is a program to help provide a high-protein meal to hungry children on the weekend. The way that food affects the children in this program is incredible. A modest meal of rice and beans makes these children smile, laugh, and be so thankful. This program also gives an opportunity to spread God's love and salvation with a simple meal.







*Haitian children enjoying their meal together.*

Marie Noel has said that her heart is blessed when she receives the donations needed to feed the children in her community. It is getting harder and harder for parents to feed their families and many children do not receive adequate nutrition. Between 100 and 300 children are fed through this life-changing program each Saturday, however, as the cost of food has risen greatly in Haiti in the last year it is getting harder to feed so many with the funds that are typically received. With so many children looking for meals, we are praying for more donations so that Marie can continue to feed the hungry children of Terrier Rouge.

Can you help? One time and monthly donations are integral to keeping this program running. We know God will provide for his children in Haiti. Thank you for your help and prayers!

'But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes

his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.' 1 John 3:17-18 ESV



*The meal often includes a combination of beans, vegetables, and rice or pasta.*





Wilvens was born in 2007 and is in the 5th level at the school in Paulette, Haiti. He lives with his mother, father, two brothers and three sisters. He is in urgent need of sponsorship! The sponsorship amount for Wilvens is \$10 per month.

[Sponsor Wilvens in Haiti](#)

Rose-lore was born in 2009 and is in the 4th level at the school in Trou du Nord. She lives with her mother, father, five brothers and one sister. She is in urgent need of sponsorship! The sponsorship amount for Rose-lore is \$10 per month.

[Sponsor Rose-lore in Haiti](#)

# His Hands for Côte d'Ivoire



*Pastor Koumbondohou Ouattara and his wife, Aïssata.*

His Hands for Côte d'Ivoire works alongside our Ivorian partner, Pastor Koumbondohou Ouattara and his wife, Aïssata, of Kingdom Initiatives. The purpose of Kingdom Initiatives is to reach the Unreached People Groups (UPG) in Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso with a holistic approach by planting churches and addressing the needs of the vulnerable in the community.

His Hands for Côte d'Ivoire was founded in 2023 when a partnership was formed with Pastor Koumbondohou Ouattara of Kingdom Initiatives in

Northeastern Côte d'Ivoire. Kingdom Initiatives is helping the children in their areas of ministry through their kindergarten programs. These kindergartens act not only as a firm foundation for the children's educational journey, but they also provide two snacks and lunch each school day. For a monthly fee of just \$20.00 you can sponsor a needy Ivorian child. Your sponsorship will help send them to school and help change their life!



*Philip Charles with our new partner in Cote d'Ivoire (on the left) and a translation helper for The Jesus Film project (on the right).*

Close to thirty million people call Cote d'Ivoire home. The country is known for their hospitality so, as a result, over six million of those people are from other countries. Many of them are from Burkina Faso, seeking shelter from the hostilities in their home country. More than 75% of the population is under age thirty-five, but only a little more than half of the children in Cote d'Ivoire have access to education. Many of the migrants in the country mistakenly believe they have to return to their home country for

their child to attend school.

Undernutrition in Cote d'Ivoire is prevalent, making the country among the worst in undernutrition in sub-Saharan Africa. The stunting rate is 30% in most areas of the country, but in the rural areas in the northern parts of the country, that rate is close to 40%. Malnutrition, typhoid, malaria, and meningitis are among the common illnesses in the rural areas in which Kingdom Initiatives is serving. Many diseases are a result of unclean drinking water. Access to water pumps is limited and many of the existing pumps need to be rehabilitated. As a result of all this, close to one out of every ten children in Cote d'Ivoire will not live to see their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.



When a child or missionary family is sponsored for \$20 or \$50 per month through *His Hands for Côte d'Ivoire* they receive:

*Children:*

- access to kindergarten programs and primary school



- educational materials
- two snacks and lunch each school day

*Boys & Girls in the children's homes:*

- school fees
- uniform
- educational materials
- room & board and living expenses

*Missionaries:*

- *financial support and encouragement*



*Many children are available for sponsorship on the website!*



## Calendar of Events - 2024



Due to areas of instability and political unrest, some of our trips have been put on hold until the situation becomes more favorable for us to send a team.

Below is our current schedule, which is subject to change:

[His Hands for Cuba](#): January 22-27 - Team members will visit our partners in Cuba to bring in much-needed food and supplies for the seniors in the nursing home.

[His Hands for Liberia](#): January 30-February 7 - Six team members will visit our partners in Liberia and update all the children in the sponsorship program.

[His Hands for Kenya](#): - February 16-27 - Team members will visit our partners in Kenya and update all the children and widows in the sponsorship program.

[His Hands for the Dominican Republic](#): February 17-24 - Team members will visit our partners in the Dominican Republic and update all the children in the program.

[His Hands for Indonesia](#): combined with [His Hands for the Philippines-Cebu](#):  
March - Details TBD

[His Hands for Brazil](#): April - Details TBD

[His Hands for the Philippines-Luzon](#): late April/early May - Details TBD

[His Hands for Guatemala](#): April 27-May 3 - Three team members will visit our partners in Guatemala and update all the children in the sponsorship program.

[His Hands for Cuba](#): - Team members will visit our partners in Cuba to bring in much-needed food and supplies for the seniors in the nursing home.

[His Hands for East Africa](#): May - Details TBD

[His Hands for Honduras-San Pedro Sula](#): June - Details TBD

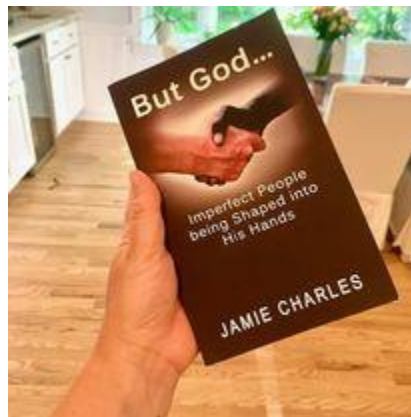
[His Hands for India](#): July - Details TBD

Please pray for our partners and the children in [Haiti](#) as they are experiencing a time of great turmoil within the country. Our visits to Haiti are on-hold until the situation stabilizes.

Please also continue to pray for our partners and the children in [Myanmar](#) as they continue to go through a time of great civil unrest. We

will be unable to consider visiting our partner in Myanmar until this situation de-escalates.

Thank you for your patience and support!



You've heard it said that God uses the most unlikely people to carry out His purposes. So what could God do with a sheltered, homeschooling mother of six, living peacefully in a rural setting?

Leaving her comfort zone and obeying the call, Jamie Charles has found herself in some very uncomfortable places. Sit down with her as she tells you about her experiences traveling the world as a short-term missionary.

You'll hear stories about lessons learned through trials, trusting God to lead, and the founding of His Hand Support Ministries. "You can't make this stuff up" is another way of saying, "Look what God has done!" More than a collection of missionary stories, this book is a challenge to all readers to step out in faith and live a life of obedience no matter the cost.

You can click on the link below which will take you to the Amazon listing. The price is \$14.00, including shipping.

Thank you, Lord, for twenty years of serving you through this ministry you have given to us!

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