

Haiti

More than 11 million people call this mountainous island in the Caribbean home. Haitian culture is vibrant, with distinctive food, a thriving arts community, and a rich heritage.

Despite the beauty of its beaches, tropical forests, and its rich history, Haiti has been severely impacted by natural disasters and political strife. Many of the kind-hearted residents live in uncertainty and struggle against odds most of us can hardly imagine.

- Poverty – 80% of the population lives on less than \$2 per day
- Inconsistent access to education or reliable health care
- Unreliable infrastructure and power
- Limited access to safe drinking water
- 1.2 million orphans and vulnerable children



*“Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor;
Defend the fatherless..”* Isaiah 1:17 (NKJV)

Kids Alive in Haiti

We address these challenges and care for **320 children** and **236 families** through two ministry sites:

- Haiti Children's Village
- Haiti Kids Alive School

Our teams at these sites offer the following types of interventions:

Preventive programs

- Mentoring and discipleship
- Schools, classroom instruction
- School supplies, tuition for government schools where needed
- Sports programs
- Medical care
- Nutritional care including meals for students and food supplements for families

Strengthening programs

- Trauma counseling
- Social worker assistance with securing government services

Restorative programs

- Family reintegration
- Family mentoring and strengthening
- Residential care

Systems programs

- Advocacy and training with government institutions



Director update

Greetings from the ministries of Kids Alive Haiti, in the name of Jesus Christ!

Haiti is such a beautiful country, but unfortunately political and economic challenges make daily life very difficult here. The assassination of the President last year, political unrest, violence, kidnapping, and the expanded impact of gangs leave Haitians feeling unstable and never sure from day to day what could happen. This situation affects our ministry, our staff, and our 320 residential and community children we now care for, who were previously orphaned, abandoned, or abused.

Even in the midst of these challenges, God continues to provide for Kids Alive Haiti. Several important prayer requests were answered this year: we were able to complete our new cafeteria building, install a water filtration system to provide safe, clean water for our staff and students, and purchase a bus to help transport students safely to and from school each day. Praise God!

In the coming year, we are trusting God for furniture and equipment for the cafeteria building, adding classrooms and a building for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade classes, resources to develop a literacy program for parents, and a partnership with IBESR (child protection welfare) to support those children's homes for the wellbeing of the children.

Our God is faithful!

We certainly have our share of challenges, but Kids Alive Haiti rejoices to bring you the good news that even during the dark days, God is at work here. Despite the complexity of our situation, our staff and children are not hopeless because we have a great God who loves our kids even more than we do, and we are trusting in His plans for their futures. We continue to do the things He's called us to do.

His faithfulness is our refuge in Haiti!

We have truly seen and felt the truth of the Scripture: *"Trust in him at all times, you people, pour out your hearts before him for God is refuge for us."* – Psalm 62:8 (NKJV)



Roberson Gedeus
Country Director, Haiti



Natacha finds help and hope

Natacha has five children – three girls and two boys – aged 3 to 18.

After the birth of their youngest, Natacha's husband abandoned the family. Unable to pay their rent, the family was evicted from the house. She was able to take temporary refuge in an abandoned house without doors or windows but was evicted again after a few months.

Alone, homeless with five children, unemployed, and not knowing what to do, she pitched a rudimentary tent of wood stakes and plastic on an abandoned lot. It wasn't safe or secure, but she had no other option.

Kids Alive Haiti heard about their need and intervened to give hope to Natacha and her children by renting a small house to accommodate the family and enrolling the three youngest children in our school. Today, Jonathan, 12, is in 7th grade, and Victoria, 5, and David, 3, are in preschool.

Without Kids Alive support, Natacha might still be homeless and her children uneducated with little hope of escaping the cycle of poverty that traps so many Haitians. Instead, Natacha and her children have regained the joy of living that they lost years ago.

"...under his wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4b (NIV)

Natacha receives a food kit from Kids Alive every weekend to help feed her family, and supplement the meager income she receives selling products for others.



Thank you for faithfully standing with us as we see God's faithfulness to the children of Haiti!