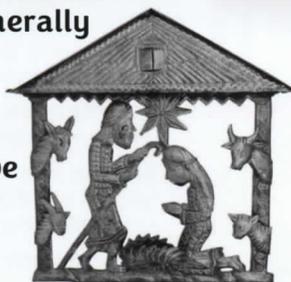




CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN HAITI

Special Christmas traditions vary in Haitian families depending on whether they are poor or rich, what religious beliefs they hold, whether they live in town or in the countryside.

Catholic and Protestant churches generally hold special Christmas programs on Christmas Eve from 9pm to midnight.



For Haitians it is a time for sharing with others. Children will visit their godfather or their godmother for gifts. It's a time for toys for children, new clothes if at all possible, decorations, etc. There is no work that day.

For food, people try to get chicken/turkey or goat, and rice & beans, fried plantains, salad. If someone doesn't have anything they more than likely will get an invitation to a home where food can be shared. Most don't go to sleep early because it's like a party. People like to wear hot colors. Traditionally, Haitian families have celebrated the birth of Jesus by decorating with candle-lit paper lanterns called "fanals" and candles called "petas."



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Sharing the Love of Jesus
through Evangelism,
Nutrition, Medical & Dental
Care, and Job Training.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- **Baby Formula** (ongoing)
- **Disposable Diapers - Small & Medium** (ongoing for Solace)
- **Hand sanitizer** (ongoing)
- **Antibiotic Soap** (ongoing)
- **Ink cartridges** (special request)

SPONSORSHIP & MINISTRY NEEDS

- 1) **Prayers**, especially for God to prevail in Haiti
- 2) **Solace Child(ren) Sponsors**
- 3) **Donations to buy in Haiti:** food, water, medicine, fuel, Solace supplies, to pay salaries in Haiti, to fund remote Tricon Clinic

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A WORD OF HOPE... BECAUSE OF YOU!

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of his Spirit... and so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

- 1 John 4:11-16 -

But... God!

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!!



SOLACE & KAY LANMOU

HOPE ALIVE! Clinic is a non-profit organization in Haiti treating the minds, bodies and souls of all ages with all types of diseases and medical emergencies continuously since 1998.

- Medical Clinic
 - Dental Clinic
 - Mom-Tot for Malnourished Out-Patient Babies
 - Solace Hospital for Malnourished In-Patient Babies
- Our goal is to eradicate malnutrition. Until then.... we are kept very busy! There is a baby who needs your help. Would you like to sponsor him or her?*
- Kay Lanmou for Solace Abandoned Babies
 - Pavilion for Christian Evangelism and Crusades
 - Trade School

As adults, we understand Christmas should be about giving, but the "magic of Christmas" is usually found only in innocent children — *before* we realize love can hurt & death changes everything, *before* we think life may not have much of a future, *before* we discern the reality of harrowing struggles day after day, month after month.

In Haiti, those struggles are real and ongoing: political instability, failing economy, gang violence engaging in mass killings, sexual violence and the forced recruitment of children, human displacement of almost 1.5 million people where many now live in temporary shelters with no adequate resources of clean water or sanitation, severe food crises, and a resurgence of cholera. Besides the humanitarian crises, Haiti has been repeatedly struck by natural disasters in the recent past including massive earthquakes, multiple hurricanes, tropical storms, flooding, and landslides.

Sound too negative for Christmastime? Indeed. **But... God.** Yes, Haitian people are struggling, yet at Hope Alive! we stand firm in our faith, doing God's work however we can, trusting God always. **There is hope. God has not forsaken us.** How do we know this? **Because God provides for our needs at Hope Alive! through you.**

- **Because of you**, our children can have food to eat every day.
- **Because of you**, our children have beds to sleep in, and clothes to wear.
- **Because of you**, our children go to school which is the path to development and future success (*education is not free in Haiti*).
- **Because of you**, our beautiful Hope Alive! staff members are able to pour the love of Jesus into our children, and continue to come to work through challenges no one should have to face on a daily basis.
- **Because of you**, Solace Nutrition Hospital nurtures gravely malnourished babies 24-hrs a day with nutritious food, physical therapy and medical needs.
- **Because of you**, Solace at Hope Alive! keeps children out of orphanages and keeps families together instead of being abandoned, or put into "restavec" homes, where desperate parents leave their child/children to live with a family as a slave.
- **Because of you**, every Friday our Mariani Clinic provides dental care to patients.
- **Because of you**, the Hope Alive! clinics of Mariani and Tricon serve patients who travel hours, even overnight, to be examined & treated by a Hope Alive doctor.
- **Because of you**, Hope Alive! has served approximately 2,500 patients, even in the midst of such devastating struggles at every turn.
- **Because of you**, we understand that the love God has for us is not so far away; we have discovered His love in you.

For all this and more, we say **thank you**. We ask God for an abundant blessing for you and your loved ones, especially over this Christmas holiday. Please keep all the Hope Alive! ministries, staff, and communities in your prayers. We need peace in our lives.

Jwaye Nwè! Merry Christmas!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!



SHARE THE STORIES



Please help us spread the word of all that Hope Alive! is doing to empower the people of Haiti by giving nutrition, health and dental care, sick baby & abandoned child care and, most importantly, by sharing the Love of Jesus to all who enter the campus' of Hope Alive! Haiti! Spread the word by following us on social media, and sharing our stories with your friends. Thank you!