



# Strong Tower

## HAITI

**Caring for Orphans in Jesus' Name**



## Annual Report 2017

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# A Message from . . .

Lorie Holt, Founder & President

*"We care for Orphans  
not because we are  
rescuers but  
because we are the  
rescued."*

David Platt

*"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; He gently leads those that have young." Isaiah 40:11*

This verse describing God's loving care is one of my favorites. Caring for orphans is rooted in His great and unfailing love for us all. God desires that each orphan will know the love of the Father through the echo of a loving family; He desires each child to know how beautiful and priceless he or she is in His eyes. Through your generosity and thoughtfulness, children who once were alone and without hope are now soaring in forever family at Strong Tower. Hope, restoration, healing . . . themes of God's tender, ongoing touch on the hearts and lives of the children who call Strong Tower "home" . . . and all because of the Father's heart and your kindness.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and giving. You are impacting young lives in ways that bless, move and grow the Kingdom of God. Glory to Him forever.

Such a privilege is this, to "defend the cause of the fatherless" (Isaiah 1:17) with you.

Blessings,

*Lorie*





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## Who We Are . . .

Strong Tower Haiti is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ with orphaned and vulnerable children.

### Our Mission

To honor God and bring glory to the name of Jesus Christ by caring for orphans in Caracol, Haiti.

### Our Vision

- **PROCLAIM** the gospel of Jesus Christ in Caracol, Haiti by sharing His love, forgiveness and grace with orphans and those in their community.
- **RESPOND** to God's mandate to care for orphans by striving to meet their physical, spiritual, emotional and educational needs.
- **PARTNER** with the body of Christ to continually work towards improving the quality of life for the least of these.
- **EQUIP** Churches as well as individual Christians to minister to orphans through missions trips, volunteering and giving financially, through sponsorships and general opportunities.



### Board of Directors

President	Lorie Holt	Director	Krista Corbett
Vice President	Randall Burns	Director	Brian Gardiner
Secretary	Brenda Corbett	Director	Gene Page
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		Director	Matthew Swallow



## What We Do . . .

Strong Tower partners with Church of the Redeemer in Caracol to care for orphans in their community. We work towards reunifying families whenever possible; providing quality care in a culturally relevant facility; and moving the project towards sustainability. Strong Tower Haiti can build two family-style duplex orphan homes, each housing 16-20 children and 2 sets of house parents. The first family home opened in June 2013.

Strong Tower Haiti is an integral part of the ministry and community of the Church of the Redeemer in Caracol. Within this faith community, the children served by Strong Tower receive physical, emotional and spiritual care as well as an education. They experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ. That love and grace is also extended to vulnerable children in Caracol through nutritional supplements, worm medication and clean water projects that are on going. Medical missions and a VBS program for the children are also a part of what we do.

### Our Faith Partners

First Church UMC—Sedalia, MO

Littleton Baptist Church—Littleton, ME

Military Street Baptist Church—Houlton, ME

Labette Baptist Church—Labette, KS

First UMC—Bethany, MO

Sacred Heart School—Sedalia, MO

Maplewood UMC— Omaha, NE

Greater Houlton Christian Academy—Houlton, ME

### Our Haitian Partners & Staff



Our Haitian Pastor Payot Jacques with his wife Saingela, and Pedrine (their daughter and STO Administrator) with Lorie Holt



Church of the Redeemer Board of Elders  
with Pastor Payot & Lorie Holt



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### Profit & Loss Statement—Ending December 31, 2017

**Income:**

Individual, Business Contrib.	\$43,755
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	
Child Sponsorship	\$34,299
Education Fund	\$8,015
Other Misc Designated	\$8,052
Fundraising Income	\$16,571
Interest Income	\$103
<b>Other Income:</b>	
Investment Change in Value	\$1,059
VBS Travel	\$16,675
Missions Travel—Others	<u>\$12,541</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$141,070</b>

**Expenses:**

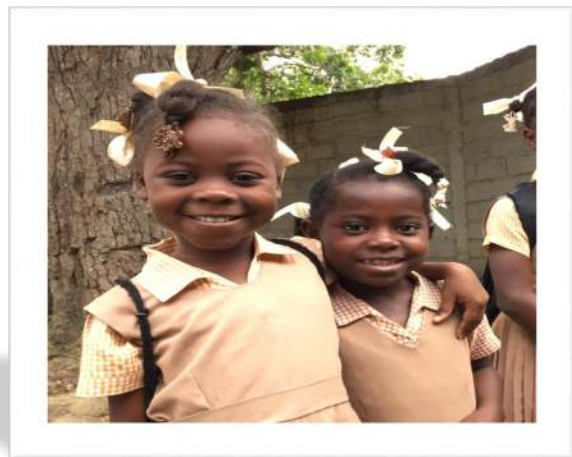
Fundraising Expenses	\$3,431
Designated Disbursements	\$3,343
Sponsorship Expenses	\$37,352
Misc Orphanage Expenses	\$875
Bldg/Property Maintenance	\$16,530
Clean Water Project	\$3,286
Vehicle Maintenance	\$788
General Operations	\$11,562
Insurance	\$835
Tithe	\$4,756
Conferences, Mtgs, Misc	\$2,232
Leadership Travel	\$12,422
<b>Other Expenses:</b>	
VBS Travel	\$15,086
Mission Travel—Others	<u>\$13,057</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$125,555</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$15,515</b>

*Did you know . . . 100% of Child Sponsorship donations go to the direct care of the girls?*

Child Sponsorship Expenses Breakdown for 2017

Food	\$6,649
Medical	\$47
Clothing	\$172
School Uniforms	\$900
Toiletries	\$1,125
Cleaning/Laundry/Misc Supplies	\$1,533
Electricity/Propane	\$1,506
Transportation	\$1,697
Property Taxes	\$120
<b>Haitian Staff</b>	
Administrator	\$4,200
House Mamas	\$3,600
Laundry/Cook	\$2,844
Guards	\$3,288
Accountability Liason	\$1,680
Relief Staff	<u>\$2,464</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$31,825</b>

Note: \$5527 taken to Haiti for sponsorship expenses in 2017 to be expensed in 2018



“We love because He first loved us”

I John 4:19



# Year in Review-Our Highlights



In 2017, Rose Mica came into the Strong Tower family.

There are now 19 girls who are no longer orphans!

We have one more yet to come into our family. Trusting God to bring her home soon.

Strong Tower's beautiful girls with their house mamas and Pedrine, Strong Tower's Administrator



## March Mission

- Construction of a kitchen expansion began
- New lighting on the property was installed
- The electrical was repaired and upgraded
- Repairs were made to the roof on the home





# More Highlights 2017

## August – 8th Annual Vacation Bible School



- Ministered to over 500 children from the village of Caracol at VBS
- Distributed Vita Mamba (nutritional vitamin packed snack) to children
- Provided a meal each day to the children who attended



“Nothing invested in a child is ever lost”  
 DrJamesDobson.org



### Our June Mission

Our mission in June was an abbreviated trip but still much was accomplished

- Kitchen expansion completed with installation of electrical and plumbing
- A new electric stove and refrigerator were installed
- Plumbing issues in the Admin building repaired
- Water filtration project has begun to help provide clean water for Strong Tower and others in the community
- The girls enjoyed a birthday party that celebrated one of the team member’s birthdays. Dressed in their Sunday best, they enjoyed crafts, singing and chocolate twinkies for birthday cake. A good time was had by all.





## Other News . . .

We have so many who love this ministry and serve Strong Tower in many ways. We could not do ministry in Haiti without those who give of their time, talents and resources right here in the States. Those who donate, those who have monthly sponsorships, those who help in fundraising, those who participate in our fundraisers and those who pray. You are all a part of this wonderful ministry God has called us to do. Thank you!!



Hearts for Haiti Love Notes made with pictures children from Caracol have drawn.

Military Street Baptist Church Sunday School shows their love by making Valentines for the girls at Strong Tower. Their weekly Sunday School collection goes to help sponsor our girls.



Love Walk/Run  
Maine & Missouri



Yard Sales done by individuals like Kayden

- ◆ Shoe drives in Sedalia, Missouri that collect gently used shoes for refurbishing and job creation in Haiti
- ◆ Mission Tree Giving at Military Street Baptist Church
- ◆ Homemade Cookie Sales in Houlton, Maine
- ◆ Singing Rooster Haitian coffee and chocolate bar sales
- ◆ Children's lemonade stands
- ◆ Birthday parties to honor Strong Tower
- ◆ Memorials, Honorariums and Legacy Gifts





# Change A Life

“ . . . Defend the cause of the fatherless . . . ”

Isaiah 1:17

## What your Gift Provides

### THE GIFT OF . . . FAMILY

**As vibrant members of a forever family, the children's care**

**includes:**

Safe & Loving Home

Clean Water

Nutritious Meals

Nurturing Care from House Mamas

Clothing, Shoes, Essentials

Healthcare

### THE GIFT OF . . . FAITH

**As an integral part of the Faith Community of Church of the Redeemer, the children experience:**

Sunday School & VBS

Worship Services

Opportunity to cultivate God given talents

Discipleship

Daily Prayer and Praise

### THE GIFT OF . . . FUTURE

Educational Needs are Met

Life Skills

Vocational and/or College

Security of Self-sustainability

Improvements in Infrastructure of Community

## YES!

**I want to CHANGE A LIFE**

To donate:

[www.strongtowerhaiti.com](http://www.strongtowerhaiti.com)

(Monthly sponsorships are available)

Or you can . . .

Send Check Payable to Strong Tower to:

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