HOPE HEALTH ACTION

A Permanent Home in Haiti

Your Questions Answered

Why now, what the new campus could make possible, and how the vision will become a reality.

We recently shared some wonderful news: HHA has purchased land in northern Haiti that will become a **permanent home for our health and disability services**.

After much prayer and careful discernment, we believe God is calling us to **turn radical love into lasting action**. At the heart of this vision is a simple conviction: every person is deeply loved by God and **deserves the opportunity to thrive**, regardless of where they are born or whether they have a disability. Everyone should be able to access high-quality care, dignity, opportunity and hope.

The new campus will be a physical expression of that belief: a welcoming place where people who are too often overlooked can receive compassionate, holistic care throughout their lives. For us, this is one of the most exciting developments in almost 20 years of work in Haiti. It gives us the chance to **protect services** that are already making an impact, address **important gaps** in care and create something truly special for the **future**.

It is also a significant investment. We know you may have questions about why we are doing this now, what the plans involve and how we will maintain our existing programmes while the campus is developed. **Here are some answers.**

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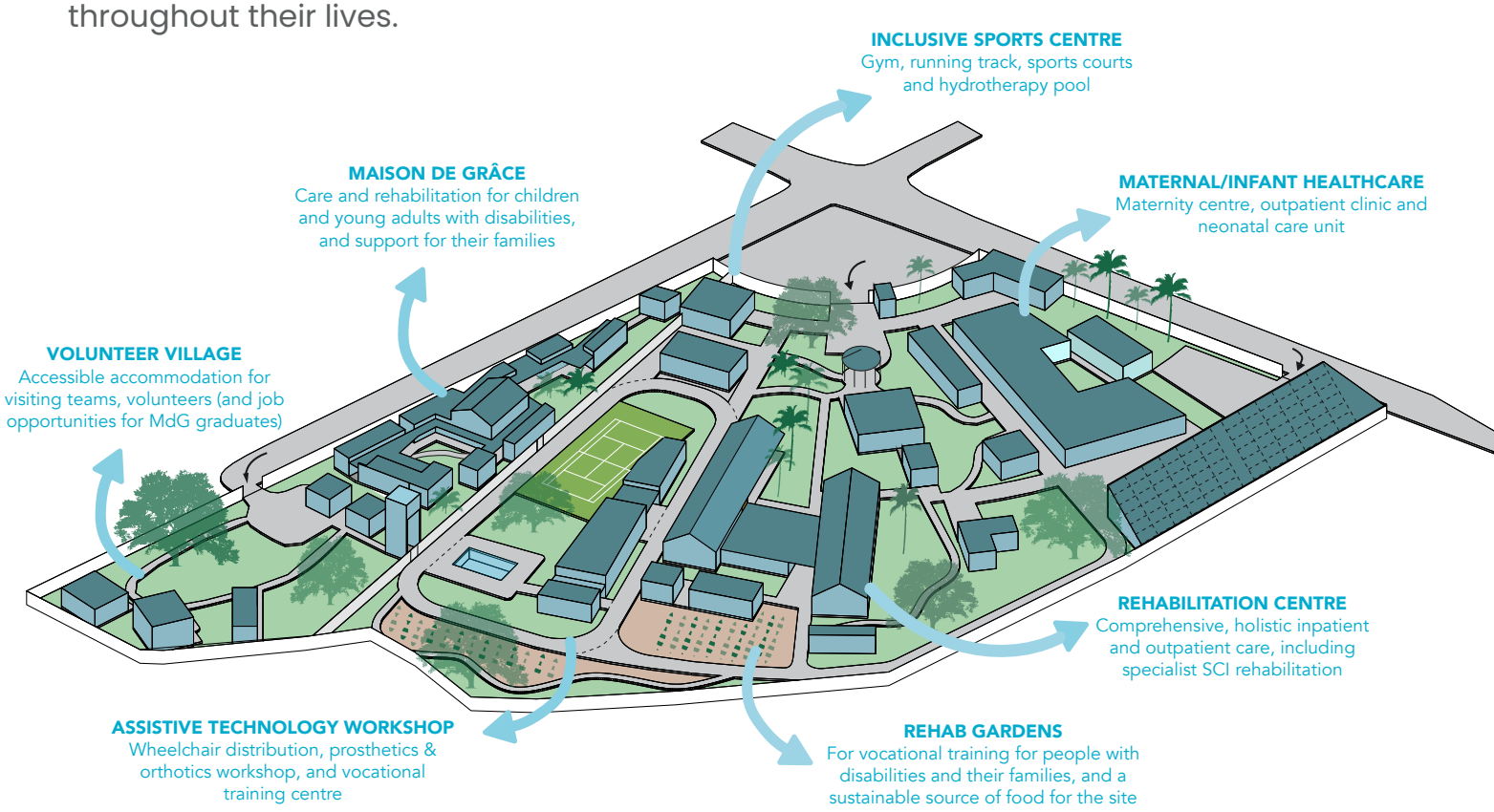
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1 | What is the vision for the land?

Our vision is to create an "oasis of hope and healing": an **accessible** and **welcoming** campus where people and families can receive **high-quality, connected care** throughout their lives.



At the heart of this vision are Jesus' words in Matthew 15: **"I have compassion for these people."** In this passage, people with disabilities and many others in need came to Jesus seeking hope and healing. He welcomed them without discrimination, cared for and fed them, and they and their families encountered **hope and love**. That is the **heart behind our work** in Haiti. We want every pathway, treatment room, learning space and garden on the new campus to communicate the same message: **you are seen, you are loved and your life matters**.

Developed in phases, plans for the site include:

- A centre providing care, education and rehabilitation for children and young adults with disabilities, and their families
- A comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation centre
- Wheelchair, prosthetic and orthotic services
- Maternal, infant and neonatal healthcare
- Community-based rehabilitation
- Mental health and spiritual support
- Vocational training and inclusive sport
- Continued medical oxygen generation and distribution for clinics and health facilities across northern Haiti
- Accessible accommodation for visiting professionals, volunteers and supporters
- Gardens, a chapel and shared community spaces
- Sustainable infrastructure, including solar power

This is an ambitious vision, but it is rooted in almost 20 years of experience, the expertise of our Haitian team and a clear understanding of what is currently missing.

2 | Why invest in land and buildings *now*?

HHA has worked continuously in northern Haiti since 2007. During that time, we have seen the importance and impact of reliable health and disability care within the communities we serve.

Today, that care is **needed more than ever**. Haiti is facing a deepening humanitarian and health crisis. Nearly **1.5 million people are internally displaced**, while only **26% of inpatient health facilities are fully operational**. Disability care is particularly under-resourced: Haiti has an estimated **30 practising physiotherapists and just 12 occupational therapists** serving a population of more than 11 million.

Although northern Haiti remains relatively stable and free from the violence affecting much of the country, **mass displacement** is increasing the population in the region we work in, putting **additional pressure** on health and community services that were already stretched.

HHA remains deeply committed to Haiti at this critical time. We know our projects are changing lives, and we want to make sure that they can carry on doing so for many years to come. With this in mind, our Haitian team and wider leadership have been carefully assessing needs, opportunities and practical challenges, discerning where we feel God calling us.

That assessment has highlighted several limitations:

- **Maison de Grâce needs a more suitable home.** The programme currently operates from a rented residential property. It is not purpose-built, there is not enough space for all the children and young adults we know need support, and it costs approximately US$25,000 each year in rent.
- **Our rehabilitation centre has serious access and tenure challenges.** The site is reached by a difficult road that is prone to flooding, creating barriers for patients, families and staff. The space has been generously provided for free by a partner, but a secure long-term lease is not available and the partner is expected to need the property back in the near future.
- **Our programmes are divided between different locations.** This creates additional costs and inefficiencies, makes it harder for teams to share equipment and expertise, and limits opportunities for truly connected care.
- **We do not have suitable accommodation for visiting teams.** Volunteers, specialist health professionals, technical partners and supporters often stay in the city. Accommodation can be expensive, while travel to and from our programmes takes significant time. This has become more challenging as displacement has contributed to significant population growth and severe traffic congestion in the north.
- **Major gaps in specialist care remain.** These include prosthetic and orthotic services, with no formal provision currently available in northern Haiti, as well as inclusive sport, specialist neonatal intensive care and other services that people and families urgently need.

This investment is therefore intended to protect, strengthen and connect functioning programmes while creating room to respond to needs that are not currently being met.

3 | What opportunities could the new campus create?

We're so excited about the opportunities that could come from this **step of faith**. Bringing these services together could transform the quality, reach, and continuity of the care HHA provides, impacting thousands of lives. The campus will create opportunities for:

- **Stable, connected and holistic care.** Teams will be able to coordinate more closely, helping people access different forms of support without travelling between sites.
- **Improved quality of care.** Purpose-built, accessible spaces will help our teams provide care more effectively and consistently, within a dignified and welcoming environment designed around the needs of the people using it.
- **New specialist services.** The site will create exciting opportunities to address some of the most significant gaps across northern Haiti: services such as prosthetics and orthotics, specialist rehabilitation, inclusive sport and neonatal intensive care could transform what is available across the whole region.
- **Greater reach and capacity.** A larger Maison de Grâce, for example, will enable the programme to welcome more children and families; a larger rehab ward will facilitate greater capacity for inpatient care.
- **Changing attitudes and promoting inclusion.** People with disabilities in Haiti continue to experience stigma, misunderstanding and discrimination. A permanent, highly visible campus can demonstrate our belief that everyone is loved by God, has gifts and potential, and should be able to participate fully in community life. By bringing people together through healthcare, education, inclusive sport, vocational training, employment and shared community spaces, the campus could help challenge harmful assumptions and show what genuine inclusion looks like in practice.
- **Stronger training and partnerships.** Accommodation on the campus will make it easier for visiting professionals to share specialist skills with HHA's locally led teams without the cost and lost time caused by travelling from the city each day.
- **Potential income generation.** Services such as accessible accommodation and prosthetic and orthotic provision may create income that can be reinvested into the campus and contribute to its long-term financial sustainability.



4| What could stable, connected, lifelong care look like in practice?

HHA was founded in response to Jesus' call to **love others as we would wish to be loved**. That means seeking for others the same quality of care, opportunities and hope that we would want for our own families. While disability services in countries like the UK and US are far from perfect, many of us would expect a person with a disability to be able to access specialist, connected, holistic support from early childhood and throughout their life. We believe **individuals and families in Haiti should be able to hope for the same**. To understand what this might look like in practice, consider a **child with a disability.**

At the new campus, they could receive **care, education and regular physiotherapy** in one accessible setting. They could take part in **vocational activities** and **inclusive sport**, seeing other people with disabilities participate and develop their skills. They could easily access **medical facilities**, including a clinic, lab and pharmacy. If the child needs a **wheelchair**, or custom-made **prosthetic or orthotic equipment,** they could be assessed, fitted and adjusted on-site.

Where formal schooling is possible, the **Community-Based Rehabilitation** team could work with local schools to help the child access education. The child and their carers could use the gardens to learn **practical ways of growing food** at home. They could access **psychological and spiritual support**, use the chapel and access **pastoral care**, and connect with other families.

As the child grows older, their support could transition towards **outpatient physiotherapy**, **vocational training** and potential **work or internship opportunities**, including opportunities connected to the visitor accommodation. The Community-Based Rehabilitation team would continue visiting the family at home and working within their community to encourage greater **understanding, accessibility and inclusion**.

This is one example of what holistic, lifelong care could mean. It is not a single appointment or service. It is a belief that everyone is deeply loved by God and deserves the very best care; it is a connected network of support that recognises the whole person and adapts as their needs, ambitions and circumstances change.



5 | Why is Maison de Grâce the first phase?

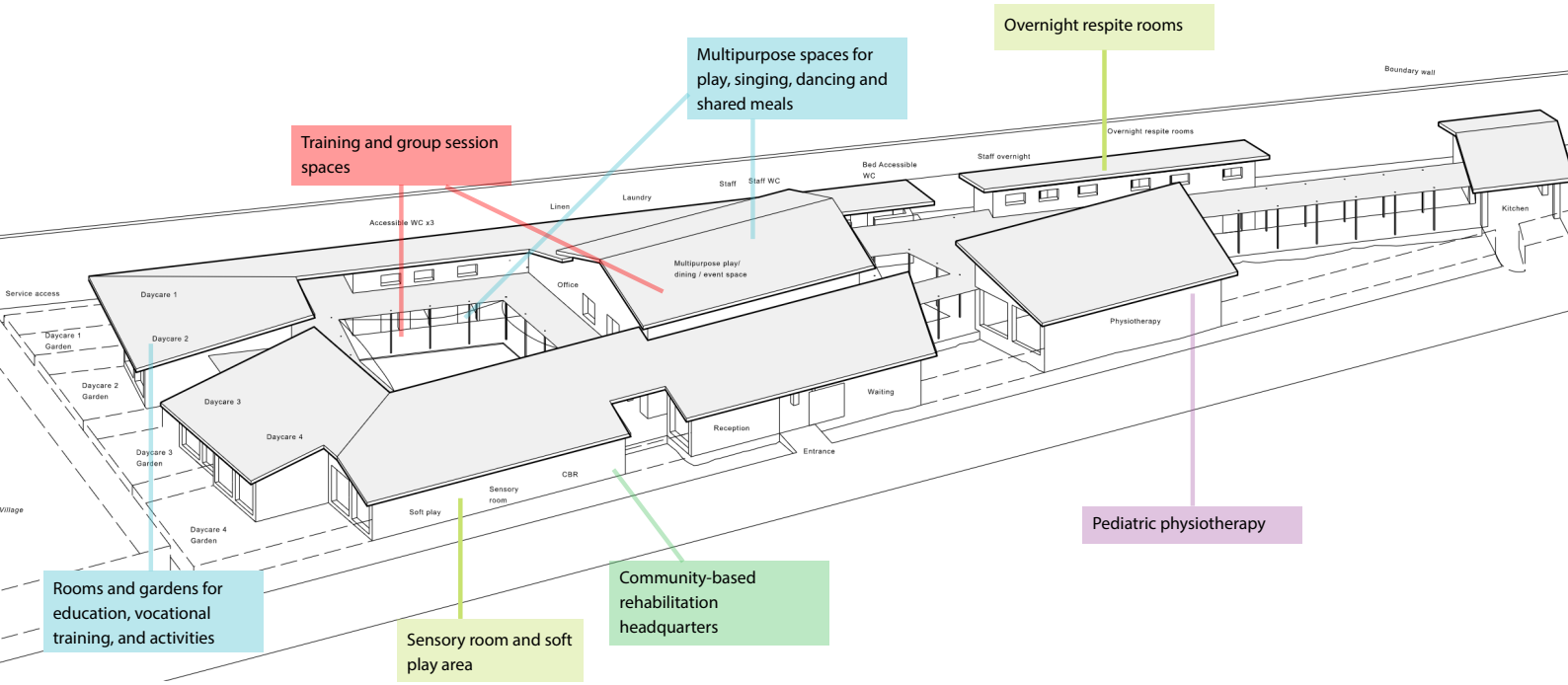
Maison de Grâce has been at the heart of our mission, supporting children and young adults with disabilities, since 2009, but it has **never had a purpose-built home**. Its current rented property is **too small** for the programme's growing needs and **lacks dedicated spaces** for therapy, education, sensory activities, vocational training and respite care.

We believe God is calling us to do better: to demonstrate His radical love to children and young adults with disabilities who are **too often excluded, ignored, or an afterthought**. A purpose-built home will provide more than additional space. It will visibly affirm that these individuals - and their families - are deeply loved, valued and worthy of **excellent care**.

A new Maison de Grâce will provide:

- Paediatric physiotherapy and outpatient services
- Education, play and sensory spaces
- Vocational activities
- Wheelchair assessment and distribution
- Family training, peer support and carer education
- Community-Based Rehabilitation headquarters
- Occasional overnight respite care, where needed
- Accessible outdoor spaces and gardens designed for children with disabilities

Just as importantly, it will be a joyful, welcoming and fun place. Every part of it will be designed to demonstrate God's love and help these amazing children, young people and families thrive. It will also **remove approximately US$25,000 in annual rent**, allowing more funding to be directed towards care and support.



6 | How much progress has already been made?

We are profoundly grateful for God's faithfulness and for every partner who has helped bring the vision to the point it is today.

We are delighted that the **land has already been purchased**, thanks to the generous support of the Nina L. Kummerfeldt Foundation and other valued supporters. We have also secured funding for the **perimeter fence**.

Over the past year, we have developed **architectural plans** with an **award-winning architect** experienced in Haiti, working alongside our Haitian team, **specialist working groups in-country** and **international experts**. This detailed process has helped us assess priorities, explore how services can work together and develop a phased plan rooted in both local experience and technical expertise.

These are major milestones. What began as a vision shaped through prayer, local knowledge and careful planning is now becoming something **tangible**.

Our next immediate fundraising focus is the core Maison de Grâce buildings needed to relocate the existing programme to the new campus. Because the development has been designed in phases, construction can begin before funding for the full Maison de Grâce design has been secured.

7 | How long will it take?

The full campus is a **long-term vision** that will be developed in phases over the coming years. The pace will depend on funding, technical planning, the situation in Haiti and the careful sequencing of each part of the campus.

Our immediate priority is the first construction phase of **Maison de Grâce**. Once funding is secured, we will be able to break ground immediately, with construction estimated to take **9-12 months**.

As further funding becomes available, we will be able to develop additional parts of the site in a considered and sustainable way. We will share clear updates with supporters as each phase progresses.

8 | What will happen to HHA's existing programmes during this transition?

Continuity and consistency remain our highest priorities. We are incredibly excited about this development, and we strongly believe it is the right direction for HHA's future in Haiti. However, our first responsibility is to **continue providing the care** that children, adults and families rely on today.

Our existing health, disability and rehabilitation programmes will remain central to our work throughout the development of the new campus. We are profoundly grateful to the **regular donors, churches, trusts and partners** whose consistent support makes these programmes possible, providing the stability we need to maintain essential services while preparing for this new phase of faith and ambition.

9 | How can I help make this vision a reality?

The land has been purchased. The plans have been developed. The first funding has been secured. Now we need people who share this vision to help **turn those plans into places of care, inclusion and hope**.

There are several important ways you can help:

- **Pray.** Please pray for wisdom, protection and provision as the plans develop, and for our Haitian team as they continue providing essential care during this period of change.
- **Give.** A one-off or regular gift can help HHA sustain vital existing programmes while creating the facilities and services needed for the future. And this December, **all donations will be doubled**, meaning your gift will have twice the impact!
- **Explore a tailored partnership.** If you are considering a larger gift or would like to support a specific part of the campus, we would love to hear from you. Please email merren@hopehealthaction.org and we can discuss your interests and shape a partnership that reflects both what matters to you and the project's priority needs.
- **Make an introduction.** You may know a trust, foundation, church, company or individual with an interest in healthcare, disability inclusion, Haiti or major capital projects. A single introduction could open an important new opportunity.
- **Offer expertise.** We would love to hear from people with relevant experience in healthcare, rehabilitation, construction, architecture, renewable energy, inclusive design, social enterprise or other areas connected to the campus.
- **Share the vision.** Tell others about what HHA is planning and why it matters. Greater awareness can help us find new supporters, partners and sources of expertise.

Whether you pray, give, share your expertise or make a new connection, your support can help turn this land into a permanent home for compassionate, connected care.

Together, we can create a place where people and families are welcomed, valued and given opportunities to thrive.

