

Report of District Missions Director

For many years, the Western New York District has partnered with World Hope International in Haiti. Because of our partnership there and the sacrificial giving of our churches, the following was accomplished:

- Building a wall around the church and school in Canaan
- Building a community center
- Providing hygiene kits to the community
- And SO much more!!

In 2023 all our commitments with WHI in Haiti had been met, and with a change in leadership from Reverend Robin Schaara to me, it felt like a natural time for a change in focus. Moving forward, WNY district will continue to work with WHI but our focus with them will be in Bosnia. WNY has three Wesleyan families serving in cross-cultural contexts, and one of those is Sarah*, serving in Bosnia. As the district missions director, one of my goals is to support our home-grown workers, and partnering with WHI in Bosnia will allow us to do that. As a Wesleyan worker, she works daily with WHI to promote educational opportunities**.

The WHI/GP team in Bosnia has offered our district a proposal to help them expand their teaching team and educational opportunities. This would include:

- Ongoing education for a speech therapist
- Adding an additional child with Down Syndrome to therapy classes
- Hiring two more teachers to help students with disabilities

The total cost for this initiative is approximately \$5400. Currently two churches have committed their support and two more have expressed interest in supporting. This lowers the amount needed to \$3900. If your church would like to partner with this initiative, please email me and I will send you the full proposal and we can arrange a time to talk more.

There may also be an opportunity for a short-term trip or vision trip in 2024. I had hoped to send one in 2023, but as I am due with our first child in November, I cannot lead a trip this year. Alternatively, if your church would like help sending a team abroad, I would be happy to help prepare your team and work with them to get ready.

I am very excited about growing the influence of the WNY district globally and partnering with Christians abroad and projects in strategic locations to move the Gospel forward.

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