



God's Littlest Angels

WE NEED YOUR HELP FINANCIALLY TO CARE FOR THE INFLUX OF 40 KIDS SINCE CHRISTMAS!



After January 2010, the orphanage was almost empty. We prayed for children to find their way to us. We talked to UNICEF and Haitian Social Services about having empty beds and willing to take in orphaned children until a family member could be found, but nothing happened. A few kids were taken in but most of them just needed assistance until their families could find a place to live and a way to feed their children. We had almost decided that it might take a couple of years to fill up our empty beds.

We then received almost 20 children in just one week! We have no idea why, all of a sudden, families have decided to place their children in an orphanage. I think some of it has been the depression and post traumatic stress that families had after the earthquake. They have finally decided that things are not going to change quickly in Haiti and they cannot properly care for their children while living in tents.

Not all of the children came from Port-au-Prince though. Some of the children came from very poor areas in the mountains. These families watched their children suffering, unable to attend school and brought them to the orphanage. For various reasons, the families have relinquished their children for adoption.



After the earthquake, many people sent money to help GLA and the earthquake victims in Haiti. Those funds have run the orphanage for the last year, brought in 18 containers of donated supplies, built houses, built a storage barn, and so much more. We received approximately \$642,000 in the US office for Haiti earthquake relief and spent \$644,000 on relief projects so far.



Many donors who used to give regularly stopped giving after the earthquake. I think people might have thought that so much money came in for organizations in Haiti that we did not need funds to run the every day workings of a large orphanage, but we do. Our normal expenses did not disappear. We continued to pay rent, utilities, staff salaries, food, school expenses for the children that were here, etc.

I need our faithful donors to start giving to the orphanage again. We need funds to run GLA, to feed 86 children and staff, to pay staff salaries, to pay teachers, and to help us support all of the children while we search for adoptive families.

We have started a sponsorship program for GLA children. For \$30 USD per month, you can sponsor a child and receive short monthly updates with photos of how "your" child is doing at the orphanage. The sponsorship program for GLA children will be for the whole time the children are at GLA. When a child leaves, either to return to their biological families or to their adoptive families, we offer you another child to sponsor. This will help with some of the basic costs of caring for a child. If you are interested in sponsoring a child please contact **Laurie** at lorlor@glahaiti.org.



You may not want to sponsor a child but would like to hold a fundraising event for GLA. This would be wonderful, and if you would like help coordinating your ideas, contact our Partner Relations Manager, Tom Vanderwell. Tom is working on a couple of fundraising/support opportunities that he will post on our blog at <http://godslittlestangelsinhaiti.org>. This will give you a way to help the children in the orphanage. If you would like more information, you can contact **Tom** at tom@glahaiti.org.



Each child that comes to GLA is so precious. Our staff is their family while they are here. We are the arms they run to when they are happy or sad. We put a cool washcloth on their brow when they are sick. We try to show them some of the fun things in life. Your support makes this possible.

Please help us give to these children the same quality of care that we have provided for children since 1994. Our goal is to help raise healthy, happy, and well balanced children for the short time they are with us. You can help by giving today!

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Prayer Requests

- ☉ That the new president of Haiti will have wisdom to rebuild this broken nation
- ☉ That the new adoption law will be passed this year
- ☉ That the children at GLA will adjust well to being in an orphanage and be happy and well loved by our staff
- ☉ That funds would come in for the daily running of the orphanage

Send US funds to:
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Send Canadian Funds to:
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Please make US & Canadian checks payable to:

God's Littlest Angels

All gifts are tax deductible.

Sending Boxes of Donations:

If you have donations of supplies and clothing to send to the orphanage, please send them to our Colorado address. The boxes will then be put on a shipping container and sent to Haiti.

🦋 Main House 🦋

🌻 Our Newest Arrivals 🌻



Kelly
5 Feb 2011



Stanley
1 Dec 2010



Davidson
11 Nov 2010



Blanco
1 Nov 2010



Dieunifer
6 Oct 2010



Mickenley
7 Aug 2010



Osmalka
Unknown
(approx 5 mo.)



Frantina
6 July 2010



Sony
3 Nov 2009



Christoph
13 June 2009



Faland
(special needs)
13 Nov 2009



Jamsley
approx. 1yr



Wadley
11 Aug 2010



Guerline
2 July 2010

🦋 Toddler House 🦋



Matnel
28 Aug 2009



Mafise
27 Feb 2008



Berline
11 Jan 2006



Davidson
17 July 2005



Ghania
1 May 2004



Rilinx
1 Nov 2002



Rosemidor
20 Jan 2006
Rose-Myrtha
9 Apr 2009



Wanso
25 Dec 2008
Frantzdie
3 Oct 2005



Lourdia
30 Jan 2006
Johanne
30 Aug 2003



Jean Molière
12 July 2006
Djemson
20 Apr 2008



Delta
(special needs)
30 Dec 2006
Dieudonne
18 July 2004



Faubert
16 Dec 2006
Jean Marie
20 May 2004



Wanderson
12 Aug 2006
Marie Laure
30 Nov 2002



Berthony
8 May 2003
Jeanrismond
3 Nov 2005

NEW HOME BUILT FOR TI JOCELYNE AND HER FAMILY



It is just a small house but Ti Jocelyne has never owned her own home. The house she was renting was completely destroyed during the earthquake. She brought her two children to GLA where they stayed for almost one year. Endy (Andy) her oldest son is still at the Toddler House so he can finish out this school year. The house is painted, dirt from around the house is removed, and we are getting ready to put a small retaining wall in front of the property since it is built on the side of a mountain!



Jocelyne asked me to thank everyone who gave money to help build homes for Haitians who had no homes. This was the third house we built and will start on another one in the next week or two. For families like Jocelyne's we first had to help her buy a small piece of land before her house could be built. That has been the problem with building homes for the homeless, so many people cannot afford to buy land for a home.

Pray for families like Ti Jocelyne's

DRILLING A WELL AT FORT JACQUES

The well drillers have drilled two holes and found no water. They were on their third hole and rocks fell down in the hole and blocked their new drilling bit. Now they are digging a hole by hand through solid rock forty feet (40) or over 12 meters straight down trying to find the lost drilling bit! They found their drilling bit and now say they are going home. They cannot drill through this rock. We must find water for the new orphanage. We believe that God will provide the water, if we can just find the right place to drill!



Please pray daily for water at Fort Jacques. Let it be water flowing pure and clear and more than we can ever use so that we can share it with the Fort Jacques community! There is no community well in that area and people need water that is easily accessible for their daily needs. We are now trying to find another well drilling organization in Haiti who can go deeper than 450 feet. If you know of anyone, please write Dixie at gla@glahaiti.org.

FOREVER FAMILIES



Jerry
The Eyssavel Family
France



Marie Mica (2009)
The Knepp Family



Jean Robert
The Buffelan Family



Merujy
The Le Picault Family

ADOPTION NEWS

Several things have happened since last newsletter that will change the adoption law in Haiti. We have a new president in Haiti! His name is Michel Martelly and we are praying that he is very open and progressive where adoptions are concerned. We also have many new senators and deputies who will take office after the final vote count is announced on April 16. The House of Deputies already voted on a new adoption law on 7 May 2010 but the Senate did not vote on it yet. There are some changes that need to be made before it can become law. There are errors in some of the dates of past legislation, and the Association of Crèches doing adoptions has been meeting going over the law article by article. They will make recommendations to the Senate on other changes that we see as essential for the new law before it is passed.

If the law is passed the way it reads right now:

1. A couple must be married 5 years to adopt or be over 30 years old. (the association is proposing to make it married 5 years **and** at least one partner must be at least 30 years of age unless there is documented infertility and then years married does not matter.)
2. A couple living together must be able to legally prove they have lived together for at least 10 years before adopting.
3. Single women and men can adopt but they must be divorced or widowed. (The Association is asking that this be changed to read single, divorced, or widowed for women and divorced and widowed for men.)
4. Nothing is mentioned about a limit put on the number of children already in a family. This is very good news!
5. Fifty years old (50) is the upper age limit for an adoptive parent. If a couple, the oldest partner cannot be over 50 years old. (The association is recommending that to say the youngest member cannot be over 50 years old, and if they are then they must adopt a child over 5 years of age.)

There are some other changes that will be suggested but I know that these are the important ones people want to know most! By the time you receive this, the Association will have met with as many Senators as possible at a reception where the new law will be discussed. **Remember: The Association can only make suggestions to the Senators and Deputies. They will decide how the law will actually read!**

Haiti also signed the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions recently which is an international agreement between participating countries on best adoption procedures. They have NOT ratified it yet and please join us in praying that the government does not ratify it until Social Services and the courts can prepare themselves for the changes that need to be made to be Hague compliant. One of main things is having a central authority that is organized and has enough staff to make adoptions run smoothly. We do not have that in Haiti right now. Haiti will need help to become Hague compliant from outside sources. If the government ratifies the Convention before the adoption sections are ready, adoptions will have to be stopped until they do have everything in place. This would be disastrous for the children in orphanages in Haiti.

We are taking adoption applications right now for those couples meeting the 1974 criteria to adopt. As soon as the new law is passed, we will start accepting applications from families who qualify with the new criteria. I personally will be very happy to see more couples being able to adopt the children here in Haiti.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COME HELP BUILD HOUSES



We are getting ready to build some houses for the orphanage at Fort Jacques and also homes in the community. We are looking for volunteers to come down for a week at a time to help us build these homes. If someone would like to volunteer for longer than a week, we would love to talk to you! We are looking for volunteers with experience in construction, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and laying ceramic tile. If you do not have any of those skills but you are great at pushing a wheel barrow, then we need you too!

You will be working alongside Haitian masons who will be in charge of the rock/block work on each house. It will be a wonderful time to come and experience working alongside the Haitian community to get houses built. Ask your friends at work or church to come with you and spend a week helping build a permanent home for the orphans or people in the community who have no homes. We plan on getting a house built in a week!

If you would like to come volunteer, then email Kate at volunteers@glahaiti.org or call 719-638-4348.

You can make a difference by volunteering!

PRAYER NEEDED

Please put this newsletter in a place that will remind you to pray for the children, staff, and administration at GLA. Also please pray for finances to help meet our daily needs and build the new orphanage so that all of the children can be together in the mountains surrounded by trees and grass. We feel like the new orphanage will allow a more "home" like environment for the children where they can be nurtured and grow into happy, healthy children.

I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much! —Mother Teresa



Angela & Edolbina
Canada



Sara & Susan
USA



Liz
Canada



Marcel & Rita
Canada



Wolgemuth Edmonton Team
Canada



Timberline Church Team



Whitecourt Baptist Team
Canada



The Grandma Rockers Team
USA



Marylyn
Canada



Marty & Susie
USA



Allison
Canada



Emily & Becky
USA



Amy
USA



The Tiberio Team
Canada



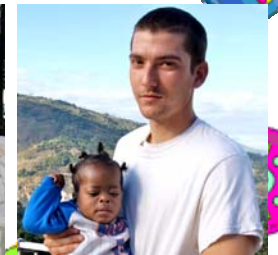
The John Blair Team
Canada



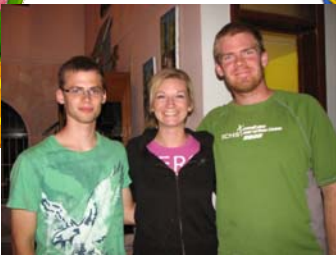
Lauren, Emily, Annie, & Dora
Canada



The Crossroads Team #2
USA



Michael
USA



Brady, Melissa, TJ
Canada



Ann
Canada



Donna
USA



Becky
USA



Sharon & Jane
Canada



Emily & Bev
Canada



Meredith
USA



Alita & Alanna
Canada



Roma, Aline, & Gerlinde
Canada



Jacob
Canada

Individuals from around the globe who have shared their time and talents to serve humbly along side GLA, we **THANK YOU!!!**

Not Pictured—
Faith Tabernacle Michigan Team
THANKS

Not Pictured—
Monticello Crossroads Team of 2010.
THANKS

Volunteers

