

# Letters from Haiti



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## A Note from Larry

November took me back to Haiti to an area called Cite Soleil. This slum of Port Au Prince is home to approximately 500,000 people and run by gangs. Servants Gift was asked to assist an organization called Help Tammy Help Haiti in acquiring a large donation from the Brazilian UN to be used for a clinic in Cite Soleil. I had the privilege to work with an amazing group of women including Tammy Babcock, Cari Welsey, and Caitlin and Leah Beider. Most of my time was spent assisting them in the makeshift medical clinic where we saw a wide range of needs. Medical care is not easy to get in Haiti.

While in Cite Soleil, we traveled outside of our designated neighborhood to treat a 10 day old infant with a serious eye infection. While there, a neighbor risked her life to inform us that a known gang member had been talking to others about the "whites." We escaped by the grace of God. The mother of the infant was later able to bring her baby to us, and within 5 days she had completely recovered.

Later in the trip, we were able to deliver a truckload of clean water to the neighborhood of 'Mogue.' After hearing of our near kidnapping, the UN added 6 heavily armed guards to our own security detail to accompany the water distribution. The UN is pleased with the work being done in Cite Soleil and volunteered their services.



Photo by Cari Welsey

I also enjoyed some time with Dada and the kids, and was able to talk with Dada about the project and look excitedly to the future. Everyone was healthy and happy during the visit, and they send their love to everyone. What an amazing God we serve!

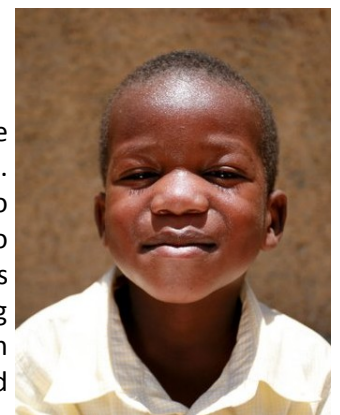
Walking in His footprints,  
Larry

## Child Spotlight

Full of mischief and loads of energy, Wilvenson is one unforgettable little guy. He is a typical boy who loves to play rough and tease the girls, but beyond that rough play, he also is a very loving child who enjoys being hugged and loved on.

Wilvenson came to Maison D'Amour in January 2008 from a town in Haiti called Carrefour. He was born on November 1, 2004 and just celebrated his 5th birthday. Wilvenson is now able to attend school and is doing very well in Kindergarten, reporting

that his favorite subject is coloring. Wilvenson also enjoys listening to bible verses, his favorite being Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." With God's blessings, Wilvenson will continue to shine in school and life.



### CHILD SPONSORSHIP

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# Child Sponsorship

Maison D'Amour, located in Ganthier, is home to ten beautiful children and their caretaker Dada. Dada became the mother to these children when their parents could no longer provide for them. Despite a very limited income, Dada was able to meet their very basic needs. Servants Gift has partnered with Dada to help her continue to provide the children what they need. One of the ways that we are able to do this is through our new Child Sponsorship program and we are excited to let you know how you can get involved.

Sponsoring one of the 10 children in Maison D'Amour enables them to go to school, have food, and clothing. As well as helping meet their needs, being a sponsor brings hope into these children's lives. As a sponsor, you would have the privilege of getting to know your child through letters. Each sponsor is encouraged to write monthly to their child and can look forward to letters from their child 2 to 3 times a year. This is a special opportunity to bring extra love and encouragement into each child's life. Also, with Haiti



being so close, Servants Gift will be doing mission trips to Ganthier. It would be possible for you to go and personally meet your sponsored child.

The cost of sponsoring one of Dada's children is \$40.00 a month. Your contribution will not only go towards maintaining the house, it will also help provide for your child school fees, clothes and food. Sponsoring a child will also allow them to continue to learn the love of Christ through your generosity. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact our Director of Sponsorship, Nancy Wadhams, at (309) 663-9420. She will be available to answer any questions and to give you any more information that you may need.

# Prayer Requests

- The Servants Gift team
- Good health and safety for our kids
- Stability in Haiti
- Our faithful donors and their families
- Dada
- Pastor John and his wife Ruth
- Project Papillon team

# Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Child sponsorship
  - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at [wadhams@verizon.net](mailto:wadhams@verizon.net) or go to [www.servantsgift.com](http://www.servantsgift.com)
- Specific project needs
  - 2 more bunk beds
  - Funding for a vehicle
  - Donated frequent flyer miles
  - Bedroom for Dada
  - Screens for all windows and doors
  - 5 ceiling fans for during the rainy season and the house has to be closed
- Monthly financial support
- Be a prayer partner
- To be added to our newsletter mailing list, please send your email and mailing information to Stephanie at [steph@jasonmckee.net](mailto:steph@jasonmckee.net).

