

Letters from Haiti



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CHILD SPONSORSHIP

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A Note from Larry

Sitting in Haiti seeing kids eat dirt cookies was unbelievable, even for me. The dirt cookies in the photo will be sold to those who are poor and hungry; this will stop the stomach pain. For others, children need medical treatment now. The boy in the photo has



an infection that is out of control. He has never had access to medical treatment and still doesn't. He also desperately needs

nutrition. The photo of the tall market building was taken downtown. The camera is straight; the building is not. People still use it for shelter when it rains. The smell downtown, of the death, is still constant.

The people of Haiti had desperate needs before the tragedy of the earthquake. Now that need is even greater. Even I wonder how this is possible. On this past trip, I saw so many infants that needed immediate medical treatment it was beyond count. There is so much infection and disease running through this place.

Another major issue is there is no food! What little food is being handed out does not even touch the problem. Most of the food that goes into the country is being sold, not given away. I don't have an answer for this except to say I have no choice but to buy it and then give it out in the most sustainable way possible. Through Dada in Ganthier, this process has been made easier. We are known there and Dada has a great ministry in the



village. We have not had any trouble with our food distributions from our house.

Dada and our kids are great. The house is fine and we are completing an addition to the back at this time. Our kids have been spared the horror in the cities. Dada has even been able to return to work at Morning Star Christian Academy on a part time basis.

My recent visit to Haiti was some of the hardest times I have encountered. I will



return soon with a medical team that I am trying to put together now. Any help possible would be appreciated. The need will go on for years to come so if now is not your time to go, please consider it in the future. The U.S. military will

soon pull out of Haiti and already there are less clinics and hospitals. The media has almost forgotten the story. But the massive need is still very much there.

Resting in His arms,
Larry

Child Spotlight

Bermelie arrived at Maison D'amour in February 2007 and is from the town of Ganthier. She is a very intelligent little girl who is in the top of her 3rd grade class. Her favorite subject in school is Math and her favorite color is blue.

This very bright child also has a fun and silly personality. She is full of character and certainly is one who will make you laugh. Her strong belief and love of the Lord is amazing. Bermelie's favorite bible verse is Luke

19:10 "For the son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." This child is certainly blessed with a well rounded personality that makes her a beautiful child inside and out.



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Child Sponsorship Expanding

Servants Gift is excited to announce that every one of the 10 children from Maison d'Amour have been sponsored. It is amazing to see the needs of these children being met, however this need continues for many other children in Haiti. Servants Gift is in the process of expanding our Child Sponsorship program to include 31 more children in Ganthier.

Our dear friend Dada has identified 31 children in her community that are in the most need. She will be overseeing and distributing the resources from sponsors to the families of these children. During his

February trip, Larry began gathering pictures and information regarding these children, and we will begin preparing the information for sponsorship.

Sponsorship is a special opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. It provides the child with the ability to go to school as well as food and clothing. Sponsorship also gives the sponsor the opportunity to grow a relationship with the child through letters. Please continue to check our website, www.servantsgift.com, for information of when these children are available for sponsorship.

Prayer Requests

- Dada and our kids
- Stability in Haiti
- Pastor John and his wife Ruth
- Project Papillon team

Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Earthquake relief needs:
 - Financial support
 - 5-8 man lightweight tents, needed ASAP
 - Help in working the clinic in Ganthier
 - Supplies for the Ganthier clinic (going again in March)
 - Construction team to work in Ganthier
- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at wadhams@verizon.net
- Upcoming mission trip July 14—22nd
 - More information at www.servantsgift.com
- 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.

Thank you for all of your generous contributions!

Please continue to give generously as the relief effort will be long term.

