

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

When Helping Hurts by Steven Corbett and Brian Fikkert gives a message that I have given but have been unable to put all of my knowledge into words. They describe that the reason Israel was sent into captivity was because God was furious with His people over their failure to care for the poor and oppressed. In Isaiah 58, the people were going to church and prayer meetings as well as making offerings, but God wasn't happy with that. They were not caring for the poor! When Jesus sent out his disciples in Luke 9, He told them to preach the good news and heal everyone!!



The Servants Gift team traveled to Haiti and treated 915 people. We simply showed Christ's love by going to where they are and meeting their need of medication and care. We ask for no glory from this; we are just the ones called to go.

"So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere." Luke 9:6 (NKJV)

Part of the message in Fikkert's book that I have found to be completely true is that whites are seen as money, power, money, education, money, superiority, and money. Dada is in charge of all projects we currently have in Haiti and we empower her to do His work. I don't want to interfere with that. Medical work is one way I have found to serve without messing things up. However as valuable as our help is, it is far more important to begin training the locals to do this work themselves. While there is still much work to be done, small strides are being made.

We will take a team in July to introduce them to Haiti, Dada, the kids, and to do VBS for the children in the community. You can join us. It's an opportunity to meet your sponsored child as well as many others. We will also help train some of our local friends to continue VBS. With your help, we will work ourselves out of a job!

Please continue to pray for us at Servants Gift. God has called me to take on Voodoo in Haiti and I am not sure what that looks like yet. But I know it starts with the local Christians in Haiti.

In Christ,
Larry

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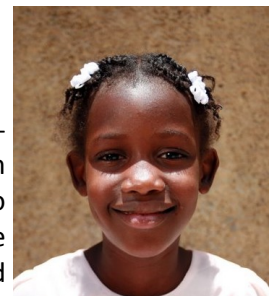
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Child Spotlight

Wildrine Clermont is known at Maison d'Amore as a real sweetheart with a great personality. She was born April 5, 2000 and currently is in the 4th grade. Wildrine loves the color pink and enjoys playing with dolls and "walking the catwalk." She loves to strut her stuff for family and friends and especially enjoys it when visitors join her on her runway.

Wildrine's favorite bible verse is Psalm 100. "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God."



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Life Changing Trip

My name is Jeff Henry and last July I went on my first trip to Haiti...and it was life changing. About 4 years ago I finally realized how blessed I was. Great family, great wife, great home; I was living the dream. When the opportunity came up for the trip, I thought it was a great idea.

My purpose in leaving for Haiti was completely different than when I came back. I went thinking I would see some poor people, pass out some food and maybe a little money, and really make an impact. When I got there I was completely shocked. The thoughts that kept running through my head were spooning dirt into the Grand Canyon. I was, and still am, overwhelmed.

Several things surprised me on the trip, one being that there is one temperature to the water...on and off. Also, the Haitians can worship! Our conservative worship consists of a little singing and some clapping. When the Haitians sing and praise, God hears them!

This trip changed me completely. I have a greater responsibility than myself. I look at things a little differently now. The big things don't seem so big and the little things don't seem so little. I smile a little

more and have a peace I never had before. Being able to put something into the lives of others is such a wonderful experience.

My family was also greatly impacted by my trip. They have rallied around Dada and the kids. We say prayers at night for them and have pictures on our refrigerator. My family now looks for ways to help others and my children have learned the joy that comes from giving.

When I ask myself "why me," I still don't know. I don't feel that I was equipped, I just went along. Larry mentioned the first night that we were gathered to "Love them like Jesus". The rest was easy.

When looking back through my journal that I kept on the trip, the word that continues to pop out at me is overwhelmed. The thought of children going to sleep every night hungry is still very challenging. What I was able to achieve through my trip to Haiti was finding a place in my heart and soul that I never knew existed. The kids at Dada's house gave me more than I could ever give to them; it was unconditional love. I will be returning to Haiti with the July trip and am very excited to see them again.

Prayer Requests

- Dada and kids
- Sponsors for all kids
- May medical trip
- Medical clinic
- Stability in Haiti
- 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 wadhamsfamily@gmail.com
- Participate in May medical trip
- Donations needed:
 - Medical supplies
 - Hygiene items— any sizes
- Administrative support- data entry and mailing
 - Contact Jean at jean.maloroberts@gmail.com
- 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.



Dada reading letters to the kids from their sponsors.