

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Steph

I have had the privilege of editing and piecing together the Servants Gift's newsletter for the past couple of years. I've loved hearing the stories from Larry. My husband traveled with Larry a couple of years ago to Haiti, and ever since, Haiti has had a special place in our family's heart. I have a strong love for Haiti, but I had never had the opportunity to go and experience Haiti myself until November 2011.

Honestly, between listening to Larry's stories and through my husband traveling to Haiti, I really felt I had a good understanding of the country. Don't get me wrong, hearing the stories and following along on other people's journeys does give a better understanding and a heart to serve. For some of us, that is what God is asking of us. I have listened to Larry talk about the importance of going and how God calls us to it, but it wasn't until I stepped on Haiti's soil that I really understood why. The first thing that hit me was the scent of Haiti. I have heard people talk about it before, I now know what they mean. There is a need in Haiti that can only be understood by seeing it for yourself. And the people are more beautiful than I could ever explain.



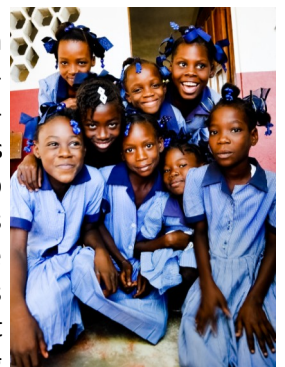
Driving through the city on our first



day, I had tears streaming down my face. I was sad for the way of life that is so common for the Haitian people, but more than

that I was sad about what I had allowed my life to become while they were living in these conditions. We tend to live in our bubble, seeing only what is right in front of us, while not far away there are people that are desperately in need. My coffee in the morning now doesn't seem so great. My cramped family room now doesn't seem so cramped. I realized how much I have been blessed with, and how unappreciative I have been.

While on the trip, we spent some time at a school in Pillatre. I was able to see first hand the incredible difference the sponsorship of a child makes. I saw sponsors interacting with their sponsored child and I was again moved to tears. These sponsors mean the world to these children. Sure they provide basic necessities and the opportunity to go to school, but it is more than that. These kids know that there is someone else out there that is praying for them, loving them and believing in them. I have always felt very strongly about our sponsorship program at Servants Gift, but now I know it is essential. What better way



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to impact the life of child, and also your own! If you are not sponsoring a child, please consider it. I promise, you won't regret it.

I also walked away from Haiti with a new understanding of how Great our Heavenly Father is. Nothing else explains the intense JOY that the Haitian people show when they praise our Lord and Savior. Their life here on earth may be bring struggles that we cannot comprehend, but their HOPE lies in the knowledge that the God of our universe LOVES them and has prepared a place for them for eternity with Him. They cling to that hope and they live each day keeping their eyes on Jesus. I'm inspired by that. I hope you are too.

I have found a new love for Haiti. It is a love that can only be explained by

experiencing the country and the people for yourself. I pray that you are encouraged to pray for an opportunity to experience that. Thank you for your support of Servants Gift. The need is great, but by the grace of God, we will continue to be His hands and feet.

In His Service,
Steph

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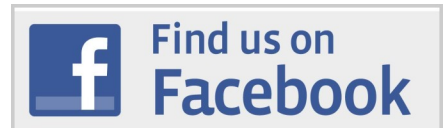


Prayer Requests

- Health for Dada and all the kids
- Sponsors for all kids
- Medical clinic
- Stability in Haiti
- Project Papillon team
- God to bring the right people to the July trip
- Godly wisdom for Larry as he follows God's vision for Servants Gift

Needs for Servants Gift

- **New land purchase (\$5000)**
- **New refrigerator (\$500) and generator (\$1500) for the house**
- **Shipping our donated vehicle to Haiti**
 - Expenses for this are listed on the website
- **Monthly budget for the house:**
 - **Food: \$1697**
 - **Salaries for help: \$500**
 - **Cleaning supplies and other goods: \$237**
 - **Madam Bouge feeding program: \$500**



Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at sponsorship@servantsgift.com
- Larry is available for speaking arrangements.
 - If you are interested in hearing more about his trips and testimony please contact him at larry@servantsgift.com
- Administrative support- data entry and mailing
 - Contact Jean at jean.maloroberts@gmail.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.

