

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

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I was given a vision from God years ago. He sent me to Kenya with my wife, without her I never would have gone. He placed us in a slum with 6 million people in it and showed us how the true poor take care of orphan children. He then sent me to Romania and showed me how *not* to care for orphan children. In Romania, I witnessed huge institutional buildings full with both male and female children aged from 5 to 18 years. Finally, He sent me to Haiti and convicted me that "we" as Christians go all over the world and build orphanages, all the while knowing that they don't work for raising children. Not just children, HIS CHILDREN! All of us on the planet are created in HIS image so, as a Christian, we are all HIS children! Right?

Here is something I want you to think about. Let's say your husband or wife is gone, leaving you and your children, and YOU are dying. What is your last prayer while looking into their eyes is? "I hope they get into a great orphanage", or "I hope they get into a great home"? Servants Gift provides homes.



Ask a child psychologist in the United States what is best for a child that has been orphaned. They will tell you to get them into a stable family environment as soon as possible and then leave them to grow. They would say to take care of their needs, if any, and let

them become a productive adult. Not one psychologist would tell you to stick them into an orphanage.



In the United States, you will not find an orphanage. We closed them all down because we found out they do not work!! So why do we as Christians act as if it is good enough for Haiti's kids, but it's not good enough for ours? We are all equally created in HIS image.

Recently, while on my way to Haiti, I was sitting in the Miami airport waiting for my flight to Port au Prince. A lady came up to me and we began having a conversation. It was her first trip to Haiti and she was meeting someone who hadn't arrived yet. As we talked, she asked me what it was that I do in Haiti. I explained to her about our children's home and she told me that we should separate the boys and girls into different homes. My response to her was, "Really? Do you have a brother?" She said she did. So I asked her if she lived in the same house as him. She replied, "Of course." Then why should I raise my kids in Haiti any differently? She immediately defaulted to her first statement that I needed to separate the kids.

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My question for you is, in regards to this conversation, do you allow yourself to consider your actions and thoughts on a certain subject? In all my travels to Haiti and in all my interactions there, I have only ever met one American man who understood what I was talking about. He was so happy to hear about what Servants Gift is doing. He began to quote scripture about being the father to the fatherless and other scriptures. His encouragement to press on is what helps me to continue what God has started.

I would like to thank all of you for making this year a success. We give all glory to God for what He has allowed us to do already and we look forward to the year to come. Looking ahead to 2014, we will begin to build on our land a home for our children to grow up in and for Dada to grow old in. We hope to start a literacy program for adults in Ganthier Haiti as well as the SEED fund. We will strive to get as many children educated in our

school as possible and we trust God to provide the funds to make this happen. I hope that you will join us in being a part of these projects.

Blessings,
Larry



Prayer Requests

- Health for Dada and all the kids
- For our school to continue strong
- For our teachers at our school to show the love of Jesus
- Sponsors for all kids
- Godly wisdom for Larry as he follows God's vision for Servants Gift
- Starting of literacy program and Seed fund
- Our new partnership with LY-PEDHA

Shopping with a cause

Check out these great items made by the people in Haiti! Contact Larry at larry@servantsgift.com to place your order!

- Necklaces: \$30
- Bracelets: \$8
- Snowflakes:
 - Large: \$8
 - Small: \$8 for 3



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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
- 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.