

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

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While in Haiti, I try to make myself available to as many of the Haitian people as possible. In doing this, it puts me in some very difficult situations. On one occasion, my availability put me in a place that had me questioning my faith, my God, and ultimately changed my life. On this particular day, I was in Port au Prince running errands and getting things for the house. Many of my Haitian friends knew that I was in Haiti doing medical clinics after the earthquake and they would often bring people to me.

Upon my arrival at the guest house, I was presented with a woman and her sick baby, which unfortunately, was nothing new. After my initial assessment of the baby, who was maybe 3-4 weeks old, I discovered she was in critical condition. As quickly as I could I took the mother and baby to a hospital with American volunteers where I had had success in the past with such cases. At the hospital, the doctor had said to me that it didn't look good. To make a long story somewhat shorter, the infant quickly died. I am sure that it was during the time that the mother and I were praying that the baby passed away.

A volunteer nurse, the mother, and I took the baby to a private area to wrap her in a white cloth, the unfortunate traditional wrapping for a dead baby in Haiti. It was during this time that the mother's grief turned to anger. She began to yell at me, scream, and spit on me; she was angry at God and blamed me. The nurse and I just stood there and I took her abuse without moving. My hope was that she would work this out and then go back to whatever is normal grieving for a woman who just lost her child. She did not. The nurse and I wrapped the baby; both of us looking at each other through tear filled eyes. Once wrapped, the mother grabbed the baby and left. I followed her, leaving the poor nurse standing

there alone.

The mother headed for the hospital gate, with me following, all the while screaming and crying. As I tried to console her and offer her a ride home, it was obvious that she was done with me and wanted none of it. I had let her down in her worst need. The mother continued down the wet, pot hole filled road, full of people and trash. She was cursing me and at one point stopped and threw a rock at me. I finally quit following her and just stood there in the road and watched her get on a public bus and watched the bus drive away.

I have never seen her or the nurse again. From that time until just recently I struggled to understand this event, or why it had happened to me. I have retreated from Haiti some, and have quit doing medical clinics all together. I have argued with God and asked "why" a thousand times. It is only recently that I have begun to see through my anger and am trying to understand.

I am not yet in a position to say that I "get it" and likely won't be. But, I do know that on that day, the woman saw me as Jesus, and I was to be her savior for her little girl. In her mind, I let her down. She then treated me just as we all did when Jesus walked with us. We crucified him. I, unlike Christ, questioned God, and asked, "How can you take this little one while I prayed for you to heal her?" And also unlike Christ, I blamed God, and questioned His plan.

As I tell this story, I know I am telling it as if I was the only one affected, but I can only tell it this way. I don't know what it was like for the mother, and I don't blame her for her actions. I don't know what it was like for the nurse or staff at the hospital. My hope is that they all come to a place of grace like I am moving towards.

Blessings, Larry



These are three of our kids whose lives have been saved. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of saving even more lives in Haiti. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Shopping with a cause

Just in time for your Christmas shopping, Servants Gift has some great items to offer!

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



Contact Larry at to place your order!

Update

- **School:** The school in Ganthier is going great with 80+ students attending. Most of these students are too poor to normally attend any school. Every Monday morning, the school opens with worship, thanking God for their school.
- **Teacher sponsorship:** We are looking for sponsors for our 9 teachers. The cost would be approximately \$750 per year. Please let us know if you are interested.
- **Come Serve:** Servants Gift will be having a July 2014 mission trip. Be watching for more details about this trip.



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 our teachers at the school
- Sponsors for all kids
- Godly wisdom for Larry as he follows God's vision for Servants Gift
- Our new partnership with LY-PEDHA

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.