

Letters from Haiti



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Sponsorship

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CHILD SPONSORSHIP

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Sponsorship makes a difference. We often hear that said, but do we ever stop and consider the truth behind that statement? The story of Nerlens, one of Servants Gift's sponsored children, is a picture of that truth.

Nerlens began as many of the sponsored children through Servants Gift. He was identified as a child in the Ganthier area that was in need of extra help. In April of 2010, a family from Illinois chose to begin supporting him. Nerlens' picture went up on their refrigerator, he was the focus of daily prayer for this family, and over the miles, God knitted these two families together. The sponsor family was able to send letters and pictures to Nerlens to let him know that they loved him and were praying for him, and they occasionally received pictures and drawings back. Despite never meeting, this little boy in Haiti was deeply connected to this family in Illinois.

If the story stopped there, it would still be proof that sponsorship makes a difference. It makes a difference definitely for the child. They are able to have financial support for school, medical care and food. They receive encouragement and letters through contact with their sponsor. They have the reminder that there is another family committed to praying for them. But the difference doesn't end there...it makes a difference in the life of the sponsoring family as well. Over time, God has knitted Nerlens deeply in the hearts of this Illinois family. Through the past few years of praying for him and his family, they have formed a special bond and love for these people that they only communicate with through letters. And the rest of Nerlens story proves that.

In March of this year, Larry reported that the mother of one of Servants Gift's sponsored children was wanted by the police. She ran off, leaving her 3 children alone. The oldest, who was only 9 years old, came to Dada's house crying and afraid. Dada acted and got these 3 children into a neighbors house. This comes with an extra financial burden to these neighbors who graciously took them in. This was Nerlen's family, and God was already at work to take care of them.

As the news came out to the sponsor family about Nerlens current situation, the family immediately began praying. God quickly put on their hearts to begin sponsoring, not only Nerlens, but his younger sister and brother as well. They continued to pray and felt confident that this is what they were called to do. They were again contacted by Servants Gift, this time about the need for sponsorship for these siblings. Because God had already stirred their hearts to help, without hesitation, they were able to say, "We will do it!"

In Genesis 16, we read the story of Hagar. Hagar has found herself in the middle of a bad situation. She leaves a bad situation to find herself in a worse situation. In the middle of all of this, she has an encounter with God. An angel of the Lord comes to her and brings her hope and help. Hagar responds and says in Genesis 16:13: "You are the God who sees me."

The God who sees...this is so true for Nerlens and his siblings. This was a bad situation, but God saw him and gave him help and hope. This help and hope came in the form of not only the neighbor who took these children

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in, but also in the form of his Sponsor family. Because their hearts were already knitted closely to this family, they were able to say yes to the call of sponsoring the other children. God had been preparing their hearts for years, to bring help and hope to Nerlens and his siblings when it was needed. He is the God who sees.

You will now find 3 pictures on the refrigerator of this Illinois family. They continue to pray, continue to support them and continue to be thankful that they have the opportunity to do so. Sponsorship most definitely makes a difference.



Making a Difference

Our child sponsorship program began 6 years ago, in the fall of 2009. Ten young children at Dada's house were quickly sponsored. Toward the end of the year, Larry and Jean saw the needs of the children in the Ganthier area and asked the question, "Could we help more children?"

In January of 2010, a massive earthquake shook Haiti and it's people. Many people reached out to Servants Gift wanting to know how they could help. As a result, many people joined un to sponsor a child. Thirty- eight additional children have joined the program since it began. With the help of many of you, the answer to their question was, "Yes, together we can help more children!"

We currently have 9 children

waiting for sponsors. Would you consider joining us to sponsor one of these precious children? A donation of \$40 a month provides financial help for a child. The money is used for school enrollment, books and supplies, assistance with medical care and supplemental food packets for the family.

By sponsoring a child in Haiti, you are giving hope where there otherwise would not be any. If interested, please go to the Sponsorship page of the Servants Gift website:

www.servantsgift.com/sponsorship.html or email Nancy at wadhamsfamily@gmail.com.

We would love to have you join our team!

Prayer Requests

- Teachers at our school to show the love of Jesus
- Sponsors for all of our kids
- Stability in Haiti
- Health for all of the kids
- Continued strength for Dada
- Completion of the addition on school in time for the start of school in October



Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at wadhamsfamily@gmail.com
- Monthly financial support
- Be a prayer partner
- Larry is available for speaking arrangements. If you are interested in hearing more about his trips and testimony please contact him at larryroberts67@gmail.com
- To be added to our newsletter mailing list, please send your email and mailing information to Stephanie at steph@jasonmckee.net.