

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from A Sponsor

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The Expected and the Unexpected in Haiti By Val Hovland

You might expect the uneven roads, the little stores on the side of the road selling motor oil and cokes, the people hanging out in the towns with not much to do, the sight of buildings destroyed, or camps 'temporarily' housing people for far too long. But it is the unexpected that you remember the most.



In the little town of Ganthier, a few hours east of Port-au-Prince, there is a small blue house with a red gate that creates a nice area with an open courtyard out front for playing, and a space out back for the goats and pigs and chickens. It's a great home inside for ten beautiful kids: five boys, five girls, all without parents, but all loved and raised by a lovely woman named Dada with the help of her sister and others. Dada is almost always busy, but always has time. She will offer you her bed to sleep in, and make you an unexpected pancake breakfast with eggs. As she serves breakfast to the kids, she will be singing, and she will keep singing when cooking or cleaning. If you ask, she will teach you her song:

- If there are big rocks in front of you, may they move away, tonight.
- If you have sickness, may it go away tonight.
- If you have problems, may they be resolved right now.

More unexpected includes the walk to my sponsored child, Madeline's, house accompanied by her father, her shyness, conversing with her in your high-school French (since you are still learning Creole), and her answer to what she thinks a lot about (school). You expected her cuteness.



Val with most of Madeline's family

As you sit in the very back row of the packed church, you will see the large choir file in and set themselves up at the front. A few minutes later they will erupt in song, their voices powerful, and about fifty strong. They do not need accompanying music, they stand on their own.



You remember the helper sweeping up around the house or in the courtyard, a continual process, but one that shows respect for living and for creating a good, positive atmosphere. The easy environment where all of the kids move and play and learn easily with each other, definitely a supportive family between them all. The unexpected celebration of Larry's birthday with a big cake and song.

All of these experiences, all of these gifts, all of these unexpected moments came about because of Servants Gift, and through the love that Larry began, and that others continue to cultivate. Thanks to all.

For more on Val's visit to Haiti, visit her blog:
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Sponsorship

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10



Few things bring me more joy than delivering sponsor letters to our kids. Dada hands the letters to the older ones and then reads each of the younger kids theirs. The children treasure these letters, usually hugging them and carefully putting them away in a special place. Most sit down immediately to begin writing back. It is quiet an or-



deal!
Dada tells me the children sponsored outside our home are very happy. She tells me

the rest are waiting to see if they will get to go to school, because without a sponsor, these kids will likely not have the opportunity to go. Sponsorship not only includes school but also the required uniform and class materials. It will also help the family in times of need with food, clothing, medical care, and will likely be the needed assistance that will keep the family together.



Sponsorship also will provide funds for Dada's Saturday children's church where they are fed from the Word and from Dada's kitchen. But the most important thing is that these little ones will be praying for you! Please consider sponsoring a child today.

Blessings,
Larry

To find out how you can become a sponsor please go to www.servantsgift.com and click on Sponsorship.

Prayer Requests

- Dada and kids
- Jackson's eye surgery
- Sponsors for all kids
- 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 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.

