

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

In his book *Crazy Love*, Francis Chan writes, "The American Christian can be defined as having regular church attendance, a good marriage, and children who don't swear. Taking the words of Christ literally and seriously is rarely considered. That's for "radicals" who are "unbalanced" and who go "overboard"."

Recently, I read a blog post from a friend who is out on a one year mission. She wrote something to the effect that a mission is like a bait and switch. What she meant by that, is that we start off on a mission to help those who are not as wealthy as us, and in return find that we are on that mission to help us. Those people, who are less fortunate, give more to us than we could ever give to them. This is so true and cannot be told to most people. They have to live it, to get it. And it starts by taking Jesus into your heart.

In the book *Red Letters*, Tom Davis writes about a boy he met in Russia named Kirill. After Tom had helped the boy, he describes how the boy would hear the words of Jesus. "Tonight Kirill was tasting them in a meal. Feeling their touch in the comfort of a warm blanket, and resting on them in the hope and promise of a good tomorrow." Jesus says in Matthew 25:40, "Whenever you did one of these things to someone over-



looked or ignored, that was Me, you did it to Me."

I met the young girl in this photo last May in the village of Madam Bauge. She was very weak and sick. I wasn't due back until July and I was sure she would no longer be with us. When I returned in July, we began the feeding program in her village...she was still the same. I visited the village again in November and found her again; this time I couldn't catch her. She was running and playing. This is what one meal a day has done. She feels Christ's love every afternoon in a hot meal. Only one lady who lives in the village knows who arranged the food. She is told to tell the village that it is a blessing from God. We can do more, but not without those who show His love with action. Blessings and prayers for a great 2010!!!

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Child Spotlight

Not only is this child beautiful on the outside, but she has a beautiful spirit inside as well. Rose Bettie is a very intelligent and loving child that has lots of love to share. She helps Dada with taking care of the home and her siblings without being asked.

Rose Bettie was born on January 26, 1999 and came to the Maison D'Amour home in February 2006. Before coming, she was not fortunate enough to be able to attend school. Now, she makes excellent grades and is top in her class. Rose Bettie is in the 4th grade and her favorite subject is Math. Her favorite bible verse is Gene-

sis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them".

This lovely little girl, who loves the color pink, is like a little mom one minute, and playing jump rope with her siblings the next. Thanks to God for bringing this precious child to Maison D'Amour and letting her have a chance at a wonderful life.



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Earthquake in Port-au-Prince

Tuesday, January 12th at about 5:00 p.m., Port-au-Prince was hit by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. This is the worst earthquake to hit the country in 200 years and the already impoverished city was rocked to its core. Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, is home to nearly 2 million people. The earthquake left devastation everywhere and millions of Haitians without any shelter, food or water. The aftermath of the quake is certain to continue with the lack of basic needs for the people there.

Larry and Jean were able to reach Dada and through poor connections found that Dada and the kids are all doing okay. Though Maison D'Amour is located about 20 miles from Port-au-Prince, Dada teaches at a school in the city. Larry's friend John of Project Papillion has also been located and reports that he and his wife Ruth, along with all of the children from Project Papillion, are safe. John's project includes 5 different houses that are in and around Port-au-Prince. We are praising God that they are all safe, but also know that many are suffering and

grieving over the loss of friends and family.

How can you help? First and foremost, please be in prayer for the health and safety of the people in Haiti. Pray that God's light will shine brightly in the darkness. Pray for the many relief and rescue teams that will be going to provide aid. Pray for safety for them all.

You can also provide financial support towards these efforts. There are many needs in Haiti, and funds will be necessary to provide them. Please send all donations to:

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"And our hope for You is firm, because we know that just as You share in our sufferings, so also You share in our comfort."

2 Corinthians 1:7

Prayer Requests

- Dada
- Good health and safety for our kids
- Stability in Haiti
- Our faithful donors and their families
- The Servants Gift team
- Pastor John and his wife Ruth
- Project Papillon team

Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Financial support for Earthquake relief efforts
- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at wadhams@verizon.net
- Upcoming mission trip July 14—22nd
 - More information at www.servantsgift.org
- Specific project needs
 - 2 more bunk beds
 - Funding for a vehicle
 - Donated frequent flyer miles
 - Screens for all windows and doors
 - 5 ceiling fans for during the rainy season and the house has to be closed
- 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.

