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**Please Pray for the Country of Haiti**  
Political unrest and gang violence  
threatens the lives of Haitians

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"Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you."

Hebrews 13:5 CSB



This verse seems so appropriate for Haiti right now. All of our problems come down to one thing, And that is greed. All the fighting, all the chaos, all the misery, everything that's been happening, it's because of greed. People are fighting for

money and power, and it's taken a nation already in poverty to a whole new level of survival.

Haiti was never easy, but we look back fondly on the Haiti that was before. The Haiti of the past was difficult, but we had no idea how good it was. In the Haiti of the past we made plans and accomplished things. We traveled and enjoyed this country. Sure, there were bad areas of town that everyone avoided if possible, but today we all stay home when possible, and when we don't, we're very cautious. So many people that we know have experienced robberies or worse at the hands of one of the gangs. We go about our life, but we also know fear daily. We can't go grocery shopping without fear. We can't run our businesses without fear. And we can't plan for the future because we have no idea what will happen tomorrow. We thought things were bad, but then our president was tortured and killed at night in his own home. Jovnel has been a controversial president, but he was also something of a David going up against a few giants. These giants don't want to lose, and they have literally

turned this country upside down trying to hang on to money and power. And now, it would seem, the giants have won. The giants aren't supposed to win...And yet..."My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever." Psalms 73:26 CSB. We choose to believe that God is in control and that someday we will understand the story He is writing today. As His children, He calls us to contentment and trust. In reality that trust is what brings us contentment. When we believe that we serve a good God who is all powerful and all knowing, when we choose to serve Him instead of money and things, we don't need a large bank account to be happy or to feel secure. He is more than enough, and He is walking through this valley with us. He will NEVER abandon us.

For the past several years Haiti has been struggling. The chaos is the result of the power struggle in the government. Those fighting for power pay the gangs and supply them with guns and ammunition to get the president to back down. Even if they stop paying the gangs, the gangs now have guns and they also have a taste for power and greed, leaving the rest of Haiti

vulnerable to attack. Everyone goes about life, but we live with the fear of robbery or worse at the hands of the gangs. The gangs control more and more areas of the country and we don't have any idea when it will be over. We feel safe here in Fond Parisien, but any travel brings risk. Pray with us for a peaceful end to the conflict and for healing for our little nation. Pray for all of us that we could shine a light in the darkness.

Here at Redeemed we're attempting to keep moving forward even in the middle of all the uncertainty. Classes are in session and we're in the middle of summer classes, planning a youth seminar in July, and a graduation for our students at the end of summer. Praise God and rejoice with us in His faithfulness!

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph



# Lighthouse Children's Home

Yilma Wendlassida (Now Ayeyi) was admitted to the home very malnourished because she was found on the street table. When she was brought to the home she couldn't even speak our language because report indicated that they were immigrants from Burkina Faso.

The child in the first week of admission was given a thorough medical screening both at the



Three months into the care and protection business, she has transformed totally.



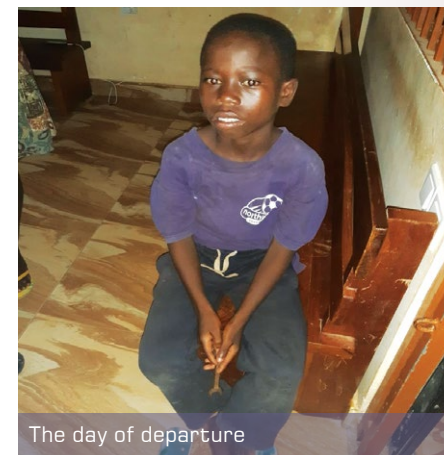
Cape Coast Regional Hospital and Doctors in Service (DIS) Hospital. She was declared healthy by several tests from both hospitals and a diet check was given for her malnourishment. One difficult thing was her continuous craving for her mother. We had also received news that the mother has escaped from the Mental Hospital on the search for the daughter. Then the Mental Hospital requested for monthly visits which the Home complied for just mother and daughter bonding.

Today the Home can confidently say that the woman is peacefully responding to treatment knowing very well that her daughter is in safe hands. On one of our monthly visits she gave us the child's weigh cards, clothes and other useful documents even though they were all in French.

The story was no different when Blessing was also brought to the Home one fateful afternoon. The Admission letter from the Department of Social Welfare and the Police Report indicated that she was found on a bicycle at Biriwa Police Barrier heading towards Accra to look for her mother to escape from his cruel Uncle. The picture was her state on the day of admission with no bag or clothes.



Blessing on the day of admission



The day of departure

The contact tracing efforts was not taken slightly by the administrator and the Department of Social Welfare, aside all the cost incurred by the Home. By July 2020, we had made contact with one of her Aunts who explained that the mother had passed on and the boy was with the grandfather at Takoradi. Before the end of July, the child was reunified to his family and the Home secured the reunification certificate as the law demands. The picture was his state on the day of departure.

In November 2020, another case of admission was recorded by the Home. The child was abandoned in a Hotel room by the mother who supposedly booked the room for a night. According to the report, she left the child with the attendants to purchase something and never returned. The contact and social enquiry is ongoing and the child has been placed under the Home for temporal care and protection.



We must say that the Lord has been good to us because the child in question as we speak appears very healthy. His language development was very bad but he is now flowing with the children as any child in the Home.

## Board Report

A major milestone and longtime dream was realized when the children moved into the new children's home just prior to the new year. As I reflected on this achievement, I was struck by just how many people were involved in bringing the new home into fruition. This has been an ongoing effort for many years beginning with the purchase of the land, the planning of the home, and ultimately the construction project itself. Along the way there have been many people who contributed hours of time preparing, planning, and then executing the project. In many ways this project is a microcosm of the body of Christ and each one's individual gifts as described in 1 Corinthians 12 where it says, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" and "all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" "For the body is not one member but many". As in our churches, when we all utilize our various God given gifts and contribute as we are able the combination of the parts forms a beautiful whole.

Thank you to each one who contributed in any way to the building project and a special thank you to the work of the local Ghanaian board. There is still much work to be done but we are pleased to report that the children have been able to move in. I would also like to thank each one of our supporters for the support show in the past year. The past year has been a year of uncertainty and we were unsure what the economic impact would be on our supporters, and therefore on our organization. Our events committee has had to adapt as we have been unable to move forward with some of our traditional fundraisers, but we have again been humbled and blessed by the ongoing support of our organization's operations. Thank you again to each one for your contributions and may God bless you as you serve Him.

On behalf of the board,

Colin Shantz

Thank you!

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