

HELLO FROM HAITI



Sharing and Showing the Love of God
to the Lost and Hurting

Isaiah 58: 6,7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry, and to take in poor who are cast out, and when you see the naked to clothe him."

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This is an important newsletter to read. Please take the time to understand the story and life of each of the children in the Rescue Center. This ministry is extremely needed and worthwhile. We are able to save a child's life with food and love, teach a family with medical education, and touch their neighboring community with God's Love through our example. We invite you to become a part of our new sponsorship program so that you can directly impact the life of a child. If this is too much money for you as an individual, try to involve your family, small group, Sunday school class, or church. Please prayerfully

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consider providing monthly funds towards a child's rescue and recovery.

RESCUE

THE RESCUE CENTER HAS BEEN A DREAM IN OUR HEARTS FOR OVER SIX YEARS THAT HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME A REALITY. WE HAVE TAKEN OVER 275 CHILDREN INTO OUR HOME SINCE MARCH 1999. AFTER EXPERIENCING THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF SEVERAL CHILDREN WHO SIMPLY NEEDED FOOD, WE COULD NO LONGER STAND TO SEND THESE CHILDREN HOME TO DIE. WE WOULD GIVE THE PARENTS SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD OR MILK WHEN AVAILABLE, BUT THIS JUST WASN'T ENOUGH. THEY NEEDED MORE - MORE CARE, MORE FOOD, MORE LOVE. WE SAW THE NEED, GOD BROKE OUR HEARTS, AND WE EAGERLY ACCEPTED HIS CALL TO RESCUE THESE CHILDREN FROM A PAINFUL, UNNECESSARY, EARLY DEATH. WE FEEL THAT EVERY CHILD WE TAKE WILL DIE IF WE DO NOT STEP IN AND INTERVENE. MANY HAVE COME TOO LATE AND DIE WITHIN HOURS OR DAYS OF COMING UNDER OUR CARE. SOME OF YOU HAVE ASKED US HOW THIS HAS EFFECTED US. WE HURT WITH PARENTS, BUT WE ARE THANKFUL THAT WE WERE AND ARE AVAILABLE TO HOLD, LOVE, SING, PRAY, KISS, COMFORT, AND RELEASE A SOUL INTO GOD'S CARE. WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK GOD "WHY?". HIS WAYS ARE MORE PERFECT THAN OURS. HIS THOUGHTS AND PLANS ARE HIGHER. WE MUST BE AVAILABLE TO RESCUE THOSE THAT WE CAN. WE MUST BE AVAILABLE

*Yahweh helps them, and
rescues them. He rescues
them from the wicked, and
saves them, Because they
have taken refuge in Him.*

Ps 37:40

**Nobody will know what
you mean by saying that
GOD IS LOVE unless you
ACT it as well.**

AND WILLING TO BE USED. AFTER ALL, WE ARE ALL GOD'S HANDS AND FEET TO SPREAD HIS LOVE AND GOOD NEWS. THOUGH EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE WE KNOW WHAT TO DO TO RESCUE THESE CHILDREN FROM DEATH. OUR HANDS HOLD THEM, FEED THEM AND GIVE THEM MEDICINE. OUR HOME SHELTERS THEM AND GIVES THEM A PLACE TO RECOVER. WE SIMPLY NEED FOR YOU TO CATCH THIS VISION WITH US TO SUPPLY THE FUNDS AND MATERIALS NEEDED. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESCUE THEIR BODY, BUT GOD CAN RESCUE THEIR SPIRIT--NOT JUST FOR THE CHILD, BUT THE FAMILY TOO. THE RESCUE CENTER IS NOT JUST ANOTHER FEEDING PROGRAM. IT IS NOT JUST FOR THE RESCUE OF A PHYSICAL BODY, BUT ALSO A SPIRITUAL SOUL.

PRAY!
*It is the least you can do.
It is the most you can do.*



Valson (Sonson) - This 5 year old boy came to us May 7th weighing 22 pounds. His parents came to us telling that he breaks his bones easily. He

has broken his left leg and right arm since he has been with us. He has an undiagnosed brittle bone disease that is debilitating. His parents don't understand his disease and call him a little devil. They live a one-way 10 hour walk away from the clinic. They have 3 other living children and none that have died. Sonson is now up to 28# 6oz and doing well. He eats good and plays with the other children well. He is thrilled with any amount of attention that you give him.

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Gurlaine - She came to us from a 5 hour walk away on June 5th. She is 5 years old and weighed 17 pounds 8oz. She couldn't walk because her feet and legs were partially swollen due to Kwashiorkor. She is slowly gaining weight and is now up to 23 pounds. There are 8 other living children and 1 that has died. Her family is very poor, but they do have 5 chickens. She told her dad to bring us 2 of them because we are helping her to get better.

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Nahomie - This 30 month old girl came in weighing 14# in June. The mother carried her 3 hours in search of help for her daughter. She has 5 other children and 1 that has already died. The father died and his family doesn't like Nahomie or want to help the rest of the family. She is now 33 months and weighs and amazing 25 pounds.

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Seffet - The mother left this little boy and 4 other children in the care of the father. He lives in a

larger town on the main road and had to leave this 11 month old boy in the care of older children in order to make a living. He quickly lost weight and his appetite. The father has already lost 2 other children due to starvation. He couldn't let this little boy die too. June 25th he came to us for help weighing 9 pounds. Seffet is now up to 18 pounds and doing well back at home with his father.

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Succemene - June 25th we saw this 7 month old girl that weighed 7 pounds. She suffers from Down's Syndrome and has difficulty eating and drinking. Her mother has 6 other living children and 2 that have died. She is an older woman and has many responsibilities in her home. She knew that there was something wrong with her baby, but couldn't give her the special care that she needs. She is now up to 9 pounds, but we are having great difficulty with her too. She gets pneumonia often and doesn't like to take formula or baby cereal. We will probably have to start tube feeding her to get her weight to rapidly increase. If we can get her weight up and get her eating soft foods, she will be in good shape when she finally does go home.

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Enoch - This 24 month old boy came to us on June 5th weighing 16# 10oz. He was swollen with kwash and not

talkative. After a few weeks, most kids will warm up to us and begin to play and interact well with us. Enock still cannot look at adults or function well with others. He has many emotional problems due to negligence and possible abuse. He lives two hours away with 4 other brothers and sisters. He is now up to 20 pounds and getting close to going home.

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Christela - August 7th, this 4 year old girl came to us weighing a bonny 18 pounds. She has had 8 siblings die. There are 4 others living in the home which in 3 hours away. Her dad doesn't take care of her and is no longer with the mother. She came to us with lots of anger. She would hit, pinch, and bite anyone that crossed her. After much discipline and love, she has grown into a wonderful, loving friend for some of the older girls in the Rescue Center. Sometimes, she still tries to get her way, but she no longer has outbursts of anger and rage. She is up to 25 pounds and will probably go home within the next few weeks.

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**GOD WANTS TO
POPULATE HEAVEN
THROUGH YOU!**

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Evelson - Sonson first came to us in November 2001 when he was 7 months old. His brother burnt his

foot down to the bone while holding it over a lamp. He weighed 12 pounds when we took him that first time. We changed burn dressings daily and in January he was healed. He went to his home weighing 13# 7 oz. He came off and on for return visits and gradually lost weight. August 15th we took him again because he was swollen with kwash. He was down to 12# 13 oz. The mother is pregnant with 7 living children and 3 that have died. None of the fathers are helping to care for the children. We have talked to her multiple times about adoption, but she will not agree to give up her child. He eats well and is now up to 16# 15oz. He is in his standing, crawling, and climbing phase now. He is a handful, but everyone loves him.

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Widler - This 13 month old boy came to us on August 6th weighing 14# 5oz. His eyes were swollen shut from kwash and we were afraid that he would die. He lost his appetite and will to live. It took him several weeks to begin eating well. The swelling has went down and he has lost all of his water weight. He is now 12# 3oz and must build up his weight now. He lives 4 hours away. There is one other living child and none that have died. He has prettiest eyes and a cute smile. He likes to mimic things that he sees others doing like blowing kisses, clapping, and lifting his hands.

*God has given us two hands-
one to receive with and the
other to give with. We are
not cisterns made for hoarding;
we are channels made for
SHARING.*

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-Graham

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Lezinord - This 4 year old was carried by his crippled mother for almost 2 hours to our clinic. He weighed 34 pounds and was swollen with kwash. He also suffered from pneumonia and bloody diarrhea. He could barely sit up that first day we took him. Now he is up to 37 pounds and playing with the other kids. He will soon be able to go home.

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Gurlaine - This 17 month old girl came from 5 hours away. Her father bought her to us desperate for help. His wife and his only other child died recently. We were his only hope for his little girl. Her feet and legs were swollen from kwash and her upper body was all skin and bones from starvation. She weighed 16# 6oz on August 20th. She lost her water weight and went down to 15# 4oz. She is now starting to build her weight back up and is up to 16# 12oz. She smiles almost every time you look at her. She is still unable to stand or walk due to starvation and weakness, but we are helping her to build up her leg muscles and hope that she will soon be able to get around a little better.

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Tinana - This 2 year old came to us on August 29th weighing 15# 12oz. She lives 4 1/2 hours away. She has one other sibling living and one has died. She was so swollen with kwash that her feet were starting to split open. Her kwash gradually reversed with a high protein diet. She lost 3 pounds of water and is now back up to 17 pounds. She is very friendly and has a precious personality.

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Menette - This 21 month old girl came to us from 5 1/2 hours away. She was unable to lift her head and was close to death due to starvation. We took her on September 6th when she weighed 14# 3 oz. She is still having difficulty eating. She has a poor appetite and vomits often. She is still very sick and could die. We are trying our best to help her, but we know that she could sure use your prayers. Her sister died the same way. There are 4 other living children.

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Talina - This 21 month old girl has many problems. She is extremely swollen from kwash. She is suffering from Vitamin A deficiency which is causing a large milky white growth to cover her eyeball. This is irreversible and she will be blind for life. We are giving vitamin supplements to stop it from affecting the other eye too. She is irritable and throws fits often. We took her on September 10th and she weighed 21#13oz. There are two other children that have died and her mother is very sick. She is unable to walk without assistance

and can barely speak. She needs your prayers.

It is not the possession of extraordinary gifts that makes extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God.

-Robertson

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Pierre (Sadrol) - This 14 month old was brought to us on Sept 12th weighing 12#12oz. He was carried 5 hours by his father whose wife and 2 other children have died. He cares for the remaining two children who are older. He has no means to care for a young child. We are trying our best to rescue this little guy, but he is not eating well. His legs are swollen from kwash and he is extremely weak from malnutrition. This boy comes from one of the poorest homes and is in one of the more desperate situations than any of the other children we have currently.

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Milienne - This 3 year old had been suffering with kwashiorkor for 4 months before we took her. We didn't have a place for her and sent her home with milk, peanut butter and education hoping that her family would follow our instructions. When a place opened up and she came for her monthly checkup, we took her in weighing 15#8oz on Aug 29th. She is already up to 19# and is doing very well. Her father isn't in the picture and her mother has already lost another child. There are 5 other living children. They

live almost 6 hours away and rarely come to visit, but each time she comes we try to educate and encourage the mother in how to better care for her children.



FOOD + LOVE
EQUALS
A RESCUED LIFE

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Angeline - This 3 year old girl weighed 18 pounds when she came to us on Sept 19th. Her mother died in March 2002 from childbirth. There has been 3 other children die and there are 3 living. In Oct 2000, we treated her for second degree burns that she sustained when she fell and sat in a pot of boiling water. We can see no scar or mark left from this terrible accident, yet the family seems convinced that the burn has caused her to not be able to eat well and grow like normal children.

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Lorvencia - This 8 month old is a sack of bones weighing in at 9 pounds 6 ounces. Her feet and hands are raw from scabies and you can see every one of her ribs. She only has 1 other brother and her father and a sister have already died. She is starving for both food and love. And she is finding it here in the RESCUE CENTER just like all the other children who pass through our lives.

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God - You're my God - I can't get enough of You! I've worked up such a

hunger and thirst for You traveling across dry and weary deserts. So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in Your Strength and Glory. In Your Generous Love I am really living at last. My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless You every time I take a breath. My arms wave like banners of praise to You. Psalm 63:1-4

LAST CALL!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE LOADING A CONTAINER OF SUPPLIES TO SHIP TO HAITI. WE NEED TO COLLECT ALL REMAINING ITEMS. PLEASE CALL ZACH & GRETCHEN (317-773-3452 OR 317-903-9689) TO ARRANGE PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF. THESE DONATIONS MUST BE BOXED AND PACKED ONTO PALLETS THEN LOADED INTO THE SEMI-TRAILER. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DONATE SUPPLIES, CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME. WE NEED BOTH MEN AND WOMEN TO PACK, CARRY, LOAD, LIFT, AND LABEL. CALL THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBERS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR MORE INFO ON DAYS, TIME, AND PLACE. IF YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT THE CURRENT NEED ARE HERE, YOU'RE IN LUCK - JUST KEEP READING.....

- ☞ BABY WIPES
- ☞ GIRL'S DRESSES
- ☞ SANDALS AND SHOES
- ☞ ANY SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES
- ☞ SOAP, SHAMPOO, CREAM, POWDER, TOOTHPASTE, AND TOOTHBRUSHES
- ☞ ANY & ALL MEDICINE
- ☞ FUNDS TO PURCHASE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT INTERNATIONAL AID, WHICH IS A MISSIONARY

SUPPLY WAREHOUSE WHERE WE
CAN PURCHASE ITEMS FOR 10
CENTS ON THE DOLLAR OR LESS



SO WHAT IS AN AVERAGE DAY AT THE RESCUE CENTER?

When the day shift comes on at 6am, they get the children up, change diapers, wash their face, and change their clothes. There are 3 caregivers for approx. 15 kids. The children play until 7am, then wash their hands, pray and eat. They get cleaned up and go to the play room. One at a time, the staff takes the vitals and gives their morning meds. They braid the girl's hair and play with the kids until 10am. Then they wash their hands, eat a snack, and get cleaned up. After the snack they have more play time. Some of the sick ones take a morning nap. At 11:30am, they have a group activity for the ones that can participate. They usually sing, dance, color, or tell stories. At 1:00pm, they wash their hands and eat lunch. Then it's bath time! This is kind of done in an assembly line fashion. One undresses and carries the kids back and forth. One lady sits in the basin outside and gives the kids their bath. And the other one will dry, pass cream, diaper them, clothe them, give noon meds and put them down for their nap. The ladies use this down time to eat and catch up on charting. At 4:00pm, the children are woke up, cleaned up, and given another

snack. Afterwards, they are cleaned up and have free play time. The night shift comes on at 6pm. These 3 ladies play with the kids until 7pm. Then, they clean them up and feed them supper. They wash the dishes and clean up while the kids play. They take their vitals and give night meds. They get the kids ready for bed and tuck them in for the night. The staff finish cleaning and go to sleep. They get up at around 4am and start getting ready for the day.

SO WHAT DO THEY EAT?

Here is an example of what they have every Saturday.

- 7AM spaghetti with fried hot dogs
- 10AM milk and crackers
- 1PM Rice & beans with cow meat
- 4PM juice and fried bananas
- 7PM boiled eggs

SO WHAT CAN I DO?

We are asking for you to consider sponsoring a child's recovery. An average stay is usually 2-4 months. A burn victims is usually 6-9 months. We would send you pictures and give you updates on their progress and follow-up visits after going back home. Feel free to write and send a picture of your family or your sponsor group. We will not be able to accept care packages for the children due to the high price of shipping by air, but do encourage you to donate items for the semi container. This would include clothes, shoes, powdered milk, peanutbutter, toys, beds, high chairs, etc. that will all be put in the Rescue Center.

PER CHILD-PER MONTH

food	\$24.57/month
staffing	\$34.45/month
diapers & meds	\$19.82/month
misc.	\$3.76/month

TOTAL \$82.60/month

The above costs do not include gas for the generator, rent for the house, maintenance, water, medicine, shipping, transportation, or appliances. All of these costs are covered with the monthly donations already received. We currently spend 31% of the monthly giving on the Rescue Center needs. We need your help to continue. Approximately \$250 would sponsor a child for a three month stay for their rescue and recovery. We need your help. The children need your caring support.

**WILL YOU BECOME
INVOLVED AND HELP
TO RESCUE A
CHILD IN NEED?**

CONTACT INFO

To send letters or put on the mailing list write to only one of the following:

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