February 2019



Hello Everyone, Thank you so much for your interest and support of the children of Haiti.



Terri and I were able to once again visit the children in January 2019. We spent our time at the orphanage in Kenscoff, but were unable to visit the Fontamara orphanage. Unfortunately, there has

been a lot of unrest and violence in the southwest Portau-Prince area, which includes Fontamara and the surrounding areas. It is dangerous for people with white skin to be in those areas because we are perceived to have money and can be assaulted, robbed, or worse. It is also dangerous for the children to be exposed to people with white skin because they can then be perceived as getting money from us, and consequently put themselves in danger.

Johnny is the orphanage administrator in Fontamara, and he came up to Kenscoff to spend time with us and talk about how things are going. His new baby girl is named "Johnnyca-yah" which is a combination between his name and his wife's name. She is now 4 months old.



He reported that, thanks to the donation that we made last trip, their little school is fully functioning with a teaching staff and 43 children. They are providing all grades from Kindergarten through Secondary 2.



However, the area is very dangerous and because of that danger, God provides protection in weird ways. There is a small gang of men in the area very near the orphanage that we are helping, and in turn, they are providing protection to our compound. If another gang comes into the area, these men help protect our children and our assets. It is a strange relationship, but it is working for now, and if we bring in our own security force to protect what is ours, it will get worse because once again we will be perceived as having money. We continue to rely on your prayers and God's protection, but we are looking for ways to leave this area and find a better location for these precious children.

The children in Kenscoff have been doing very well this year in school. We seem to have a very good group of teachers who are helping them pass their classes.

In Haiti, you must pass each and every year's worth of material using a standardized test before you can move to the next grade level. Additionally, school is not free in Haiti, and if a family cannot afford to

send their child to school, that child will simply miss a year and start where they left off when they can afford it.

That is why the mission of our school is so desperately needed. These children are getting an education that they cannot afford and looking forward to a future that was not there before. Because of the generosity of our



Sabine Delva

Sabrina Delva

Ernsya Delva



Lens Telord Beaubrun Sthesie Joseph



Walner Altidor

Jannia Fleuridieu

**Angeline Thelus** 

donors last year, we were able to open up our Kenscoff school to 13 community children that attend alongside our 13 orphanage children. Most (or all) of these children would not be able to attend school if not for you and your generosity.

Sabine, Sabrina and Angeline are sisters. They lived with their father, two other sisters and a brother in a small home, but it burned down two weeks ago leaving them homeless and without possessions. We have been able to give them a few clothes and they have moved in with family friends for the time being, but they are still going to school. Praise God.

We are already looking to next year's school and our budget for the 2019-2020 school year stands at \$7000 to hire the teachers and provide books for the children. If you would like to help sponsor this project, please donate through our website at <u>www.reliefforkidsinhaiti.org</u>, or contact 813-469-8684.



As most of you know, our Haitian Operations Director, and Kenscoff orphanage administrator is Marc. Marc, his wife, Nadege, and daughter Chloe have been full time at the orphanage since day one, and have been a key part of the children's lives these past 6 years. With his leadership, we have successfully provided not only a home for the children but employment for the caregivers and direction for the school. Last quarter, Marc's family got the opportunity to come to the United States as permanent residents. We struggled greatly over this decision because of the implications to the

needed leadership in Kenscoff and our organization, but ultimately they decided to come to America and are now living in the Ft Meyers, Florida area. Marc and Nedege are expecting another child in May.

Marc has turned over leadership of our Kenscoff orphanage to Rubens and Lora. Rubens is Marc's brother and has been working at the orphanage



off and on since we started in 2013. He is a Primary school teacher and has taught the children many



times. Lora is Nadege's adoptive sister and has been our long term cook and caregiver since we started. Together, Rubens and Lora are living full time at the orphanage and faithfully taking care of the children and providing the same care that Marc has done in the past. These past few months, they have been joined by Sylvain, who has been our bible teacher and takes care of most of the Administrative work to run the school. They still communicate with Marc on almost a daily basis and he continues to provide his expertise and translates for us. Rubens is engaged to be married in August of this year.



One of the most important things that we are doing is introducing these children to Jesus Christ. We have hired a Sylvian as bible teacher and he has started bible lessons with the children.

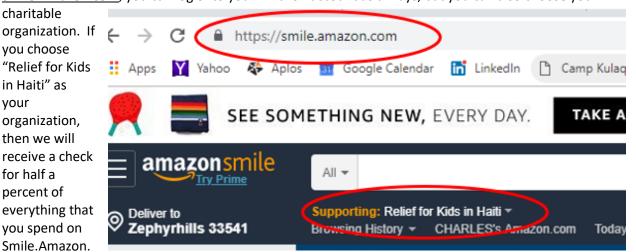
We brought new dress shoes with us this time and were able to fit the children with good shoes. Then, while we were there, we were able to accompany the children to church. We visited the Adventist church in Farmate, just down the hill from Kenscoff.

The children greatly enjoyed meeting and interacting with the other children at church and showed off their new shoes. We are working on visiting this church more often.





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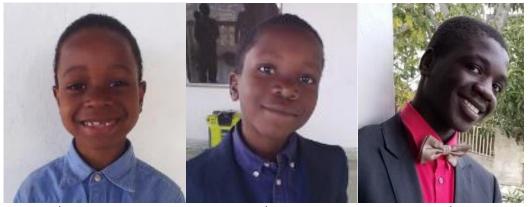
All donations are tax deductible in the United States and greatly appreciated by the children.

Regards, Charles McEndree 813-469-8684 need.

I sent the Tax Receipts to you in January. If you donated funds in 2018 and did not yet receive a Tax receipt for the 2018 Tax year, please send me an email to <u>info@reliefforkidsinhaiti.org</u> and I will send it again. And, as always, I am sending the love of the children your way, and we thank you for helping and supporting this ministry. May God Bless you and your family.

I encourage you to donate to the charitable organization of your choice. If you do not give to us, please give to someone and help them succeed.





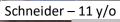
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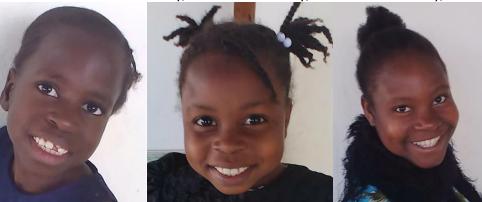








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Dedee – 7 y/o

Mislane – 9 y/o

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