

Greetings everyone,

It is June 2018. Terri and I have made our way to Haiti and are visiting the children. It is wonderful to find the children healthy and happy and ready to snuggle with us. Each one gives us a big hug and a kiss, and they are happy to see us.

Relief for Kids in Haiti



This time, we brought a couple of friends from church. Tara and her daughter, Ronda. This is their first time in Haiti and they are finding it fascinating with all the different sights and sounds.

Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, and while it has been 8 years since the 7.0 earthquake in January 2010, and most people have found a new normal, much of the country is still in survival mode.

There has been significant gang activity in the Fontamara area, and on the road between Kenscoff and Fontamara, on the west side of Port-au-Prince. Because of this, we felt it too dangerous to go and visit Johnny and Rojenka's orphanage in Fontamara. First, because of the danger that we put ourselves in on the road, and secondly because of the danger that we put the children in when gang members notice "white" people visiting the orphanage.



It has been a wonderful trip, visiting with the children and catching up with them. Each one has a great big smile and a hug. They love to snuggle, and play. They are healthy and well fed.





School has ended for the year, but we have decided to continue paying the teachers through the summer. The teachers are spending some time with the children each day on a lesson, or craft, physical activity or some other group activity. This keeps the children learning and growing through the summer.

Delivrance pour Tous (DT) is our “sister” organization. DT was started by Marc in 2010 as a response to the earthquake. He basically found some nurses in the area and gathered his friends and organized the group to teach the people of Haiti how to survive. They taught basic First Aid and CPR in the event of another disaster. They taught good hygiene and how to prevent disease and they taught meal planning and how to eat healthy. Basically, what the nurses had learned in school, they began to teach their community. This was done at local churches and schools. Anyone who would listen and provide a space.





Delivrance pour Tous means “Relief for All” in English, and when we decided to start an orphanage in the fall of 2012, we named it “Relief for Kids” after DT.



When the orphanage first started, we rented a home in Fontamara and opened in February 2013. DT was able to use the orphanage building to teach the community and there was a good synergy between the two organizations. Marc gathered help from his friends and family and was able to keep both organizations going.



Then, in January 2015, a gang of men came to the door and attempted to extort money away from Marc. They knew that Marc was getting funds from the US, and they demanded that he share those funds or they would harm the children. Marc knew that they meant to do harm, and quickly

relocated the children to a safe house. After that, we were able to find a home in Kenscoff and moved the orphanage to the mountains away from the violence.

When Marc and the kids moved to Kenscoff, he did not have the support of his friends down in the Fontamara and Port-au-Prince area, so the activities of DT stopped and became secondary to the safety of the children.



Then, in December 2016, a friend of Marc's named Jameson Leo ("Leo"), started working with Marc to rebuild the DT organization again. This time, the focus has been to educate children in Haiti. They did a survey of the Delmas area, and found that over 60% of households have at least one child that does not go to school, mostly because of finances.

Delivrance pour Tous is now reorganized and dedicated to making education, and health care accessible to children, and impoverished communities. DT strives to educate, inform, engage, and mobilize new audiences to take



actions and raise funds that support education and health in Haiti. This summer, they have started a summer school experience with 20 children in the Delmas area helping them realize their potential and finding ways to further their education.

I am telling you this story for a couple of reasons. First, because I wanted to let you know about the DT organization so that you can visit their website at <https://dthaiti.org/> and learn more about what they are doing. The second and more serious reason is because we are now under threat again. I have already told you that we were not able to visit Johnny's orphanage in Fontamara because of the continued violence in that area. I would love to move them out of that area, but that is not possible at the moment and we will need to wait for God's timing. But, we are also in danger in the Kenscoff area. We have already had someone jump over our fence during the night with the intent to steal. He was

heard and Marc frightened him away, but danger and potential to lose what we have worked hard on is still there.



We have explored the idea of a security guard at the orphanages, but it is very expensive. The budget would be \$400 per month, per site, to have one guard protect the grounds from 7pm to 7am (12 hours a night).

This would be our second highest expense after food, and would total \$9,600 per year. This seems very unobtainable



right now, but God has a way of providing the impossible. So, we are putting our trust in him and keeping you informed of the need. God has protected this little organization so far, and provided a way out when we were threatened, but the enemy is all around us and your urgent prayers for the safety of the children is greatly needed.

Most orphanages in Haiti run by US organizations have some type of security guard protecting the grounds from intruders and theft. We have made it this far without a guard, but eventually we will need the funds and protection. Marc and the other adults are protecting the children as best they can, but they are not feeling very safe and are requesting help.

A couple of other updates:

Last newsletter, I told you of the needs of another orphanage that was sponsored by the Puerto Rico Adventist Church. But when Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, the funds stopped coming and now these 13 children need some new sponsors. We have actually raised some funds and have gifts for them, and have attempted to get it to the children, but the leaders have not been responsive to our meeting requests, and we do not have a way of transferring the funds. We are not sure what the issue is, but we continue to reach out to see if we can help.



We have continued to develop the clothing store in Kenscoff. We continue to receive clothing donations and send them down to Haiti to be sold. This is providing a meager income to defer expenses. At the moment, we are working with the government to get a permit, so the store is closed but we anticipate this to be cleared up soon.



We are looking forward to next school year and working on those plans. We have found a sponsor that has agreed to provide funds for a gardening teacher to teach the children how to grow vegetables, and we are looking for a sponsor for a bible instructor for the children. A bible teacher would cost about \$50 per month.

We want to thank Shoes 4 Schools Pasco for providing

shoes for the children and for the thrift store. May God continue to greatly bless you and your family as well as the Children of Haiti.

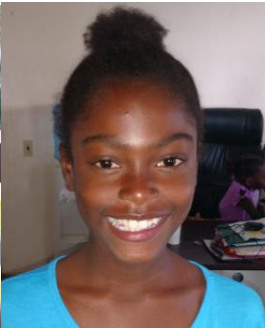
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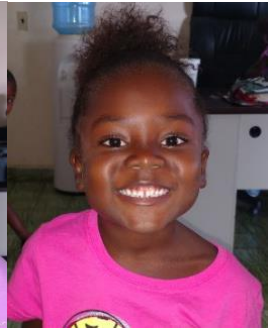
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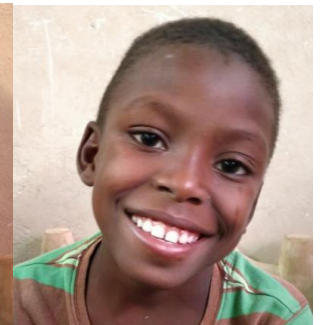
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