



Orphans First Update June 2009

Dear Orphans First Sponsors,

It is easy to succumb to despair when we see ever-increasing numbers of hurting children in the world. But despair does not express God's heart. Obedience does. In 1 Samuel 30, He tells us, "Pursue, for you shall . . . without fail recover all." Through your partnership with Orphans First, you pursue the children's freedom and wellbeing, Thank you for helping Orphans First "recover" children who were in despair and giving them reason for rejoicing.



The Worldwide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk takes place early in June in many in places. (I've organized a prayer vigil at a local church in my area. To find a registered prayer vigil in your area, visit viva.org. Or pray with friends in a convenient location of your choice.) May God remind us always to pray for the children – that more might know Him and be comforted by Him.

Over the years, we have periodically supported Pastor Emile's Christian School in Abidjan, **Ivory Coast, Africa**. (See updated pictures on the website: orphansfirst.org). I recently received details about *another* school Emile is building in a highly war-torn, Muslim area—Duékoué. Many children in Duékoué are orphaned by war or AIDS, and few have yet heard the Gospel. When the building is completed (pictured here on the right), each child will need \$ 200 for schooling. Let's pray Orphans First can provide for these children and that God will bring in more sponsors in spite of the economic crisis. Meanwhile, hopping over to Asia, let me introduce you to another of our beautiful girls from **Grace Home, India**.



16-year-old **Rebecca Chukka** lost her mother in a fatal accident years ago. Her impoverished father struggled to care for her and her siblings, and finally brought her to Grace Home where she has prospered in her faith in Christ and in her education. Says Rebecca, "I'm very happy to be in Grace Home. I knew about Jesus Christ before coming, but now I know much more about Him. I have learnt many songs and Bible verses. Before, it was hard to get good food and education. Now here I really enjoy very much. Please pray for my father and my two brothers and sister." Rebecca's favorites? Her color is pink, her flower a rose, and subject at school English. She is a good student and hopes to become a college lecturer. Thank you for helping Rebecca—and all our children in Grace Home or in our other homes and ministries.

Thank you again for helping the children,

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