

Orphans First

Changing Children's Lives Through Christ—One by One

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Dear Orphans First Partners,



September brings mixed feelings as many children return to school either excited—or apprehensive. Some are leery as they begin a new school, not sure how they fit in. This month, one unschooled, African boy I met in Ghana will begin his first semester—even though he's apparently already 14-years-old. (Sadly, he looks no older than ten, because he's so undernourished). I'm referring to the little deaf boy I stumbled across



during my last visit to Africa (seen here in these photos, and one in last month's update). The boy is fatherless and his mother very poor. His name is Yohanes. We've already had a school uniform made for him. And even though the Christian school he'll attend is not for deaf children, my thought is: *At least he'll be with other children, and will receive a full meal every day.* It's a beginning. And who knows where this will lead?

Pray Yohanes will learn quickly and adapt easily. Pray we can find a doctor to test his hearing to evaluate how bad it really is. Pray for financial support—\$ 50 per month—needed to cover the cost of his schooling and food. (Feel free to let your friends know about this need. Perhaps they'd consider partnering with Orphans First. We are taking Yohanes on by faith, and trusting God to provide without it affecting our commitments to our other children around the world.)

Our children in Grace Home, India are doing well in spite of incredibly hot weather. The same in Haiti, where your contributions also help feed hungry children. The feeding program we sponsor provides meals for 80 – 100 children three days a week. The food is served by the children in Maison-de-Lumière, which not only helps the hungry children outside the home but also teaches those fortunate enough to live in it to reach out and shine the light of Jesus by giving. Thank you for being part of this, and our other children's programs and homes, through your prayers and ongoing donations.



Finally, here's another photo from our recent trip to Africa. These children benefit from our children's club in Benin, and are happy to learn about Jesus. You'll find more pictures and occasional Orphans First updates on my blog: <http://janey-demeo.blogspot.com>. And be sure to visit the website for the latest info, pics and prayer requests: www.orphansfirst.org

Thank you for helping hurting children by giving to Orphans First.

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