

Orphans First Newsletter February 2010

Haitian proverb: "Bèf san ke, Bondye pouse mouch pou yo." Translation: **God shoos away the flies for the cow with no tail.** Meaning: **God takes care of those who cannot take care of themselves.** My take: God invites us to join Him in shoosing away the flies. Thanks for responding to that invitation and partnering with Orphans First.



The deadly earthquake in **Haiti** left thousands more children in peril, thousands more orphaned. As the world rallies around to help, many have still received none. But thanks to your donations, Orphans First has sent extra funds for Haiti relief and also for our feeding program with *Maison-de-Lumière* where the children are safe. In an ironical twist, Haitian adoptions are now being sped up--something we've prayed for on the Orphans First Prayer Chain for years. However, Haiti recently added some nebulous red tape that has again slowed up the exit of Haitian orphans. Please pray that God would intervene. Updates posted regularly on my blog: <http://janey-demeo.blogspot.com>.

Meanwhile, we cannot forget our beloved children in other parts of the world. I've received glowing reports and beautiful photos from several countries where we provided Christmas gifts for the children.

On the right is a photo from **Togo, Africa** where, thanks to your contributions, we fed over 100 poor children and gave them colored balloons. Jean-Marie, our Togo representative, also shared the good news about Jesus with the children.



In **Guntur, India** the children in **Grace Home** are growing in leaps and bounds as these pictures testify. They feel privileged to live in a loving home, learning about Jesus and they love to give back and reach out to other children. The photo below shows the children of Grace Home with neighboring, poor children--all receiving Orphans First Christmas gifts thanks to your generosity. Your partnership with Orphans First truly changes children's lives.

Below - Children in the nearby slums and the children of **Grace Home, Guntur, India** receive Christmas gifts.



Snippets about other children your donations help support

- *Yohanes in **Ghana** (little deaf boy we met in July) is doing well.
- *Mink, deaf girl in **Bangkok, Thailand**, is excelling.
- *The children in Agapé Home, **Romania** are all doing well.
- *I'm still waiting for fresh news from **Siberia** about Comforter's Cover orphanage, the blind children and our Christmas program in orphanages just outside Tyumen.
- *The children in **Benin** are doing well.

I'd like to end this letter asking you to continue praying for Haiti. Pray also that God would allow us to go there -- that He'd open a way -- according to His will. Pray God would open ways for the orphans to be brought to America to loving homes.

Thank you for your continued support for Orphans First. Your donations are tax-deductible and benefit children in many parts of the world.