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Changing Children's Lives Through Christ—One by One

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“There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me” (1 Corinthians 16:9, NLT).

While earthquakes hit other parts of the world, Haiti's plight remains perilous. Not that God isn't doing miracles—He is! Children are singing God's praises (especially in places like *Maison-de-Lumière*). Relief volunteers have gone to help. Yet, there are roadblocks. The orphanages are so jam-packed, orphans line up outside. Many struggle to survive in the streets and become victims of rape. Please pray for these children (and also for friends working in Haiti).



The situation is further complicated because, in spite of an outpouring of funds into Haiti, relief supplies are being held up at the border. This is due to . . . wait for it . . . the Haitian government's exorbitant demands for taxes on these gifts sent to save their people.

This kind of ironic exploitation is not new. What *is* new is its magnitude and the lessons it teaches us. Reaching children is spiritual warfare. But we don't reach them in our own strength. God is with us. He is our strength. He makes it possible for us to press forward praying, advocating, giving . . . to reach more children in the name of Jesus. Thanks to your partnership, Orphans First is doing just that.

We have joined the Haiti Orphan Relief Team and hope to go to Haiti soon (probably April). Please keep this in prayer--for God's guidance. For up-to-minute news, please subscribe to the Orphans First Prayer Chain to receive email updates. Or check my blog: <http://janey-demeo.blogspot.com>.



Our children in Grace Home, India as well as in other parts of the world are blossoming. But one of the most dramatic stories of redemptive transformation concerns Yohanes, our deaf boy in Ghana (pictured here on the left).

As you may remember, we found Yohanes wandering in the bushes last summer. We knew God had put him in our path and decided to act by faith and get Yohanes in school. Now he is happy to be in school learning to read and write, making friends, finding his place, and filling his belly with good food. This is nothing short of a miracle. God put him in our path in July, and now, just months later, his life is changed—all thanks to your support. Yohanes' story inspires us to continue changing children's lives through Christ—one by one.

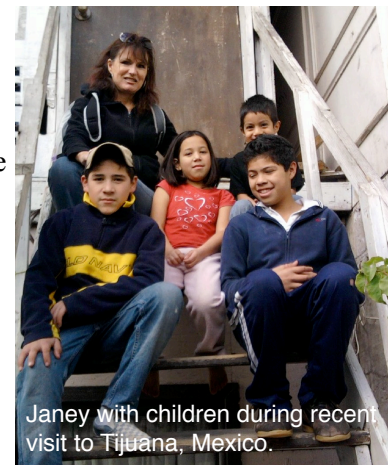
God seems to be leading us to invest more time in Mexico to reach out to impoverished children (pictured on the right). For now, we're just trying to come alongside the poor children, and provide clothes, food, etc. But who knows where this will lead?! Please pray for God's leading in Mexico. We hope to do more in the future as God opens the door. (We'll visit there again this month with a team.)

Thank you again for contributing to Orphans First, and for praying for the children. (For those who prefer to give online, there's a PayPal button on the website -- www.orphansfirst.org.)

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of underprivileged children.

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Janey with children during recent visit to Tijuana, Mexico.

P.S. Thank you for not just giving, but also praying. Prayers appreciated for Grace Home, India as Pastor Samuel restructures some administration details. Also, for God's perfect timing with regards to our trip to Haiti.