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Jeremiah 22:16 says of King Josiah, "He defended the cause of the poor and needy and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the Lord.

Prayer Needs

Nidaud and Carole Beausejour, house directors for the boys home in Haiti, were both among those who received emotional and physical trauma during the church break in on New Years Eve. They are being placed on a leave for at least six months to heal. Please pray for their recovery and someone to replace them while they are gone.

Please continue to pray for the protection of the children and workers in Haiti.

GUATEMALA'S FIRST LADY VISITS HOME

Shadow of His Wings Orphanage is growing, and after a special visit by the warm and kind First Lady of Guatemala, an influx of new girls is expected. The second duplex has been completed and the third is underway.

March 28, 2007 is a memorable day for the girls and staff at the *Shadow of His Wings Orphanage* in Monjas, Guatemala. The grounds were flooded with 13 cars full of security and Guatemala's First Lady, Wendy de Berger. The First Lady has a heart for the children and poor of Guatemala and has been touring different places to see the needs and how she can help. She wants to use her influence and resources to make a difference for them. How this visit will affect the home in the future is unknown, but the home director, Carroll Bishop, says that she left the promise of something in the air. Her plan is to help in a number of ways—food, clothing, some training and the importing of a bus that has been donated.

The hour and a half while at the home, the First Lady enjoyed a presentation about the home by Joanne Simpson, Executive Director, a gymnastics presentation by the girls, and a welcome and testimony by Ceilin (right), one of the children in the home.

Just following the visit, 27 of the girls in the home took part in a three-day retreat on "Reconstructing Your House." These annual retreats are a time when relationships are restored, minds and hearts are renewed, forgiveness breaks forth, and a desire to be a better person arises.



INDONESIA... First the tsunami and then in March 2007, floods strike Indonesia leaving thousands of homes flooded and the people devastated once again. Children of Promise, through the aid of caring donors, has continued to partner with Jim Harris of Relevant Expeditions in bringing help to victims in this tsunami area. As Jim took relief to the stricken in Jakarta, he reports, "You should have seen the children as they opened their backpacks full of school supplies, crackers, cookies and other food items. Their faces and smiles lit up the area. They were beaming with excitement and some even had tears of joy. Many of these children had to stay on the roofs of their homes for days as the flood waters washed away the few belongings they had. A Muslim leader said that he could hardly believe that I was a Christian, but that I had won his heart and the heart of his people." Jim says, "In reality, YOU have won their hearts!" They were amazed that people would send help to people they had never met.



A warm welcome for the First Lady



Guatemala's First Lady, Wendy de Berger (center front) with *Shadow of His Wings* girls.



The one-on-one attention during this time is like the balm of Gilead bringing healing in hurting hearts. Joanne Simpson, expounded a "Praise the Lord" when two of the girls, whose hearts were hardened from their pasts, returned from the retreat with hearts that were much softened.

A new girl, Alexia, (left) sought the loving touch of Jesus as she entered into worship during the retreat.



Jim Harris with Jakarta child.