

# Promise UPDATE



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## Over 1,000 Orphans Baptized

The *Great Commission Trip of Warm Blankets Orphan Care and Children of Promise to Cambodia* in April was filled with faith, love, and joy as 1759 children and their caregivers gathered for a four-day retreat and baptism. This year 1352 orphans from 24 of the over 80 homes were baptized. An additional 300 village children who are church friends of 3 orphan homes also attended and were baptized. The pictures at right speak more than words of this glorious occasion.

*Foursquare Children of Promise* homes serve over 3,500 orphans. It costs about \$80,000 per month to take care of them. It is a faith journey and Ted Olbrich, the director of the program, says that "faith looks a lot like desperation. Only \$38,000 initially came for May and it looked like they were going to have to "water the soup" to stretch what they had. They began making plans and told all the children to pray. God showed up! A church in West Virginia emailed they wanted to give a large gift (\$36,500) toward an orphan home in Cambodia and readily agreed for it to be dipped into to "stay the storm." Then a group of vineyard and fruit growers and dairy men in central California sent \$15,000 out of the blue. Then a 40 foot container of nutritious food arrived. And another \$24,000 came from various other places. Ted shared that he believed Hudson Taylor said, "God's work, done God's way, will not lack God's provision." Ted adds to that "The trick is figuring out what He wants you to do, and how He wants it done."



Surrendered to his Savior.



Fun...fun...fun



Friendship

## Making Memories



Food for energy



Fellowship



Teamwork

Every month has its challenges in Cambodia. But when orphaned children are all around, you must put your faith to action. That is what Ted does every day. It is for these precious ones that God says it is our duty as His children to ...care for the orphans...(James 1:27)

Ten more church homes have been approved for building. The challenges get bigger, but we have a big God who loves these orphans. *Children of Promise* is one among several who are committed to find sponsors for the children.

## PRAYER ALERT

Orphans cannot survive on their own...that is why we are here. Our homes provide love, guidance and the necessities of life. Without caregivers, however, we can do nothing. We have many caregivers who do not have sponsors. Haiti alone is short \$1,500 per month for their workers. Please pray for donors who can fill in the gap through sponsorship or a gift to the unsponsored workers

# Living Testimony in Haiti



Raymond Juliene entered the *Children of Promise* home from the mountains near Leogane. He was six months old and covered with scabies. In his early years he was small, even as he entered school. Although he did well, he was held back a couple of years because of his size. At 19 years of age he has one more year to go to finish high school. For the last several years he has been exempted from taking final exams because of his superior grades.

Raymond was given the opportunity to attend a trade school and has been studying plumbing. In April he was given his first “paying job” which he agreed to do for \$500 Haitian (\$60 US). His client was so pleased with the job that he paid him \$1000.00 Haitian. When Pastor Joel, director of *Children of Promise—Haiti*, asked Raymond what he planned to do with his earnings, he replied that the first 10% was going to the Lord. After that he was going to give \$100 to the person who arranged for him to get the job, and then he was going to buy a small gift for each of the boys in the boys home. The balance he was going to give to Mama Rose, Joel’s wife, to keep so that he would have some money when he needed it.

Raymond is an example of how God saves a child from the poorest of conditions, uses loving Christian caregivers to impart His Word and help build good character and godliness, and financially provides through loving sponsors.

## HAITI HIGHLIGHTS

When something will work better, you make a change. That is true with the home for girls in Jacmel. The home was needing repairs and when pricing the supplies needed, it became evident that a new home could be built on the Leogane campus at nearly the same price of the repairs. The economy in Jacmel is higher, and food etc. is 20 to 25 percent higher for the children. Their water supply also dried up, causing the home directors and girls to walk two miles to bring back water. The girls were attending a private school to which they also had to walk two miles.

The construction of the new facility has begun. They are praying that sufficient funds will come in and it will be finished in time for the girls to be moved before school starts the end of August.

They also made time for the children and wrote some notes about several for the office to share with the sponsors. This was a second trip back for the leader of the team and several members. PTL

## On a Mission in Haiti

Grove City College students love the kids and work in Haiti. In the seven-day trip, they painted a gate, dug three deep ditches in hard ground from the water wells to the showers and laid in PVC pipe, and made a 9-foot table.



Dr. Brian Tansky (below) conducted a Medical mission clinic for the homes and families in the community. Teams are a blessing.



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