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Haiti Homes and Schools Under Siege

According to UNICEF, 3 out of 4 of the 3.8 million children in Haiti under 18 are deprived of basic services and are victims of violence, exploitation and abuse; and 1 out of 5 die before age 5. Only 1/2 of Haiti's children attend primary school, as most families cannot afford school fees. Haiti is filled with children who live in extreme poverty, are abandoned, homeless, or are orphaned.

The *Washington Post* recently reported that some young children are recruited to be child soldiers in gangs that lure them with food and shelter in return for help in kidnappings and robberies.

Children of Promise—Haiti came under attack on New Years Eve, as a gang barged into the church on the compound, took everything of value, brutally handled men and women and violated four girls, and in the process, broke one of their arms. As they left they said, "We'll be back to kill Joel," the Director of *Children of Promise-Haiti*.

Because of the dysfunctional criminal justice system in Haiti, there is little to no protection, and most often retaliation follows if one forces the issue of bringing justice.

Later the police apprehended the head of the gang who lead the attack on the church, but he fell prey to vigilante justice when he was snatched by an angry mob who proceeded to kill him with machetes.

Over the last 20 years *Children of Promise* has brought hope to hundreds of orphaned and

destitute children who have been saved from poverty, homelessness and gang life. Yet it is a daily battle for Joel Beaucejour and his wife, Rose. They have been held at gunpoint and threatened to be killed more than once. Just as great is the struggle for them to make the dollars stretch which come into the program from faithful sponsors and donors. Their expenses continue to rise with a 19% increase in the rate of inflation yearly. It has a domino effect as well, as the workers also find their working support no longer meeting their needs.

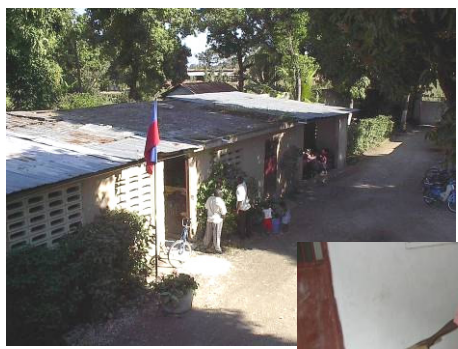
As a result of inflation and lack of sufficient funds, the Emmanuel Christian High School program, run by *Children of Promise—Haiti*, could no longer survive and was closed. The support of the program is now directed toward tuition and supplies for our teenagers to attend another high school in Leogane.

Your Help Counts

Can't go to the mission field; consider supporting someone who can.

We have very capable home staff needing support, who put all their energies into raising the children in a loving Christian environment—teaching them about Jesus' love and discipling them in the Word of God.

These children would not have any opportunity for a future without the caregivers daily care and influence, and without your generous sponsorship or donations. We are all a team put together by divine plan. This is your opportunity to help raise children who had no hope, by sponsoring one of the house parents of Children of Promise—Haiti.



Above— elementary school building.
 Right— children in school
 Left—compound



The mission continues to provide schooling and a feeding program for 160 students in the elementary school.

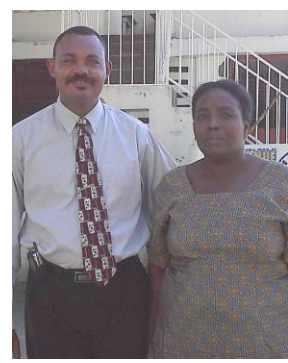
The Haiti mission is under siege, but through your prayers and support, the children under our care have continued hope, with you by their side, and the Lord as their strength in a poverty-stricken nation filled with gangs, AIDS, witchcraft and political unrest.



Jeanne Sulfise, Director /house parent of the Girl's Home of Smiles. Full sponsorship \$125. Partial sponsorships at any amount are welcomed.



Esther and Jimmy Joseph, directors/house parents of the new girl's home in Leogane. Full sponsorship \$250. Partial sponsorships at any amount are welcomed.



Nidaud and Carole Beausejour, Directors/house parents for Boy's Home of Smiles. Full sponsorship \$250. Partial sponsorships at any amount are welcomed.

DOCTOR BOUND

Nidage, daughter of Anuil Dominique, Asst. Director of Haiti Operations, who passed away last year, is attempting to complete medical school in Dominican Republic. She is in her 2nd year of a 5-year program. Sponsorship is \$100 per month to cover tuition, books, etc.



INDIA – Rose of Sharon Nursing Students Find Favor

Training orphaned and destitute girls in the Word of God, encouraging them in developing their talents, and giving them every opportunity to succeed is the focus of Victor and Kiruba, Directors of Rose of Sharon Home.

The girls they raise emerge with good aptitudes, excellent behavior and are spiritually sound. Confirmation of that fact came from two doctors—a leading surgeon and leading child specialist—who had the privilege of Linu and Anusheela, two of the five Rose of Sharon nursing students, working along side them for their one week of practical training. Both doctors were so impressed by their aptitude, behavior, smartness, intelligence, and spirituality (words used by the doctors) that even before completing their exams in June/July they have received appointments as nurses—one at the Bell Pins Hospital, Samadanapuram, and the other at the Angel Nursing Home—as soon as they finish their last exams. Out of the 35 nursing students, only one was selected for each hospital; and Linu and Anusheela, who were raised in the Rose of Sharon Home for 13 years and 10 years respectively were the ones chosen. These are very reputed hospitals and even if these girls had been recommended, upon completion of their nursing program, by the home Directors, they would not have taken them.



Linu

Anusheela

Upon sharing this information with us, Victor commented that, “this is possible, of course, next to God, because sponsors uplift these underprivileged girls to come up in life and live for His Glory. Every dollar given them is taking them to a higher level in society. We are really amazed to see His faithfulness when we serve Him faithfully.”

From the Heart of a Child



During morning devotions at Hogar de Vida, Costa Rica, eight-year-old Kimberly prayed, “When we each leave here to our new family, let us shine the light of Jesus that is in us.”

Thanks to Tim and Dena Stromstad and their staff, abandoned, orphaned, and destitute children are developing a lasting relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEW ON THE WEB

We encourage you to write those you sponsor. We have made it possible for you to write them by email. Check it out at www.promise.org.

PERU—A Place of Safety and Love

Children of Promise partners with *Go Ye Ministries*, founded by Avis Goodhart, in a childrens home called *House of Peace* located in Pacasmayo, Peru. Twenty-two abandoned and destitute children are finding love and a life full of hope and peace in their new home.

Peru is a place where there is a huge unemployment rate and the majority of the population is very poor. Here many female children are victims of rape and incest and become mothers as young as 11 years old. *House of Peace* is a place where hurting children of all ages can find safety and grow up with hope and purpose, knowing Jesus Christ. It is a place where they are receiving an education and will be taught a trade as they mature.

In months gone by, there was an outbreak of tuberculosis among several of the children, but we are happy to report that all are cleared from the infection.

The government in Peru is difficult to deal with and the home requests prayer for favor with judges and officials.



Lourdes (CP016)

Lourdes, age 10, came to House of Peace from a state orphanage. Her morning there began at 5 a.m. and a cold shower and breakfast followed. Now, living at House of Peace, she says, “I like the family because all are good persons. I like the church cause I can pray and praise the Lord. I like the moms I got cause they are good one, advise us; they take care of us, teach us be a good girl. “Lourdes is available for sponsorship at \$30/month.

Yerson, age 9, tells that he used to work in the chacra (farm) for his grandparents and weighed firewood. He says, “I ate on the street, sometimes Joel’s Godfather gave me two breads, and sometimes I had breakfast, lunch or dinner. I did not have time for studying. Now I like be here, I would like to visit my home but not stay there. I like to go school. I like the clothes, play with Jhonson, Joel, Lourdes. I like the guitar and I would like to learn to play guitar more. Yerson can be sponsor at \$30/mo.



Yerson (CP005)

E-MAIL Addresses Needed

With the probability of an increase in the cost of mail, we are gearing up to correspond in other ways to keep costs at a minimum. Through email we can also send information to you more quickly. Send your email address to us today. You may email it to info@promise.org. Please write: “E-mail address [COPI]” in the subject line.

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