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Hello Everyone,
I would like to thank you again for your interest and support of the children of Haiti. I have not updated you in a while, so I wanted to take a few minutes to let you know what is happening.



Travel Advisory Levels

- 1** Exercise normal precautions
- 2** Exercise increased caution
- 3** Reconsider travel
- 4** Do not travel

We have not been able to travel to Haiti since January because of the violence and unrest in the country from the political climate. The US Government has put Haiti on the “do not travel” list due to crime, civil unrest, and kidnapping. There is an ongoing risk of widespread, violent, and unpredictable demonstrations in Port-au-Prince and elsewhere in Haiti.

As I told you before, our Haitian Director, Marc Francois moved his family to the Ft. Myers, Florida area and has been working to maintain them in Florida while his brother, Rubens runs the

Orphanage along with Lora and Sylvian. Marc went to back to Haiti at the end of July and has been there for a couple of months visiting with the children, starting the school, and ensuring their safety.

There was an overload of the battery system at the orphanage, and due to the violence in in the country, the power grid has been very unreliable. We have been able to send some money to fix the solar panel and battery system so that there is more reliable solar power for the orphanage.

The Kenscoff children started school last Monday,

- Franceline, Ely, Darla, and Misline are in Primary 2.
- DeeDe is in Primary 3.
- Cedric and Sassan are in Primary 4.
- MacKendy is in Primary 5.
- Schneider and Jasmine are in Primary 6.
- Tatane is in Secondary 1.
- Mivelore and Crezou are in Secondary 2.





We have other community children in our school that come on a daily basis to the orphanage for school.

We had a wonderful donation of home made blankets for each of the children, and we were able to send those along with school supplies and blankets for the children. We also purchased some new jeans and school uniform T-shirts for each child.

Since I have not been able to travel to Haiti to visit with the children, I had the children write a couple of sentences to include in this letter. The letters were in Haitian Creole, so I had Marc translate them to English. These are their translated letters.

Crezou wrote: I was very happy to see Mr. Marco. Despite the sad situation of the country, he came to see us. I have had so much fun with him. I want everything to become calm in Haiti so that I can see Charles and Terri and others come from the United States. I like my new school calculator. It is the first time that I have ever used one. I was not happy because of the power line issue. Now the electricity have seen fixed I am glad to watch cartoons at night.



Crezou



Darla

Darla wrote: I succeed my school class this past year. I miss Charles so much. He used to bring lots of toys for me. I pray that he can come to see us soon. I stopped peeing in the bed, and I am being very kind with the other kids.



Franceline

Franceline wrote: Thank you Mr. Marco, I want to see Charles. Thank you for the stuff you sent to me. I would like to have a big doll in my height. I like my Teacher. Kiss and love to you.

Miselane wrote: I thank Charles and Terri for



Miselane

the school supplies and the blankets. He always thinks to send things to us. I also happy to see Marc. The summer holiday classes were very good. Our Teacher, Nichole taught me to have better writing and spelling. I want to grow faster so that I can travel with Charles and Marc.

Jasmine wrote: I learned a lot at school this past year. I studied more than before, and I like my teacher too. Mivelore was able to teach me how to sew clothes for my dolls during summer vacation. She is a very good



Jasmine



MacKendy

sister for me. It is getting cold in Kenscoff, and I want to thank to Charles for sending the blankets and school supplies. Thank you.

MacKendy wrote: I am so glad to see Marc again. He brought me a little car and he has had so much fun with us. We run, we dance, and we sing together. I like my backpack. Sylvain show me how to pray myself and I like to pray for the kids before bedtime.



Sassan

Sassan wrote: I study a lot and I passed my class this past year. Rubens was able to help me with my lesson. I cry when I can't

understand my lessons. I like to play with my car at breaktime. I want to thank Charles for my backpack and blanket. I going to pray so that the country have peace and then I can see Charles again.



Mivelore

Mivelore wrote: The summer vacation was very good. Marco's arrival transforms the summer into a complete joy for me and all of the children too. I learned a lot of things during the summer holiday, especially math, and I am able to keep my grades always high. Last April, my mom was hit by a car, and she hurt her legs and hands. I pray often that she recovers very quickly.

Schneider wrote: I spent a very good school year. I learned how to express myself better. I know how to calculate, and how to count numbers. During the holiday we have a special school program with Nicole. I want to thank Charles for all the school supplies and blankets and I am going to study more to get succeed this year.

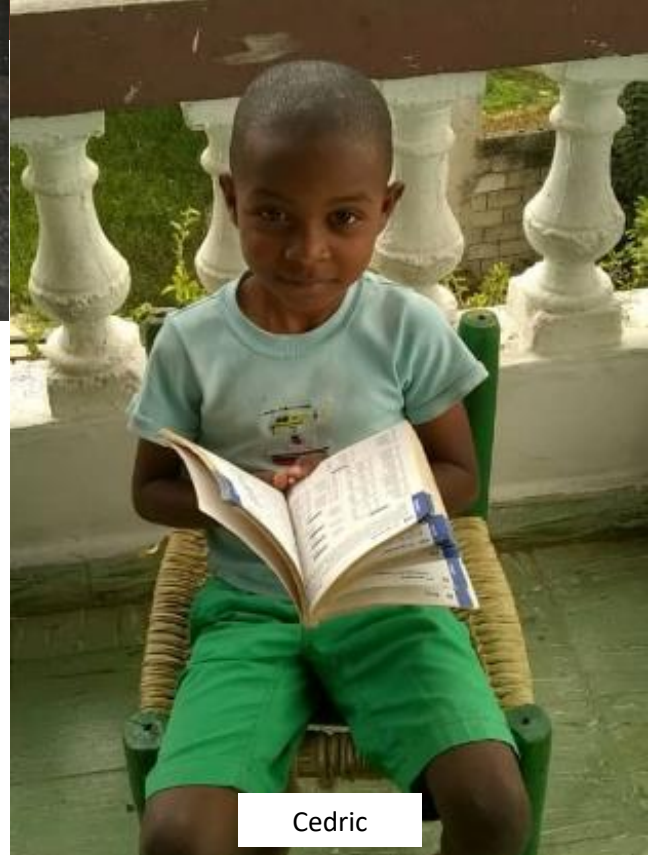
Tatane wrote: I cooked my first food and I was very glad. It was a little bit salty but Lora



showed me how to fix it. I was happy to see Mr. Marco again. He brought me a nice skirt for church. I like my blankets and my backpack, and I want to thank Charles.

We did not receive letters from Cedric and Ely.

For Johnny's orphanage in Fontamara, we are having a much harder time. Fontamara has a lot of violence in the area and it is hard to keep the children safe. Because of the unrest, and the gang violence in the area, he is not able to keep the school to open daily. The government has promised to increase security downtown in order to children to go to school safely, and we



hope they do that soon. Johnny states that the children in his care are safe, but are under a lot of stress because of the violence. His principal need right now is better electricity. He does not have a battery bank in his house, and so he only gets power when the city power is on. He wants to have his own power, inverter and batteries to help at night when it is scary because of the gangs in the area.

Living in Haiti is very difficult right now. Fuel is in short supply, so public transportation is very difficult. People cannot get to work, and if they cannot work, then they cannot eat. Lots of people have become desperate, and with desperation comes violence. Many gangs are in the Port-au-Prince area with children in their teens carrying guns and threatening whatever they can get out of people. Marc attempted to visit his parents who live near the Fontamara Orphanage, and he was threatened when the TapTap that he was riding in was stopped. He ran away, but he was made to lay on the ground and do what the gang demanded. He was very scared, but came out of it OK.

The cost of living is also going up, and people are again hungry because they cannot feed themselves on the money that used to be adequate. Because fuel is in short supply, it costs more to get anywhere and people are doing what they can, but it is difficult.

With all of these costs going up, our donations to this charity have gone down. We are finding it hard to make ends meet each month, and we continue to reach out to find more donors and individuals who can help our children. If you know of any individual, group, business, or corporation that I should contact, then please let me know. Or, you can contact them, tell them the good work that you are doing to support the children of Haiti, and invite them to help too.



Ely

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All donations are tax deductible in the United States and greatly appreciated by the children.

Please continue to pray for their safety.
Regards,

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