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HEARTWARMING  
STORIES OF GROWTH



**WHAT A GIFT!**  
A SPONSOR MEETS  
THEIR CHILD.



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**  
RAISING A FAMILY IN  
THE HOME

# NEWSLETTER



## Looking Good...

A group of five board members and sponsors enjoyed an amazing visit with the boys of Grace Children's Home in early December. At this time, we have fifteen boys at the Home, ranging in age from 8 to 15. The boys looked great and all are very healthy. We enjoyed playing soccer with them and spent time demonstrating the toys and games we brought them as Christmas gifts. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the gifts.

**Your continuing support is truly making a difference in the lives of these children.**

It was exciting to see how much the boys have grown and matured since our last visit. Their manners, respectfulness and contributions to household chores were impressive. They played well together and really seem to enjoy one another. Your continuing support is truly making a difference in the lives of these children.

## What's ahead?

As some might remember, we have two of the older boys progressing on to secondary school. In Haiti, this school is equivalent to middle and high school. This is a great opportunity we are able to offer the boys at the Grace Home. Each day Faby and Enockson catch a ride to their new school just a few miles from the orphanage. We are excited to report both boys are doing wonderfully. They are enjoying the new surroundings and the challenging work. Pastor Lesly has shared with us that this is one of the best schools in Croix Des Bouquet. Excellence does come at a price. The additional cost to send the boys to this private school is \$42 a month per child. Please continue to pray for us as we commit to meet this need.



“What is next?” has been the thought we have pondered most recently. Our boys are getting older, and we will need to make big and meaningful decisions in the coming years. We continue to explore options for further education and vocational opportunities. We realize, much like our own children, that our boys are individuals with different talents and interests. Not all are suited for higher education. Some of our boys may be best suited for becoming a tradesman. We are currently looking at how best to give them opportunities. We continue to have thoughtful discussions with Pastor Lesly and our friends at the Global Orphan Project. We were blown away after touring GOP's flagship vocational school. They are doing remarkable work. They offer a two year training program in sewing, farming, diesel mechanics, and most recently, construction. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we seek more avenues to allow our boys to flourish.

## *Grace Assembly*



**A big value of HOF is making a difference in the community through the local church. Most of our trips include free medical clinics through Grace Assembly Church & School. Such clinics provide care, education, and a strengthened relationship with the community.**

# Life-Changing Experience

## A HOF sponsor meets their child

By Tim Monetti



It's been seven years since my neighbor and friend, Bruce Cope, returned from his first trip to Haiti. His passion was palpable as he told us of his experiences being one of the first doctors in following the horrible Earthquake that had ravaged the country. He and three friends were committed to doing what they could for the children there. The result was the creation of the Haiti Orphan Foundation (HOF).

It didn't take long for my wife, Cathy, and me to decide to support their mission by sponsoring one of the boys. Photos of precious little 7-year-old Enoch captured our hearts and we looked forward each year to updated photos via annual trips taken by the HOF board members.



This year I decided to join them. Along with Bruce and a few of the other board members we boarded a plane to Haiti and the orphanage called the Grace Children's Home. It was my great joy to meet Enoch in person. He is now 14 and prefers to be called by his adult name, Enochson, something I learned is traditional in Haiti when young boys begin to transition to young men.

What an incredible moment it was to meet him in person. At 14, Enochson is healthy, smart, quick to smile and still young enough to allow a hug! He is also quite the athlete as we discovered when we

played a very spirited game of soccer with the boys. With one of the staff at Grace acting as translator, I was able to show him a picture of Cathy and to tell him how proud we are of the young man he is becoming.

I spent two days trying to learn the names of each and every boy. I did not succeed but that didn't seem to matter. They knew me and called me by name, "Tim" (with that wonderful French Creole accent), then motioning for help with something or just wanting attention or a hug.

While each of the boys has his own personality, they all share a couple of wonderful traits. First, they consider themselves to be family, and the brotherly love they share shines through as evidenced by the many times I'd round a corner to find a group of them standing together, their arms wrapped shoulder to shoulder. Second, they are eager and quick to help with any project at hand. For instance, when a couple of us decided to relocate a pile of scrap iron away from where the boys play soccer, the boys jumped in to help without being asked. In moments ten or 12 of them appeared out of nowhere to help, doing so with joy and enthusiasm.

It is not an exaggeration to say visiting Haiti and the Grace Children's Home was a life-changing experience for me. I'd encourage any sponsor to make the trip!





**TIGA - Age 8**

Tiga is the most relaxed of all the boys. He loves to eat, draw, and read. Tiga enjoys feeding and playing with the animals. He loves to help and is a great young leader.



**ELISÉ - Age 9**

Elisé loves to smile! He enjoys playing soccer and says he likes math in school. Elisé has a kind heart, but he does enjoy a good wrestling match. His best buddy is Jeannel.



**JEANNEL - Age 10**

While small in size, Jeannel is not scared at all to play a spirited game of soccer with the big boys. He loves to sing, draw, and read. Jeannel is very sweet and affectionate.



**WISKENDER - Age 10**

Wiskender has a million-dollar smile! He loves to share and enjoys helping in the kitchen. Wiskender is not the most motivated with school work, but loves to read and draw.



**Guendy - Age 10**

Guendy very much appreciates all he gets. He is always willing to help around the home, with sweeping the floor or making beds. Guendy does very well in school.



**WIDSON - Age 10**

Widson is very smart, and displays his intelligence in his math, grammar, French, and English. He loves to cook and helps prepare food for the home. Widson always smiles.



**PETERSON - Age 12**

Peterson demonstrates his huge heart by the way he helps and shares with others. He loves to sing at church and is a huge help with the 2 year old in the home.



**KELYEN - Age 12**

Kelyen is very athletic and loves to play soccer. He takes things seriously and is a trusted leader in the home. Kelyen dreams of being a musician one day.



**SHERLO - Age 12**

Sherlo is a great "big brother" to the younger children in the home. He is a great athlete and is a good helper around the house. Sherlo enjoys church and school.



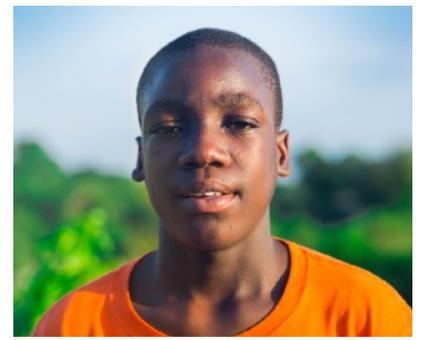
**FABY - Age 13**

Faby is a trusted helper in the home, and looks out for the other boys. He is now in Upper School, and enjoys the new challenge. Faby loves soccer and helping in the home.



**TCHENLEY - Age 13**

Tchenley goes by "Chin Chin." He is a bit mischievous and is notoriously late. Tchenley loves running, soccer, and playing with friends. He wants to be a mechanic one day.



**GUERRIER - Age 14**

Guerrier is very mature and is an extremely hard worker. He likes to care for the other boys, and is trusted to help the GCH staff in every area. He enjoys soccer and going to church.



**ENOCKSON - Age 14**

Enockson is very smart and is doing great in Upper School. He studies hard, and his favorite subject is Algebra. Enockson is a great leader and athlete. He wants to be a lawyer one day.



**GUIVENCHY - Age 15**

Guivenchy goes by "Gigi" and is the joker of the house. He loves to dance, sing, and entertain the other boys. Gigi is maturing greatly and is good with the younger children.

## **Welcome to Grace Children's Home**

Marshal was born extremely premature and has learned to be a fighter. Marshal is energetic and loves to wrestle. He is very daring, which is evidenced by a few scars.



**Marshall Casy**

Age 8

# Our promise...100%

Haiti Orphan Foundation exists to bring hope and provision to children in Haiti through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The vision of HOF is to raise young leaders in Haiti who love Jesus and are equipped to bring lasting change in a country that desperately needs hope.

HOF is a small grassroots organization just trying to make a difference in a place of great need. We have been called by God to proclaim and share His grace and love.

## **Our operating / business model is simple:**

- We connect loving sponsors with Haitian children in need at the Grace Children's home.

**100% of sponsorships go directly to costs related to meeting the food, shelter, medical, education and spiritual growth needs of that child.**

- All other costs, including Grace Children's Home Staff, transportation, and any other ancillary cost incurred at the home is paid by non-sponsorship contributions and the Founders/Boardmembers of HOF.

We invite you to join us in making a difference!



## How to Help...

**Sponsorships** make it possible for these boys to live and grow at the Grace Children's Home. In addition to meeting human, educational and spiritual needs, sponsoring a child gives your family the opportunity to build a relationship with that child.

**Contributions** help pay staff salaries at GCH as well as operational expenses. Gifts also enable HOF to do outreach projects that strengthen the community by feeding families in need, providing access to vital resources such as water and health care, sharing the gospel of Jesus, and more.

For more information on how to sponsor a child or make a contribution to the work of Haiti Orphan Foundation, please check out our website at:

**[www.HaitiOrphanFoundation.org](http://www.HaitiOrphanFoundation.org)**

# HOF Staff Spotlight...

Leadership was born out of tragedy . **Levy Bertrand** and his wife, Martine, have now lived at the Grace Children's Home for three years. Soon after the tragedy and break-in of 2013, pastor Lesly felt the need to have a male figure who permanently resided at the orphanage . That role fell to his son Levy Bertrand and his family.

It has truly been a Godsend. Under his tutelage the boys have flourished. He has begun transforming young boys into young man. His impact is felt over every aspect of their lives. Not only does he require respect and discipline but he encourages individuality and personal growth. Among many duties, he is specifically responsible for teaching the boys music and English. They are all doing very well on both fronts.

His commitment and love towards the boys is palpable. Though most are orphaned, this sense of family at Grace points directly back to Levy. We are fortunate to have such a valued member of our staff. Please continue to pray for his ministry as he equips young Haitians for a harsh world ahead.



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