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## HE HAS THE LITTLE BITTY BABIES IN HIS HANDS ~ Mary Ann Yoder

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who prayed for tiny baby Hosanna who came to the children's home almost two years ago. When she first came weighing less than two pounds we didn't think she would survive but God answered the prayers of hundreds of people and today she is a happy, healthy, toddler!

At six months of age, it became apparent that it would not work out for her to return to her birth family so I made the decision to adopt her. After that her name changed to Veronika Kate.

Because of her early trauma she is at high risk for delays and health problems. So far she is meeting all her developmental milestones. She has caught up in size too! It did not take her long to discover that she loves to eat. She now weighs 25 pounds and she's grown into size 3T! No one would ever guess what a rough be-

ginning she had.

Veronika spends her days trotting around in the house and outside. She is always trying to keep up with her brothers. She likes helping mommy with household chores like baking bread and hanging out laundry. Her little hands are very busy! Some days it seems like she gets into EVERYTHING! She tries to make scrambled eggs, smear car wash soap over the floor, eats laundry detergent and has brushed her teeth in the toilet. When she eats she wants to share her food with Augusta the dog and Moses the cat. She doesn't seem to understand what the big deal is about sharing the same plate!

Veronika is also very feminine! She absolutely loves flowers and she loves to wear shoes and tries to put barrettes and ribbons in her hair! She likes to draw with markers and look at books!

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## A LOVE-STARVED HEART ~ Sheila Driedger

There they were; little, scrawny, dirty, ragged children. They got my attention with loud shouting and clamoring. I really didn't like them much but somehow they got into my heart.

At first, it seemed so hopeless here at Fond Bayaor . . . better known as "The Projects". This was a housing project the government built for deportees from the Dominican Republic.

Imagine rows of scrappy brightly colored houses marching down towards the lake about five rows wide. A large open-air pavilion nestled in the center. The activity of house goats, soccer, people gathering combing each others hair, etc. Much debris of scrap car parts, tin pieces, etc. lying around everywhere. There was a futile attempt of ragged tarps and torn afghans tied together with string used to block off some privacy of individual family units. And there were many, many, many children racing, shouting, laughing, fighting and playing with homemade toys created from old tin cans and pop bottles.

One day, a thirteen year old girl especially caught my attention. It was obvious that she was the ringleader and all the others thought that she was "cool". I thought of her to be closed and rebellious. She went around with a disdainful smirk on her face. This spoiled her very beautifully featured face. As I observed, it also seemed like she delighted in making others' lives miserable.

However, God used her to reach my heart.

Days went by and the last thing I felt like doing was to go to Fond Bayaor to teach Bible lessons. But I kept seeing this girl's face and I knew I just had to go back to the projects. It took prayers to gather up courage to go. I also prayed that God would fill me with His love for this particular girl.

Week after week, I spent time with her. And each week I went back I noticed small changes in her. She began to respond to the love I showed her and she even participated in the Bible lesson. I saw then what she really needed was love. We were spending time together after class, walking, visiting, and playing but most importantly listening to her love-starved heart. The change in her was amazing. Praise be to God, who fills us with His Love for those who seem unlovable.

Every Wednesday afternoon it was exciting to see the little changes in the children's lives.

A special Thank-You to all of you who have participated in the Bible lessons with the children. The children were always so excited to have visitors.

I ask for continued prayers for this ministry with the children at the Projects at Fond Bayaor. Pray also that we would be so filled with God's Love that it would permeate their very spirit and make room for God's love in their hearts. . . . in their love-starved hearts for Jesus.



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She understands Kreyol, Dutch and English and says words in all three languages.

keep his hand over her and continue to give her good health.

She is a delight! Lord willing she will celebrate her 2nd birthday on June 28th. Please pray that God would

Pray also for her future that God would work out her adoption according to his perfect will.

## THE TIME I WISHED I WAS HAITIAN ~ Kenslie Lavy

Act 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...



On April 22nd , I got to sing Creole with other Haitian girls in a wedding!

We were supposed to wear white dresses with pink sashes, pink bows in our hair, pink socks and black shoes. Madam Wismith made my dress for me. For the last couple of months on Saturdays, us girls would practice our song. It seemed the "real day" would never come. Finally, it did!

I knew I was white so I would stand out, bummer! My hair would be different from everybody else, oh well. But other than that, I was very excited!

Once it all started I felt very Haitian! I am so glad I got to sing. I made a lot of new friends, and I don't think I will ever forget this experience.

## REST IN THE LORD ~ Keith Martin

Sadly, May 2012 will be my last month with IFM.

As I write this letter, it is hard to believe that one year has passed since I started working here.

My heart is flooded with both pleasant and sad emotions. And I do not fully understand why God would call me away from a ministry that I love and wanted to be a part of. I truly have learned so much this past year that I would need a ream of paper to print the dialog.

Psalms 37:7a says, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: fret not thyself..."

It is very possible that in my life time I will never know the answers to these big "why" questions. But in this one thing, I am rest assured of knowing that Jesus holds my life in the palm of his hand. I also know that He is working things out according to His perfect plan for my life.

Psalms 37:5 says, "Commit the way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and He will bring it to pass..."

I am going to return home to Pennsylvania. I will work there for the summer and do a bit of traveling. After that I do not have any definite plans. . . though I do believe God will continue to open doors to ministry in my life.

To all of the IFM staff, it was great knowing you. I will really miss working with you guys! Continue pointing the people around you to Jesus Christ.



## OPEN YOUR EYES ~ Aaron Lavy

Driving through Port-Au-Prince, Haiti's capital, can be quite an adventure. Maneuvering through traffic that consists of four lanes on a two lane road can be quite challenging. Thousands of people station themselves along these busy streets doing their best to sell their goods to those passing by to make a meager living. Driving, although quite fatiguing, does offer a distraction that you don't get when a passenger. But even as a driver, you sometimes are faced with the needs that are constantly outside your window.

Some days it takes an hour to just go a few miles, and the number of people who come by your vehicle can become uncountable. It is easy to say "no" again and again to those trying to sell you things you do not need, but what about the small child that comes up and ask for money for food. What about the crippled woman, or the blind man that stumbles between the cars hoping that someone will give them a hand out so that they can simply exist.

Every day in town is like this. Sometimes I just want to close my eyes and hope that the needs just go away. It is easy to feel helpless when faced with the woes of this world. There are so many people that have so many needs around us. The answer is not to just close our eyes and ignore it. We should not shut our eyes to the needs and sorrows of those that are oppressed and desperate. As Christians, we are called to reach out and help those in need. We are called to serve others with no expectation of repayment. The Bible commands us in Psalms 82:3 "Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy."

Although it is unrealistic for us to hand out money to each person that passes, there are things we can do. First, we must open our eyes and be ready when the Lord provides an opportunity to help someone. Next we must respond and do our part. Alone, none of us can solve the world's poverty, but together, we can make a difference to the lives of those we come in contact with.

Don't shut your eyes because it feels overwhelming. Instead, open them to see that the Lord has given us the power to give back, no matter what the circumstance. God again promises in Psalm 72:12-13 "For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy."

**Please pray for us that we can discern the real needs of the people we serve and supply them as God has commanded. Pray that we not only meet their physical needs, but that through this help, they can see Jesus and their real poverty can be abolished.**



## PRAISE AND PRAYER ~

- ~ We need a computer savvy individual to work in our Ohio office. Responsibilities include: precise book keeping, typing, graphic design knowledge and phone skills.
- ~ Pray that God would provide the funds to finish the addition to our children's home.
- ~ Please continue to pray for the safety of our staff as they work in Haiti and Dominican republic.
- ~ Austin Martin committed to an indefinite time of service in Haiti.
- ~ Once again we have been financially blessed with funds from spring 2012 Haiti Benefit Auctions.

## STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ~

Thousands of children in Haiti will never have the privilege of going to school.

We are unable to educate all these children, but with the help of our sponsors we have been able to help hundreds of them achieve an education.

Would you like to be part of a program that educates and feeds the underprivileged children in Haiti?

For just fifteen dollars a month (or one hundred eighty dollars a year) you can provide a child in

Haiti with: school tuition, text books, a daily hot meal and an education that will last a life time.

To join our sponsorship program specify your donation of at least fifteen dollars for a “new sponsorship” (please include your name, phone number and address) and we will assign a child to you.

You will receive a picture of the student we assign to you, along with instructions how you may have further correspondence with him.

“See the coupon on page 6.”



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I am donating  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to  
aid orphans not in  
the IFM Children's  
Home.



### Disaster Relief

Please use the enclosed  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help relieve  
the suffering in Haiti following  
the earthquake of 2010.



### Dominican Republic Outreach

This  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ is to help  
take Christ to the D. R.



### Medical Relief

I would like to help  
those who cannot  
afford the medical  
care they need.



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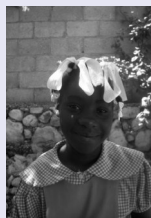
### Children's Home

I wish to give for the  
operating expenses of  
the Children's Home  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
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### School Sponsorship

I wish to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ children at  
\$15 per month/\$180 per year.  
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### Hospital

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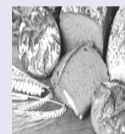
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### Food Pantry

I wish to help stock the church's  
relief supply for  
the poor within  
the church.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
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