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Hi everyone, from all of us in Haiti,

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Laurens

We are legally changing our name from *Bon Samaritan* to *God's Children Haiti*. There are too many Bon Samaritan's in Haiti and we were recently asked to change it by IBESR. Please continue to make all checks out to Bon Samaritan until the next newsletter. We are working on our new web site and have so much to do on it still but you can see it at: godschildrenhaiti.org

The owner of our house is here from New Jersey. He agreed to sell the house to us but then changed his mind. Please pray about this. We have invested money into the house making it into an orphanage but it needs so much more work. If we were able to buy it, we could really make the needed changes and actually own it!



IBESR is part of the Haitian government that is in charge of adoptions and orphanages. We had 8 people from IBESR come for a surprise visit - a 2 hour interview and inspection. (They recently shut down 26 orphanages). They are very pleased with us but we MUST get our license which is costly, requires grueling paperwork and finding parents or relatives, medical exams etc. etc. Last spring I met with the relatives at court and paid their way and did most of that research and legal paperwork but now the court says rules have changed and I must start all over. I cried literally and just felt like giving up. You can't imagine what it is like to live in a third world country. The court has carbon paper with an old typewriter that isn't even electric and they want \$65 per paper. We will get our license and I will pray that I don't get discouraged and God gives me more strength. :-) Sometimes my couch in Michigan sounds really good!

Laurens, our special needs child, is doing so much better. He has gained weight, can walk better and is quite smart. We know he has a neurological disorder. I pray one day he can be adopted for therapy and medication. His whole body is spastic and jerky, especially if he is excited and happy. Oh my stars you should try to get him in the truck with his arms and legs flying all over! He makes us all smile. He is very smart and helps around here now.



Guerlinde, our newest special needs child is 4 years old and came to us weighing only 19 pounds. She came to us very malnourished, not potty trained and an attitude that I sure wasn't going to tolerate. I took me about a week to show her who is boss. Now she has gained weight, sleeps upstairs with me and we love each other. What a sweetheart now!

Our orphanage is more like a big family not an institution. It is a wonderful Christian home. We need a male or a man and his wife to come live here and mentor the boys. Perhaps you know of someone that wants to do a long term or even a summer mission trip. Please contact me if anyone can help!

Thank you to all of you that are part of this mission. God has blessed us so much! Steve and Polly Ackerman from Nebraska are a great example. They have come to visit us twice since November and Polly is returning again this month. They bought us a propane/electric refrigerator so we no longer have to use a cooler with ice. I am even making the kids finger jello. Here is a note from Polly:

My first mission trip to Haiti was in April 2012. During this trip, God changed my life (ultimately my family's life)! That is when I met my sister in Christ, Anne Hume. Her love and obedience for Christ was, and still is, amazing, not to mention contagious!!!! She is living out what God has instructed us to do in His word. James 1:27 "...look after the orphans and widows in their distress and keep to oneself from being polluted by the world". Annie is an amazing servant for Christ. She provides love, hope, food and the Gospel for God's children and God's people in Haiti! Since that trip I have been to Annie's orphanage three other times and my children and husband have been there also. We are in the process of adopting two of the children.

In Christ, Polly

Blessings to you all! His servant,

Annie

