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Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!!!!!!

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I have so much to be thankful for this past year that I can't even write all the blessings. The biggest one is our new directors. They both put Jesus first in their lives and both have a huge heart for special needs children. This couple has more qualifications than I even prayed for. Lukencia and I communicate daily on our smart phones with Whats App.



Five special needs children have moved in with us in less than 15 months. I recently visited a children's clinic near our house and the pediatrician said she will see all of our children and supply medicine free of charge. That is a huge, huge blessing. She even runs an epileptic clinic and will evaluate our Misrose (on seizure meds) and set her up to see the American neurologist coming in February.

<Nielens (Kiki) Delva was left at our house by Wesley's mother. Wesley, age 9, has been with us since the earthquake. After 2 1/2 years his mother came to visit and left his little handicapped brother behind without discussing the situation. Nielans, age 7, has cerebral palsy, can't speak or walk. I had him evaluated and

got him a wheeled walker. He is starting to stand, take a few steps and learning to communicate. This is Lorens who also has CP helping Nielens learn to walk. I love how the kids help each other!!!



<**Benjina and Guerlande** have grown so close and do everything together. Benjina had her leg amputated last March and often doesn't put her prosthetic on to walk with Gerlaunde. Gerlaunde still going everywhere on her knees has transitioned well to being back home in Haiti after her medical visa for Shriners Childrens Hospital.

>**Wedmyko** has what I call **pretzel legs**. He has severe club feet, can't straighten his legs, and has a hip deformity. I took videos of him crawling as he drags his legs across the floor. He is tough and very smart. He was evaluated by an orthopedic surgeon, my great friend Naomi Shields. We are praying



he will be a candidate for Shriners' Childrens Hospital!! His Mom told me she was going to put him in the garbage if I didn't take him. She gave me his birth certificate and has only visited once in the year we have had him.

Our building project is put on hold until more funding comes in. Rent of ten thousand dollars is due and last month we had to do major plumbing and electrical work on our rental house. God is teaching me patience as He is in control, not me. The more I learn that, the more content I become. Right now our main concern is properly caring for our 19 children.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support this past year. It is truly amazing to look back and see all that was accomplished even what we have done to our new land.

Please pray that support comes in to work on the main housing and this 2018 to be able to move out of the rental house into our new permanent dwelling.

God bless you all for being a part of this orphanage,

Ann Hume

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