



HAITI QUARTERLY REPORT



Impact

- 1. Nine children are reunited with their biological families.** After months of preparation, our residential program social workers accomplished this labor of love. They will continue to support the families through the transition to ensure continued success.
- 2. Ten children passed their 9th-grade state exam, clearing the way for them to attend high school, while four others graduated high school and three from college.** These accomplishments are impressive considering the current violence and the fact that about 50 percent of Haitian children do not attend primary school, and 80 percent never attend secondary school. The college students obtained their Computer Science, Engineering, and Teaching degrees.
- 3. A Kids Alive Haiti alumni donated his time to teach the children a trade.** The former student is an expert in ceramic floor and wall tile installation. He worked alongside a handful of children from Kids Alive, teaching them how to earn a living through these trade skills.
- 4. Former Kids Alive residential children overcame their childhood obstacles and returned to serve Kids Alive as adults.** They received nurturing care years ago; today, they are on our team as a nurse and preschool teacher. We are grateful they share the life-changing love they experienced through Kids Alive.



A Wanderer Finds Rest

Horrible circumstances forced five-year-old Esther to wander the streets alone, seeking shelter. Her widower mother had remarried a man who didn't want Esther, so the young girl moved from house to house for six years and sold spices in the marketplace to earn money. Esther ended up in the home of a woman who mistreated her severely. The exasperated Esther dropped to her knees and poured her soul to God for deliverance.

One day, Esther, now 11, fled her house of horrors in Cap-Haitien on a 120-mile journey to find her mother in

Port-au-Prince. After many harrowing adventures, she found her mother. However, the mother was still unable to care for her daughter, so she brought Esther to Kids Alive Haiti. That was two months ago.

Traumatized by her bad experiences, Esther feared she was heading for another bad situation. After a month in the program, Esther realized her new surroundings were different. She received counseling, nutrition, and spiritual care and began to make friends and trust people again.

Esther is in the second grade. Girls her age are typically in the sixth, so she's got a lot of catching up to do. However, her marketplace experience gave her excellent math skills. Esther has made incredible progress in just two months at Kids Alive. She wants to become a businesswoman.

Fulfilling a Sacred Call

If you sponsor a child in Haiti, Wesley was involved. The Kids Alive Haiti's Sponsorship Program Coordinator translates the letters between donors and their sponsored children. Born in Haiti, Wesley graduated with a Biblical degree and now serves as a Pastor. He has a passion for helping children, having three of his own, and once working for AWANA.

Wesley's job isn't easy. He often runs into violent demonstrations on his way to work. Such violent outbreaks in the unstable country hinder his KAI children's projects.

"Last Christmas, we were working on a project creating pictures for the sponsors. The violence delayed us, but I did my best to make it work and help the children finish. I view my work through the lens of John 3:16, for it is a sacred call," said Wesley.

That's why he overcomes daily obstacles to get to the children - through violence, poor public transportation, broken-down motorbikes - whatever it takes.

"I rejoice to see the joy the children experience because of the sponsors," Wesley said. "This is my mission on earth, and my heart is wide open every day, filled with the hope of a better Haiti."

Remember the commitment of people like Wesley when you sponsor a child. They are laying their lives on the line to share God's love through your generosity.



Events

- 1. Twenty-two teachers participated in a rigorous three-day classroom management seminar.** The event fully equipped Kids Alive Haiti School staff to guide the children to a successful 2023-2024 school year.
- 2. A new crop of preschoolers began their journey with Kids Alive.** We welcomed 24 new children, a solemn responsibility and a tremendous opportunity to serve them and their families for years to come. Imagine how many people we can influence over the next decade through these 24 children.
- 3. Our summer courses successfully delivered training in the trades to girls and boys.** Twenty-two young girls learned the culinary arts, while 14 boys learned the tiling trade, each gaining hands-on experience.
- 4. Seven children professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.** The group includes two girls and five boys. Staff baptized them, and they continue to encourage them in their joyous new life in Christ.