

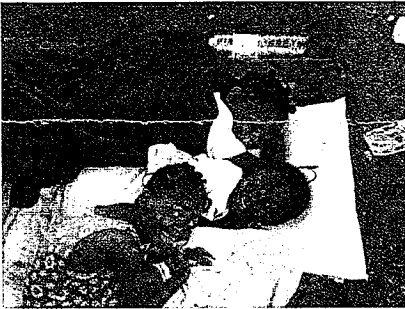
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Serving with FamilyLife to make every home a godly home

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Hi Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Here is an email from one of our staff that traveled to Haiti. We think it will touch your hearts and give you a feel for what it is like in Haiti. We continue to be amazed at the doors God opens allowing our staff to minister to orphans around the world. Read on...



It has been an incredible experience to be here. The kids in the Children's Rescue Mission are resilient, happy and amazing children. They are singing when we wake up and when we go to bed. They have almost nothing and are sleeping outside on mats and such because they are afraid to go inside. We have had 3 or 4 major aftershocks. I was able to connect with an appointed head of the Haiti Task Force to see how many kids we can get out quickly. I am very disappointed that most likely this week we will only be able to get the ones out that were matched before the 12th. They all need to go, because I am not sure how long they can feed them and get water. But I am working on a plan for the others. People are living in the streets and on what is left of their homes. But business in the streets goes on. One blessing is that we are up high in the mountains where it is cooler and the devastation was less.

Thanks so much for praying. Today is a BIG day. We are printing home studies, finger prints etc...for the 22 children that we can show a pre-earthquake connection for adoption. Some are a little shaky, but we are taking them to the embassy to request humanitarian parole permission for each of them to fly to Texas. We have about 50 or more additional that I am working on a plan with Children's Rescue Mission and an agency in the US. If all goes well with the Embassy. I am on the negotiation team :-). Then I will try to get onto the airport in Port au Prince tonight to see if I can bum a plane going back to Florida. Then see if I can get back to Texas from there. Then I will work on the plans for the kids arrival in the US.

Please let everyone know that we are so grateful for all the prayers. Living with people who have so little has taught me how poor I am in how I pray. After the major after shock on Friday it was not an hour later that I walked by one of the tents and several of the girls were singing in Creole which is like French. It was so beautiful. Then I recognized the tune. They were singing IN HIS TIME.



One other thing. I was so proud of our Marines, Army and Navy guys that I have met in different places.. It is something we don't always understand about our military I guess until you see it. If they were not here it would be anarchy...no question. When we landed, there was a folding table with equipment and an American flag. The pilot said that is the control tower.

Praises and Prayers

- Praise that my (Cheryl) shoulder surgery went well and that I am doing much better. I still have some pain and will continue with physical therapy for a few more weeks. Pray the pain would subside so I am able to finish my physical therapy and have full range of motion in my shoulder.
- Pray for Sandy and his upcoming back surgery on the morning of Feb 9th. Pray for a complete and speedy recovery without a lot of pain. He is hoping to travel within 2 weeks of the surgery. Praise that my parents have decided to come and be here to help after his surgery.
- FamilyLife has reorganized the Human Resources Dept and Sandy has been given some additional responsibility again. Pray that he would find the right 2 men and their wives to come along side us to help us minister to the staff.
- Our conference season kicks off on Valentines Day Weekend. Pray for all the couples who will be attending a *Weekend to Remember* this spring.

Thank you for your sacrificial commitment to the family. You are helping to make a difference in Haiti and around the world. I couldn't think of a more moving love story than to share this email with you. We stand in awe of those parents who have adopted children. It is our prayer that all these children will be in loving Christian homes.

Sandy & Cheryl