

# A Voice for the Children

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The children had someone generously throw a party for them. You can always feel their excitement and joy at even the simplest celebrations. They may have still been eating rice and beans, but there is cake on the table and chances to show their talents to entertain. A true spirit of joy fills the room!



## LETTER FROM PASTOR PREDESTIN

Hello brother Charlie and Margaret Hyder,

Praise to the Lord, we now have children who are taking their official academic exams this week. I give glory to God for this ministry. These young people came to My Father's House Haiti orphanage as babies. It seems in the areas where they were born, it's like they had no hope, but now, because God sent them to the orphanage, in two or three years after these exams, they will be qualified to enter university. Praise the Lord! Your support and prayers make a big difference and even transform lives for the greater glory of God. We also have some other children attending trade schools that will prepare them for jobs when they leave the orphanage.

Pastor Predestin



Pastor Predestin or his helpers go to outdoor markets to purchase food each Saturday. Years ago we had the opportunity to go with the pastor and see where he buys and bargains for his food. We send this picture to illustrate to you the amount of food and other supplies it takes for this many children to have two meals a day.



## Charlie's Heart



Pastor has several very loyal workers who have faithfully cared for the little children for years. There are times that they have to stay in the orphanage when it is too dangerous in the streets to leave the compound.

Thank you for taking time to read this information. If you are reading this bi-monthly newsletter, it is because you are involved with A Voice for the Children as a financial contributor or someone who prays for the 200 children cared for at My Father's House. Or, could you be someone who said, "keep me informed".

Over the years we have had many people tell us that we were good at letting everyone know of needs and information of how the money is spent for this non-profit. We are thankful that we do not handle the money that is sent. The accounting company in Cleveland, TN receives all contributions. We are informed monthly of the total given and we send a money transfer monthly from the A Voice for the Children account at Regions Bank to My Father's House bank account in Haiti. The bank charges \$30.50 for this transaction. In three days, Pastor Predestin can draw out the money he needs. Before we send a transfer of funds, we receive a receipt of the expenses that he covered the previous month. This process provides accountabilities for all funds coming in and going out. There are operating expenses and money held in reserve for emergencies or for months of limited funds received.

The pastor reports that the children are doing very well. Like America, Haiti's summer climate is very hot. While school is out, they play games and seek some shade from the trees in the compound or open-air pavilion that is used for church services, daily devotions, meals, or hanging out with friends. Pastor Predestin usually plans a day at the beach. This is the story of children who do not have parents to support them, but rather a group of folks from America who provide for their needs.

Haiti is thought of as "the land of little children". There are many orphanages because many parents have been killed by gangs that have controlled the little country or there is no means of support from a father. How are the children in America? I read an Epoch Times Father's Day article recently giving these stats: "90% of homeless and runaway youths are fatherless, 70% to 85% of prison inmates grew up without a father, 71% of pregnant teenagers come from fatherless homes, 71% of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes, 63% of teenagers who commit suicide have absent fathers. Crime and Delinquency reports that the most reliable indicator of violent crime in a community is the proportion of fatherless families." Fathers are valuable assets everywhere.

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