



Haiti Children's Aid Society
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Newsletter



Hello from Haiti Children's Home

So much has happened at HCH since our last update! Through all of it, the successes and frustrations, the laughter and the tears, God's grace continues to surprise us and remind us of the mighty God whom we serve. Our new school started in October, and we've been blessed with Minnie McCulloch (at HCH for 1 year) who spends her mornings doing much of our formal school program in addition to the various programs Lori West has implemented at HCH. The children's skills are growing rapidly, and their "cringlish" has brought a lot of laughter to the house. Excited shouts of "chicken", "dog", "cow", "grass", "blue", "green", "water", and many other newly acquired words accompany any trips outside of the compound. Our beautifully painted classroom makes learning so enjoyable for the kids, and provides a great location for many other activities. Thanks to all who had a part in its preparation.

We have had 11 adoptions completed since August, and have since had the same number of children join our ranks, keeping us at a constant 34-36 children. It has been very exciting to see many of our older children being connected to an adoptive family, and currently there are 14 children in various levels of their adoption process.

Melinda and Pat continue to be kept very busy with the "every day" things at HCH, in addition to caring for sick children and other issues that come with serving in a 3rd world country. The hospital nearby was recently shut down, and HCH was soon asked to take 2 twin boys who had been abandoned there. Melinda has been thankful that the closure of the hospital has not yet brought a lot of people needing care to HCH, though the lack of any other medical care in Mirebalais means that HCH is serving as the unofficial interim hospital. Please pray for wisdom and strength as this adds a burden to an already heavy load at HCH. God has continued to bless HCH with many people who support us through prayer, finances, personal ministry and encouragement, and it is amazing to know that as we continue to trust Him, He will continue to supply all our needs. (Phil.4:19)

The people who bring skills, energy and laughter: Our Volunteers

We've been blessed with a number of volunteers who contributed much to HCH in many ways. There are not enough words to describe the difference these people make in the lives of the children and staff at HCH as they come and serve with the gifts God has given to them.

American Volunteers

Mary Parrish
Isaac Parrish
Lisa Overholt
Delores Overholt
Allison Overholt

Canadian Volunteers

Deanna Driedger
Leanna Janzen
Diane Dolphin
Tori Dolphin
Stephanie Weir
Steve and Carmen Johnson
Louise Hudson
Julian Hudson
Kristy Bidne



Thank You!

