



# Newsletter

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## Nine Orphans United with Adoptive Families



On Sunday, December 11, we had nine beautiful Haitian children arrive at the Salt Lake Airport and unite with their adoptive families. They were adopted by seven different families from Utah, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

After initial introductions at the airport, the children and their new families went to the Residence Inn City Center (who donated the rooms) to spend crucial time bonding with each other for a couple of days. Ideally when a couple adopts a child, they fly to Haiti and stay at our adoption orphanage for about a week to bond with the child in familiar surroundings. However, due to the unrest in Haiti, we received permission to escort these children to Utah and let them bond with their families while being surrounded by their friends.

We were fortunate to get great media coverage of the event and were featured on all four major TV news programs in the Salt Lake area, as well a great article in the Salt Lake Tribune that made the front page! We hope that this publicity will encourage people to contribute to this cause as well as adopt these wonderful children (so far we have had over 20 adoption inquiries).

Thank you everyone! No one could have asked for a better Christmas present.

### Adoption and Families

With so many beautiful children coming home from Haiti recently, many new families have become interested in international adoption and have asked the question: How does one start the adoption process from Haiti?

The first step is to contact A Child's Hope Foundation. One of our adoption specialists will answer any questions you may have and provide you with an "Adoptive Family Profile" form. This form is also available on our web site. Upon completion and submission, this form will allow us to determine whether you and your family meet Haiti adoption law requirements. This preliminary step saves time, money and emotional investment, and is a very important part of the overall process.

Upon recommendation to proceed with adoption from Haiti, you then select the adoption agency you would like to work with. Currently we have six adoption agency partners located in various parts of the U.S. After you complete your home study with your agency rep, you will be able to be "Soft Matched" with a child and you will view all of the children available for adoption and learn more about them through their individual histories and additional photos.

Ultimately, our goal at A Child's Hope Foundation is to place these precious children with loving families of their own. To learn more about how to adopt from Haiti, visit our web site, email us at [info@achf.org](mailto:info@achf.org), or call 801.434.9200.

### NEXT PROJECTS

Haiti [check our web site for updates](#)

### MEET THE ORPHANS

#### Amelec & Lilie Jean



Amelec and Lilie Jean, are from Thiotto, Haiti and are siblings. The youngest of 9 children, they were placed for adoption by their biological parents because they were unable to feed and care for them properly. Their parents desperately want each of them to have a better life!

They arrived at our adoption orphanage in September of 2004, both children are doing incredibly well. Amelec is described as kind hearted and enjoying his preschool classes. Lilie Jean is a sweet toddler with large black eyes. She especially enjoys visiting volunteers and makes friends easily.

Amelec and Lilie Jean need permanent homes and loving families, as do all our children. For more information, please contact A Child's Hope Foundation.

Please visit our web site at:  
[www.aChildsHopeFoundation.org](http://www.aChildsHopeFoundation.org)

You will find adoption information, photos, videos, trip dates and so much more!

## Message from the President

I just looked out our office window and saw the white, snow-capped mountains. Once again I was reminded that for nearly two weeks now I do not look at snow as I used to because of nine orphaned children we recently saw united with their new families. Miguel, the oldest of the nine, took it upon himself to help educate the children as they flew from hot Haiti to cold Utah. "What are those?" the children asked as they looked out their plane windows at the snow-capped mountain ranges. Miguel answered and the eight were satisfied: "Those are white rivers." We giggled watching the children reach down to grab a handful of the white "sand" the recent snow storm had left outside their hotel rooms. As quickly as they grabbed it, their smiling faces went to shock and they began brushing the cold stuff off.

Thank you parents, donors, adoption agencies, Haiti and USA staff, and volunteers for not only letting these children experience flying and snow, but for loving them enough to change their lives in much more significant ways, eternally significant ways. If it were not for you most of these children would have never lived past their childhood and none of them would have grown up knowing what a mother, father or grandparent was. They now will get to go to school, play on a soccer team, take a vacation, have children of their own and know how to raise them, and understand who God is—even know how to pray to Him and thank Him for the blessings you have given them.

It is my belief that even though they are too young to understand how much you have done for them, someday they will embrace you with tears, words, and arms filled with their deepest emotions and thank you. I also believe that God already yearns to embrace you with gratitude. Jesus has said, "...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

Please do not stop blessing lives. We desperately need more funds, more of your efforts, and more of your prayers so that more lives can be saved. David O. McKay reminded us, "The noblest aim in life is to strive to live to make other lives better and happier." Again, thank you for making lives better and happier. Please continue to do so.



Regards,  
Perry Brätt, President



## SPECIAL THANKS

### Especially for Youth



Throughout the summer, BYU's Especially For Youth program (EFY) created hundreds of play mats and wall hangings for orphaned children around the world. Each playmat was hand colored by thousands of youth participating across the country. The playmats are small towns with roads to drive toy cars over. Wall hangings depict birds, dinosaurs, farm animals, and other designs.

We have received toy cars from the Happy Factory and are now distributing these play mats to orphanages around the world. We expect it to be a favorite item for orphans who often have very few toys to play with. If you would like to help us distribute these toys, let us know. Thank you EFY!

## How to Help

A Child's Hope Foundation



With your help, we can continue to eliminate the barriers that keep so many orphans out of loving homes.



Volunteers are in for a truly life-changing experience as they take an active part in saving lives across the globe



We exist to help adoptive families as they save lives. Each adoption not only saves that orphan, but the generations that come after them.