



Our Children

...Bulgaria, China, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Ukr...



Miguel and
Julise

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Miguel and Julise Joseph were at home when armed men broke in and murdered their mother before their eyes. In a terrifying moment, they became orphans.

When a local priest brought Miguel and Julise to A Child's Hope Foundation's Haitian adoption orphanage, both were still reeling from the trauma they had experienced. While Miguel would occasionally speak in response to a question, no one could get him to smile. After a week had passed, Miguel was sitting outside during play time and one of our volunteer caregivers invited him to play on the swings. He accepted and she began to push him back and forth on the swing. As he rose higher and higher in the air, his face broadened into a wide grin and he began giggling, then laughing, and then shouting, repeating over and over again in Creole, "Thank you Jesus, I'm finally flying."

Julise took a little longer to smile again, and when she did it was one of the most beautiful sights in the world.

Miguel and Julise have been given a second chance. Not only have they been loved and cared for at our Adoption Center, they are now living with their family in Pennsylvania who adopted them both.



Jyms and
Silverta

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When Silverta and Jyms' father (a local fisherman in Anse Rouge, Haiti) passed away, their mother found herself with six children and no money. Because her handicrafts could not support all six of her children, she made a decision that no mother should ever face. Not knowing what else to do, she turned over her two youngest children to the government, which then brought Louis Jyms and Silverta to our adoption orphanage to give them a chance for a better life.

Silverta and Jyms Joseph have been adopted together by a wonderful Idaho family, giving them two new parents and two new siblings. Silverta and Jyms were wonderful friends to everyone at our adoption orphanage and they are remembered fondly by the caregivers, friends, and volunteers who got to know and love them.



John
Novembre

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The circumstances of John's infancy are still a mystery to us. Whether his parents died, or whether they abandoned him to his fate, we may never know. What we do know, however, is that when we found him in a small remote village, he was wandering the village alone, naked and starving. He would take tiny fistfuls of dirt and stuff them into his mouth to try to quell his hunger. None of the villagers knew where John Novembre had come from, he just showed up one day. The village itself was so poor that hardly anyone had clothes and they had even less food. Rather than letting John starve, some villagers asked for someone to help this two-year-old boy, and A Child's Hope Foundation responded.

John is no longer starving, he is no longer naked, and best of all, he is no longer alone. After a short stay in our Haiti adoption orphanage, he was adopted by a wonderful family from California who took him into their home and love him as one of their own. John has been given the precious blessing of a second chance at life.



Lisa
Balan

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On a visit to the general hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, our director noticed a bundle of blankets on the floor in a back hallway. Curious, she parted open the blankets and found the newborn baby Lisa, starving and dying. Lisa was covered with birth fluids and was still attached to the placenta. Her mother had died in childbirth and since there was no one to take in Lisa, she lay in that corner for two days as the hospital staff waited for her to die.

A Child's Hope Foundation saved Lisa Balan, getting her professional medical attention until she was healthy enough to come to our adoption orphanage in TiMache, Haiti, where she was watched over by our staff and nurse. She is now a healthy, cheerful baby with a bright future ahead of her.

Once starving and left for dead, Lisa is now healthy, joyful, and loved by her adoptive family in Wisconsin.



A Child's Hope Foundation exists to help these children and others. In 2003, UNICEF reported that there were an estimated 143 million orphans worldwide, a number that has increased dramatically over the last few years. While most consider this a daunting problem, we also see solutions. We don't just see numbers and statistics; we see the faces of the children we care for and the families that are anxious to raise them. We know the stories and the difficulties both groups face, and we also see the brightness of the futures we can help give by bringing them together.

While we can't yet make a difference for all orphans, we can make a difference for many of them. So far we have made an impact in the lives of orphans in China, Mexico, Bulgaria, Haiti, Peru, and the Ukraine, as well as families throughout the U.S. and Canada. It is what we do. We unite orphans with families who will love them, care for them, and provide the opportunities for life that all children deserve.

We save lives. We build families.

our children live
all over the globe

They are infants and toddlers, spunky little boys and shy, bright-eyed girls. They are all shades and hues from earthen browns to soft pinks. They live in the shadows of distant mountains and in the damp heat of the tropics. They coo and kick and laugh and cry. And they all, every single one, want to be loved by someone.



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