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Dear Family member:

Last month we shared with you a story of an orphan who not only changed American history but also had a great effect on the world with his discoveries. And all this was because **one** woman did something for **someone** in need.

This month I would like to share the stories of two orphaned girls that today have had a remarkable change of life. They have new futures yet to be written because of everyday individuals who wanted to make a difference. And this success story can be one that you share in along with **Serving Our World**. We can extend our hands and resources to the children and families who now only hope for a better future.



Here are the stories as related to us by their adoptive parents. Two Haitian girls, one was born in 1992 and the other 1994. The first was born in City Solei (City of the Sun). This is the slum area of the capital city, Port au Prince. 200,000 people live in a square mile with open sewage running everywhere. She had no clothes, nothing to eat and was dying of malnutrition. Her hair was orange in color from lack of proper nutrition and she weighed only 14 lbs. at sixteen months old. With Psalms 40:1-3 in their hearts her parents began.

Why does a helpless child need to suffer in this day and age? She could not walk or even crawl. With her extended stomach and constant diarrhea it was just a struggle to survive. How would her future have turned out?

The second little girl lost her mother as a baby and her father deserted them before she was born. She had a Christian grandmother, but at the age of 79 was not able to care for her so she brought her to a girl's home. The scripture they had for this little one was in Psalm 139:13-16.

So in one of the poorest nations in the hemisphere, were two little girls who would be just another statistic. So why would a couple get involved in such a different



culture, in a country a world apart from the day to day routine that we all enjoy?

Jacob and Jean signed up with their church to go on a mission trip. When they arrived in Haiti it was an overwhelming experience that week with the practices of voodoo and witch doctors, children everywhere sitting naked in the streets alone and crying. Some sitting on garbage dumps outside makeshift shelters and in some cases six or seven year old siblings taking care of the younger ones. It brought the question “What can we do”?

Having a Christian background and believing that they were to not just hear, but do something physical and get personally involved they began to make plans to do something that would make a lasting change. They made a commitment that now has transformed the lives of two girls we would like you to meet. Here is Joy, 12 years old and Jubilee, 10 years old.

Joy is playing violin in the orchestra at her church and will soon be trying out for a youth symphony in Florida. She is planning to earn a degree in music.



Jubilee enjoys her friends, her pets, reading books, cooking and eating! She plans to be an art teacher or a veterinarian!

What a difference **one** can make in the lives of others. **Serving Our World** works in these types of areas and villages that have great challenges. And with your response, with whatever amount, the process of transformation can begin because **you** are involved in touching lives.

Together touching lives,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Thomforde".

Michael Thomforde
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