

Orphans First

Changing Children's Lives Through Christ—One by One



447 South Nova Rd. Ormond Beach, FL 32174, U.S.A. | www.orphansfirst.org | email: janey@orphansfirst.org

Orphans First Update August 2009

Dear Orphans First Partners,



During our recent trip to Ghana, Togo & Benin, the beautiful African children both stole and broke my heart—again. We visited many children who benefit from Orphans First support—particularly those in Benin where I taught the children in our Children's Club, and some parents. (Those kids “got rhythm.” They know how to express their love for Jesus through music and dance better



than anyone.) We also explored possibilities for a new children's center in West Africa. The land we visited in Benin was too small and too pricey. But our search continues, and we may return to Africa in January.

Louis and I visited some of our Orphans First children in their “homes”—dilapidated wooden slum shacks with mud floors, no plumbing or electricity, surrounded by rivulets of stagnant, typhoid-polluted waters left over from a recent flood. The only way to get through the huge puddles to the slums was by motorbike. *I could die here, I thought Thank God my life is in His hands!* Then I chuckled thinking, *I knew my biking days would come in handy some day.* ☺



The children in this photo live with their parents in this dilapidated slum. The little girl was unable to smile—perhaps because she has to care for her siblings and has no life of her own. Although we provide food, and other help for this family, they really need a new home. We considered rebuilding the slum but the problem is they don't own it and if the owner fires the father from his job as a land-worker, they could be forced to leave. Pray God shows how we can better help this family—and especially the children.



In Ghana, we visited a Christian school where I spotted a scrawny child in rags alone and isolated outside. I inquired why he wasn't in the school with the other children. Response? “He's deaf. He neither hears nor speak.” I'm deeply burdened for this boy. Please pray for him and that we can find a way to help him.

For more details and photos from our trip, visit my blog: <http://janey-demeo.blogspot.com>. Thank you for partnering with Orphans First, and helping change little lives all around the globe. It is so worth it.

Janey DeMeo M.A.

President & founder - orphansfirst.org

Subscribe to weekly prayer chain online: <http://freegroups.net/groups/orphansfirst/>

Please cut this slip off and send it in with your next donation. THANK YOU.

Here is my tax-deductible *monthly support donation* in the amount of _____

Here is a tax-deductible *one-time gift* of _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address (street): _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Country _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____