

Life Link Children's Homes

Rescuing Lives Today – Making a Difference in Tomorrow

A Dog's Life



This is my dog Bentley. We call him Ben. I really love this dog. I don't know why. He can't rollover or fetch. Sometimes he wets on my rugs, chews my pillows, and tires to bite my guests! Yet each day I faithfully fill his feed and water bowls. Take him to the vet if he gets sick. Have him groomed and constantly make sure he gets lots of cuddles and love. Wait a minute! *What does all of this have to do with orphans in Africa?* Glad you asked!

The other day after giving Ben yet another treat, my husband said, "You know, Ben lives better than most of the children in Africa!" Wow! That's right! *Not only the children in Africa but also children living in poverty everywhere!*

Starving children who do not get "treats." A treat for them is to find a piece of bread that doesn't have mold on it yet. Or an apple with a section that isn't too rotten to eat.

Shivering children who do not have a rug to lie on or a pillow for their head. They fight for a piece of newspaper to pull over them as a cover, then, they still have to find a safe place to lie down and go to sleep.

"Guests" for these children mean only heartache and danger. Is this man an abuser trying to find children he can sell as sex slaves? Or a rebel leader who has come to force the little boys to become "soldiers" in his army- shooting submachine guns and throwing hand grenades? Is the market guard coming to beat them, refusing to let them sleep under the tables after the market closes?

There is no doctor when they are sick. No grooming. Where would they bathe? With what supplies? They have only the clothing on their backs, however tattered and torn it might be.



Chris Fidel



Zita



John Mark



Ruth

Then I think about kids like Ruth and Chris Fidel. Rescued from just such situations. Zita and John Mark also. You have read their stories over the years. I could go on and on. **They were all rescued from lives of bleakness and desperation. Saved because of gifts from friends like you!**

At our homes, they are loved. They receive more than just a meal or medical help. More than the education or vocational training, we give to ensure a future. ***They receive a sense of safety. A sense of purpose and fulfillment.*** They realize that finally, *someone cares.*

A Life Link home is a place where the term “Treat” really means something pleasurable and grooming is a daily affair. (Yes, even the little boys whose only desire in life is to go back outside and get dirty!) Where “teeth brushing” is, a new found art and “guests” are people who come by to visit, to share hugs and laughter!

Who provides this? Friends like you. Caring, giving people who understand that “those who give are equal to those who serve.” **You may not be able to go to Africa and physically rescue a child, but your gifts enable the Life Link directors to do just that!**

As we go forward into 2011, let’s “Keep up the good work!”

Together for the children,
Connie

Good news! In 2010, **Life Link sent** the African orphanages and children's homes **\$40,725.50** for housing, feeding, educating, and providing medical needs and vocational training. **Thanks to all of you who made this possible.** We believe 2011 can be even greater!

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Thank you for making this a wonderful Christmas for so many children! God Bless You!



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