

## Life Link Children's Homes

*Rescuing Lives Today – Making a Difference in Tomorrow*

### Syntiche – An Update



First a reminder of her birth story –

A common scenario repeated everyday in West African villages is the birth of a child in harsh conditions.

**Syntiche's birth was much the same – with one horrifying twist!**

Syntiche and her sister entered this world together, as twins – the ultimate curse.

Two tiny baby girls. Too tiny to even cry. No one wants to touch them.

Attention is momentarily turned back to the mother. Her previous “female circumcision” has caused extensive damage during the delivery. She's bleeding profusely, and no one knows what to do.

The father, however, is more concerned about the disaster the twin girls represent to the village.

**“Get rid of the curse!” he yells.**

Neighbors, who have heard the terrible news, all murmur in agreement.

"Yes, get rid of them. Our entire village will be cursed if the twins are allowed to remain!" they shout.

A young girl from a neighboring village steps forward and grabs the twins.  
“I will do it. I am not afraid.”

**Running from the hut, she races down the dirt path. She leaves the village with the babies, never to be seen again.**



Syntiche's first birthday!

The girl is a friend of Canaan Center, a Life Link orphanage in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. However, Abidjan is impossibly far away – a four hour trip by car, six by bus. Moreover, the babies need immediate care.

*Thanks to Jeanne Zonde, director of Canaan Center who has a heart for the bush villages of Ivory Coast, a small children's home had been opened nearby in Saïoua, Canaan Center 2. The girl heads there with the twins.*

When the babies arrive, they are immediately welcomed and cared for. The next day Jeanne arrives from Abidjan to see what needs to be done to help the little ones.

It's decided that Syntiche, the most fragile of the twins, needs immediate medical care. She is taken to Canaan Center in Abidjan where medical care is more readily available. There she's given the medicine and special formula necessary to sustain her life.

And it worked! Now the sisters are robust one year olds who love to eat and play! They are too precious for words!

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Syntiche &  
Evodie  
"The Twins"

Thanks to you and your gifts to Life Link – Syntiche and her twin sister, Evodie, are alive, and have the prospect of a full life.

Because of your gifts, they will be educated.

Because of your generosity, they will have medical care.

Because of your support, they will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus, and learn that God loves them.

## Breaking News!

Canaan Center 4 will open in Kotobi, in the eastern part of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)! The recent war in the Ivory Coast has left many war orphans. We want to take advantage of the opportunities open to us. Please pray for wisdom and the finances to furnish this home.

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