

Life Link Children's Homes

Rescuing Lives Today – Making a Difference in Tomorrow

The Kindness of Strangers

I received this email from Canaan Center Orphanage in Ivory Coast: (It is quoted exactly as received.)

The kids and I, we have run away from Abobo. We could not stay in our house. It becomes a field gun shot between the rebels and the Ivorian army. Some bullets have torn the roof of our house and almost touch a kid. We are now in plateau in my father's house as a refuge. The kids are safe thank you for your prayers

I LOVE YOU Jeanne



Jeanne Zonde ~ Director of
Canaan Center

As you can imagine, I was terrified that the child was almost hit by a bullet, (later I learned it was a hair's breathe away!) Moreover, dismayed that the orphanage had to be abandoned. The area where the home is has been dubbed "Baghdad" because of the heavy fighting there. During a lull in the fire fight, Jeanne gathered the children and joined the flood of humanity all rushing to leave town. On foot with twenty children to get to safety, Jeanne had to constantly call each one's name to ensure no one was lost in the jostling panicked crowd. Miraculously no one was lost or even injured! They eventually reached Jeanne's fathers house where he graciously took them in.

Having left everything behind, their food, clothing, toys etc... What were they to do? My hands were tied by the closure of all banks, ATMS, western union, and money gram offices. I literally had no way to get money to them!

The story of their escape started to be told. One young entrepreneur, Abdel Kader Dia, witnessing the magnitude of the human disaster unfolding in Abobo, decided to create a group on Facebook. He wanted to involve his friends and reach as many people as possible with the message "We must do something!"

As the message spread from Facebook page to Facebook page, the donations started pouring in. Their first beneficiary? The kids from Canaan Center orphanage!

Food, clothing, and other supplies were donated by kind generous Ivoirians who are struggling in a situation where fuel and supplies are tight for everyone. Yet they still found something to give. They joined together and made a difference to frightened displaced children.

Life Link Children – Your Children!

As a Life Link supporter, *these are your children also!* You help feed and clothe not only the Canaan Center kids but also children in six other homes in the Ivory Coast, Guinea-Bissau, The Philippines, and soon Mexico. (We are currently working to get that home built!)

We are not alone in this great work. God is working with us! He sent His Ivorian Angels to supply where we were hindered! As we continue to do our part, He will continue to do His.

Together for the Children,

Connie



Some of the supplies donated by fellow Ivoirians



Four children from Canaan Center who are happy to see that they are not forgotten!

Life Link is a non-profit international human service corporation committed to improving the quality of life for children everywhere. All donations are tax deductible.

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