

W I N T E R 2 0 1 5

# AWAKENHAITI

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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As we move into 2015, AWAKENHAITI wishes to thank you for your ongoing support!

While we have continued to minister to the Good Samaritan children as our priority, as a ministry, we were in a period of rest in 2014. This time has allowed Jeff and Deb Denlinger and their children to make the transition back to the U.S

We thank you for your patience and for continuing to be part of the ministry! The Denlingers wish to thank you for the many prayers and well wishes as they built their home and are now getting settled there.

2014 was also a season of rest to prepare for 2015. Over the next few months, the leadership team will be praying, listening, and vision planning. We anticipate the future God has for AWAKENHAITI and the Good Samaritan children. We ask for your prayers and hope you will continue to journey with us as we minister to those God puts in our path.



Above: Manmi Cazeau with Daphney who is in her first year of pre-med school through the transition program.

## Transition

A vital aspect of AWAKENHAITI now is the transition program. Meeting basic physical needs and education are important while the children are young, but making a successful transition into adulthood is also life changing.

Congratulations to the following young adults who are working extremely hard to take advantage of the opportunity they have been given because of the transition program.

### Transition Program...

#### First Year

*Daphney* – 1<sup>st</sup> year of college, pre-med.

*Stephanie M.* – 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year cooking school

#### Third Year

*Phaline* – 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 4-year nursing program.

*Ralph* – 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3 in diesel mechanic school

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*Stephanie D.* – 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 4 in nursing school. Stephanie hopes to go on for an extra year to become a mid-wife.



Above: The kids love opening sponsor letter and sharing them with one another!

## Happy 25<sup>th</sup>!

Papi Max and Maman Cazeau celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Christmas day! We celebrate with them and wish them many more wonderful years together!

## Christmas in Haiti

The kids at the Good Samaritan Homes love getting gifts at Christmas just like any child does. There is something different for them though, something refreshing: Christmas isn't all about the gifts.

For many, Christmas can't be about the gifts, leaving people with the foundation of the holiday, Jesus' birth. Oh our kids love to celebrate with a party, special food, singing and dancing, however, the season isn't taken over by commercialism, busyness, or pressure to buy all the right gifts. The children whose own society looks at them as worthless, have found worth in the God of all creation, the heart of Christmas...

## Thank you!

Thank you to our child sponsors for writing letters to your sponsored child for Christmas! They love receiving letters from you! They love seeing pictures of how your families are growing and sharing them with each other!

Thank you also for those who contributed financially to the group Christmas gift, each child now has a new outfit they opened at the Good Samaritan Christmas party!

## Happy Birthday!

**January** Judith – 17 Frankline – 17 Gina – 17  
Loubens – 7 Loubenson – 7 Jordanie – 11  
John Kerry - 15

**February** Stephanie M. – 17 Stanley (LeLe) – 6

**March** Martine – 22 Roodley – 19 Ysrael -10



Above: The Good Samaritan girls' choir. This group of girls have been baptized which allows them to be part of the church choir.