

# Updates on Ryan Epps Home for Children – Part 2

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Dear Friends of Ryan Epps Home for Children,

Thank you for your prayers for our team while we were in Haiti serving our Lord at Ryan Epps Home for Children. The Lord certainly blessed us and answered your prayers and ours.

As is the case on most mission trips, we were blessed far more than we were able to bless. The team helped carry buckets of sand and cement for the community center construction, shared Christ through 4 days of Vacation Bible School and 3 days of soccer camp, distributed bags of rice and beans and jugs of cooking oil, installed and shellacked the ceiling in the home, visited with and shared gifts with sponsored children at the home and school, and had a great time fellowshiping with the Haitian people. We received an unexpected visit by a team from Samaritan's Shoes, which distributed Crocks and washed the feet of the REHC children. We also had the pleasure of meeting the 29th child at the home. (Her story is in detail at the end of this email.)

After the main team left, Patrick Tormey, Carmen Tormey, Dennis Pelletier and Brian Akamine arrived and installed solar power for the home and school. Patrick and Carmen brought shoes for the REHC children.

The following links provide more detailed information on the solar power system.

[www.evernote.com/shard/s67/sh/5c7adcd3-56c3-4de0-9b66-dbd0e9de4d72/39c1bf26b45bcda611b9ae4803324e49?](http://www.evernote.com/shard/s67/sh/5c7adcd3-56c3-4de0-9b66-dbd0e9de4d72/39c1bf26b45bcda611b9ae4803324e49?)

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A team of 13 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University arrived on August 14th to install a solar-powered water purification system which they designed and donated. The system provides fresh, purified water for the home and school and will enable the home to start a micro-business of selling purified water to the community. The following links provide details of the water purification system.

Thank you to Embry-Riddle for choosing Ryan Epps Home for this project.

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Our God is faithful!

Love,  
Al and Valerie

Below is a summary of the arrival of our 29th child.

The highlight of the trip was the arrival of our 29th child at Ryan Epps Home for Children. She is 10-

year old Anderlyne Jean. Our daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Jody, sponsored Anderlyne for 6 or 7 years through a school sponsorship program with another organization. Anderlyne was always weak and was thought to have a heart condition. She is the youngest child in her family, and because of her weakened condition, she was neglected. Her daddy left home when she was a baby. Due to what seemed to be her inability to learn, Anderlyne recently dropped out of school.

After consultation with Anderlyne's mother, Yvon and Eunide (REHC Director and Assistant Director), agreed Anderlyne should become part of the REHC family. The first night at the home, Anderlyne did not sleep well and was very listless the next day. Eunide noticed that she had a fever and decided to take her to the doctor. Eunide invited Michele, who is a nurse, to go with them to the doctor, a pediatrician. After examination, the doctor suggested Anderlyne might have yellow fever. He prescribed medicine for her and gave her an IV of B vitamins.

Anderlyne began to feel better that afternoon. The next day, Michele gave her another IV of the B vitamins. By the time we left Haiti, Anderlyne was smiling, eating, interacting with the other children and was participating in the songs they were singing for our team. As Anderlyne began to feel better, we could tell that she was, in fact, able to learn quickly and was very inquisitive. Eunide will take Anderlyne to the doctor for a follow-up appointment.

What a blessing for this child to have the opportunity to grow physically and spiritually in a loving environment! Even though life continues to be difficult in Haiti, Anderlyne will now have the opportunity for a brighter future. As Anderlyne stated, "J'ai beaucoup de meres; beaucoup de famille!"

(I have lots of mothers; lots of family!)

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Figure 1 Tracy with fresh water