

CCAI HAITI ADOPTION UPDATE

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Dear CCAI Haiti Families:

Happy Holidays! We hope that all of you have a truly wonderful holiday season!

Welcome Our New Team Member

We are happy to announce that Patrick Bentrott has joined our staff as our new Haiti Program Coordinator! Patrick comes to us with experience living and working in Haiti as a missionary and he and his wife have also adopted two children from CCAI's Haiti Program. He will be working closely with Judy Winger to help advance our Haiti Program. Patrick's email is info@haitiadoption.org

Latest on Haiti Presidential Election

As many of you have probably read, things are volatile in Haiti at this time. On November 28, 2010 Haiti held senatorial and presidential elections. Before the polls even closed the elections were being contested with 12 of the 19 presidential candidates coming together claiming that various forms of fraud had taken place and demanding that the election results be thrown out. On December 7 the results of the election were released, indicating that the two candidates with the most votes would move forward to the second and final round of elections to be held January 16, 2011. As expected, these results are also being contested by the losing candidates and their supporters. In addition, one of the two candidates moving forward is extremely unpopular amongst the Haitian people and large protests are underway to challenge his inclusion in the final round of the elections. We ask that you keep Haiti in your thoughts and prayers as they attempt to move forward in the process of putting a new administration into power.

Regardless of what happens on the Haiti political scene please know that CCAI will continue to work closely with the orphanages and continue with adoptions as the children still need families. We have been and will continue to submit dossiers to Haiti for those families who have accepted children. We will also keep all families updated as relevant information becomes available.

Orphanage Update

CCAI is happy to report that we have been in regular contact with each of the three orphanages with which we are cooperating to place adoptable children. They have reported that all of the children and staff are doing well. So far, each orphanage has been able to avoid the outbreak of Cholera, and hurricane Tomas brought only heavy rain when it passed by the country. We are committed to supporting the children and staff of the orphanage and we want to help in any way that we can through our adoption program and our charity outreach programs. Should you want to make a contribution to the CCAI Haiti Children Fund, please contact our office at 303-850-9998 or email donation@chinesechildren.org.

Adoption Update

So far 13 families have been matched with 20 children. There are 8 families are in pre-match process.

Help Haiti Act Passed!

Finally, it is with great joy that we announce that the Help Haiti Act of 2010 has been passed by the House of Representatives and on December 9th, was officially signed into law by President Obama! This piece of legislation will give permanent resident status to the more than 1000 Haitian orphans that were brought to the U.S. after the January 12 earthquake. This is an important step in helping these children become legal citizens of the United States. As more information about the naturalization process is released, CCAI will share such information with our families and be happy to support them through these final steps.

