

CCAI Haiti Adoption Update June, 2011

“Woch nan dlo pa konn mize woch nan soley.”

The rock in the water doesn't know the misery of the rock in the sun.
(Haitian Proverb)



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Dear CCAI Haiti Families:

Happy summer! It is a really exciting time in our program as we continue to see many new families commit to adopting, while others move closer to finalizing their adoptions!

Good News from Haiti!

In the past few months we have had a handful of families have their dossiers move through IBESR in Haiti in record time! While this is just one step of the in-country process, it is an important one and tends to take more times than the other in-country steps. At this time we are cautiously optimistic and keeping our fingers crossed that this news speaks to a more efficient in-country process. We are hoping that one or more of our families will have their adoptions completed by the end of the year!



Update from the Orphanages

While there were widespread mudslides and heavy flooding across Haiti in the past few weeks that have caused dozens of deaths and widespread destruction, both of the directors of our two partner orphanages have reported that the heavy rains have not created any significant problems for the orphanages or the children. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of the children.

Martelly Takes Office

Newly elected President Michel “Sweet Micky” Martelly took office in a ceremony on May 14, 2011. He delivered his inaugural address in front of the collapsed presidential palace in Port-au-Prince. Martelly vowed to create a public education system that would provide free education for Haiti’s youth, as well as invest in national agriculture projects and

have a transparent government that works on behalf of the interests of the Haitian people. There is also optimism that President Martelly will appoint a new director to IBESR who will work to create a more pro-adoption system in Haiti.

Haiti Program Statistics

Currently we have 38 families in process! There are 28 families that are matched with 37 children. We also have 10 families that are in the pre-match phase.

Bonding Trip Planned for July

We are making final preparations for several families to go to Haiti in July. Families will be filing paperwork with the U.S. Consulate and spending as much time as possible with their children. I will have the opportunity to visit the children in our partner orphanages and to meet with the orphanage directors as well.

Did You Know?

Did you know that when President Martelly took office on May 14, 2011 it was the **first** time in Haiti's history that power has been democratically transferred from one political party to another?

Did you know that the word 'Haiti' derives from the indigenous Taino word 'Ayiti,' which means 'mountainous land'? For more information about the Creole language please visit www.lightmessages.com and <http://www2.ku.edu/~haitiancreole/>.

'Espwa' means 'hope' in Creole. This is a picture of a painting on a wall at one of our partner orphanages in Port-au-Prince. Despite the incredible challenges of daily living in Haiti hope is always present.



Take care, everyone!

Sincerely,

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