

IMPACT REPORT

Stories of your gifts in action – You empowered families in Haiti to build sustainable livelihoods!



Claudia Is Safe, Thanks To You!

Your acts of kindness helped empower Claudia's mom to rescue her daughter from a life of child slavery

Claudia's mom, Carline, grew up in extreme poverty. As a child, Carline was sent to live with another family, where she was enslaved and abused. As an adult, Carline struggled to provide for her children. Her family was hungry and homeless and two of Carline's children died.

So, when a friend of Carline's asked to take seven-year-old Claudia to live with her in Port-au-Prince, Carline thought it was a good thing. "I trusted her to care for Claudia and send her to school," Carline said.

Around that same time, your gift allowed Beyond Borders to begin working in Carline's community, offering training in parenting and child rights. This opened Carline's eyes to the danger her daughter was in.

"That's when I learned that children who live apart from their parents with other families are often abused and even enslaved," Carline said.

With help from Beyond Borders, Carline set out to find Claudia and discover how she was really being treated.

“You helped free her from abuse and possibly saved her life! Thank you!”

What Carline found, broke her heart... The friend she sent Claudia with had not been sending her to school, she was abusing her.

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Thank you for making this

A Note from David

Words fail me as I try to express how grateful I am for you!

In a season filled with challenging moments, your unflinching support and gifts have left me in awe, and with a full heart.

I hope you take some time to read this newsletter. It is filled with amazing stories of the progress happening in Haiti – progress that you made happen!

You'll read how Claudia was rescued from a life of child slavery and how her mom is being equipped to fight generational poverty. You'll see how Jisika is using her experience as a child slave to make sure that no other child suffers what she did.

Each member of our Adult Survivors of Child Slavery network has a unique story to tell, but what they all have in common is that your gifts were instrumental in making their work possible – work that is creating lasting change for children.

Thank you again for your generosity, your solidarity, and your commitment to fighting poverty, ending abuse, and developing leaders in Haiti.

With Deep Gratitude,



David Diggs
Co-Founder & Executive Director



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ENDING ABUSE

Safe & Capable

Your gift is helping to prevent violence against women and girls with disabilities

Women and girls living with disabilities experience a significantly higher prevalence of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence. But thanks to your generosity, the Safe and Capable project is working to protect women and girls living with disabilities from violence, change how people in Haiti see them, and increase their social inclusion.

Now, people in the communities where Beyond Borders is working talk about how women and girls living with disabilities have the same power and rights as all persons, and how other people – particularly men – do not have the right to abuse them or treat them with disrespect.

"I am happy and proud because I have this opportunity to contribute to a huge change in my community. I believe that one day soon we will have a community free of violence against women and girls living with disabilities."

– Adonis, Beyond Borders Local Activist



DEVELOPING LEADERS

With Your Help, Child Slavery Survivors Are Flourishing!

Beyond Borders' Adult Survivors of Child Slavery Network empowers survivors to take a stand against child slavery

Nobody knows more about child slavery than those who have lived through it. Their experiences and wisdom are the foundation of Beyond Borders' Adult Survivor Network.

One such survivor, Jisika, was just 10-years-old when she was sent by her mother to live with a cousin. Jisika was immediately put to work and faced abuse no one – child or adult – should ever experience.

Today Jisika is a leader in the Adult Survivor Network, challenging anyone who exploits, abuses, or enslaves children in her neighborhood. With courage, determination and your support, Jisika has become a pioneer in the fight to bring criminal complaints against perpetrators of child slavery.

Jisika credits Beyond Borders with changing her life dramatically. *"The Survivor Network helped me cope with the trauma of my childhood and empowered me to stand up to abusers. Now everyone knows that from the moment someone suspects a child is being abused they come to my house because they know I won't stand for it."*



You empowered Jisika to become a voice for children in Haiti!

life-saving work possible!

ENDING ABUSE

Claudia's Story *(Continued from page 1)*

Carline recounts, "They forced Claudia to do more work than any child her age could ever do, and when she couldn't finish it all, they beat her. They didn't let her sleep inside the house. She had to sleep outside in a storage shed on the ground where mosquitos never let her rest."

Carline realized that if Beyond Borders had not intervened, she might never have seen her daughter alive again.

Carline and her family were also selected for Beyond Borders' Family Graduation Program, which she calls her second great blessing.

"Through this program I received training and support that allowed me to begin earning a living. Beyond Borders helped me build my own home, plant a garden, and develop my own business. Now I can care for Claudia and my other children, send them to school, keep them fed, and give them the future I was denied." – Carline



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FIGHTING POVERTY

No Longer Homeless - Thanks To You!

Genese is a mother of two who lives in the town of Nan Mango and is a recent graduate of Beyond Borders' Family Graduation Program.

Genese told us that before enrolling in the program she and her family were homeless, miserable, and had no hope for the future.

After leaving her mother's house at an early age Genese met a man and together they had two children. Soon after, Genese's husband left her with two small children and no way to provide for them.

"We lived in misery. We had nowhere to stay. We slept in other people's homes but eventually they put us out and we slept in the streets."

Then Genese heard about Beyond Borders' Graduation Program. "This program changed my life," Genese said. Within months -- thanks to your generosity -- we were able to help her build a two-bedroom home, teach her essential gardening, finance, and budgeting skills, and provide her with livestock to raise and sell.

Thanks to your generous support, Beyond Borders trained



"Thanks to the training I received, I know how to manage my small business, so that I can always care for my children."

Genese in the skills she needed to be able to start a small business.

Genese and her children have a future filled with dignity, opportunity, and hope -- thanks to you!

"I thank you very, very much, because you have done so much for me. I was an abandoned person. I had no one to help me and this program came along and removed me from this situation. Thank you!"

Sponsor a family like Genese's today! READ MORE...

FIGHTING POVERTY

Your Help Is Needed To Sponsor Families!

We don't fight poverty and end abuse alone. We are not the only ones responsible for developing leaders... **YOU ARE ESSENTIAL!**



There are 110 families like Genese's who are waiting for you to step up and pledge to sponsor them. Will you sponsor a family in need today?

Genese's family is one of more than 300 rural families who've recently benefited from Beyond Borders' Family Graduation Program. However, Genese wasn't alone in achieving this transformation.

Anthony and Renée Matson-Caringi -- longtime Beyond Borders' supporters -- sponsored Genese's family and helped make their transformation possible.



Will you follow in their footsteps and pledge to sponsor one or more families in our next cohort of 110 families?

The cost to sponsor a family is \$100/month for 18 months or \$1,800 for the entirety of the program. You can help Beyond Borders expand this work and reach more families like Genese's.

To sponsor a family, please contact Brian Stevens at b.stevens@beyondborders.net or (305) 450-2561.

Your generous sponsorship will empower a Haitian family to escape extreme poverty for good. Thank you!

"The opportunity to partner with a family reminds us of our responsibility to one another. We are honored to participate in this effective program."

BEYOND BORDERS



BEYOND BORDERS helps people build movements to liberate themselves from oppression and isolation. In Haiti, we are bringing people together for just and lasting change. We support movements in Haiti to:

- Fight Poverty
- End Abuse
- Develop Leaders

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We've earned the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities.



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I WANT TO CONTINUE EMPOWERING FAMILIES IN HAITI!

☒ **Yes David!** I want to continue empowering people in Haiti to fight poverty, end abuse, and develop leaders through education and grassroots, community-based movements!

Here is my gift of:

- ☐ \$_____ to fight poverty, end abuse, and develop leaders as much as possible!
- ☐ I'm interested in sponsoring a family!



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