



Family First HAITI STRONGER

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Dear Friend,

As a supporter and friend of Overture International, you know that the family is at the core of our mission to equip Haitians to move from dependence to self-reliance. We have seen through our work reuniting more than 250 children from the ESPWA orphanage with their families nearly four years ago, that when families are together and strengthened, the entire community is lifted up and lives are transformed. We're seeing every day that **self-reliance and independence begins with the Family First!**

For this reason, and many others, we're continuing the critical and urgent work of reuniting even more children from other orphanages with their families. **We have recently started the reunification process for 63 kids who are and have been living in orphanages for the majority of their young lives. These orphanages requested the support of Overture for reunification efforts because they now believe children SHOULD be with their Family First!** That's our desire for every child, and thanks to the faithful support of our generous donors, we have developed a proven approach that successfully reunites families and equips them for long-term success. This approach, known as our Social Support Model, puts family at the forefront of all we do and offers real hope for families and their communities — building Haiti Stronger. That's why, during this season of giving, we're inviting you to **join us in putting Family First by helping us to reunify or prevent the separation of 100 families by year-end.**

Through Christ, All Things are Possible

For those who believe Haiti is hopeless, the families and communities Overture serves are proving that theory wrong every day. **They are redeemable and so is Haiti!** Just as God redeemed Saul by transforming him into the devoted apostle Paul (Acts 9:1-9), and moved Zacchaeus the tax collector to turn from his greedy life and become a disciple of Christ (Luke 19: 1-10), God is using your support to redeem families and communities in southern Haiti.

When we put **Family First** by equipping them with the education, resources and tools they need to provide for themselves, they are experiencing the hope and promise of the freedom that God desires for us all. Because even in the darkest circumstances, God is in charge and working all things together for His good, including the lives of the families and communities you support and we serve in southern Haiti.

Family First Succeeds — Bethsaida Blossoms

Bethsaida is a 12-year-old girl living with her family of seven in a community near Les Cayes. When Bethsaida was a small child, her mother relinquished her to the ESPWA orphanage because she could not provide for Bethsaida's educational or daily needs. After many years of separation, Bethsaida was reunited with her family when Overture undertook the reunification process of 252 ESPWA orphanage children in 2019. After her reunification, and with the support of Overture donors, Bethsaida started school and her mother began participating in child protection training and vocational skills training. The family also worked alongside their community to build a brand new house that they now share with another family. And they are currently partnering with Overture to improve their financial situation. **This family is well on its way to self-reliance and, most importantly, they are together and moving toward a more independent life.** Bethsaida's mother shares,



"The fact that we are together makes us stronger. I'm able to support Bethsaida and my other children in their education, and I have hope that I will be able to fully provide for them very soon. Without Overture, none of this would be possible."

The Power of Your Family First Investment

As you can imagine, this work is not for the faint of heart. It requires persistent and consistent efforts focused on putting *Family First*. When you commit to supporting Overture today through a monthly (or single) donation to our *Family First Fund*, **you are investing in strengthening families like Bethsaida's by putting Family First so they can experience long-term success. And in so doing, you are making Haiti Stronger.** While we realize there is an overwhelming amount of work to do for the country and people of Haiti, let us be clear in stating that Overture will NEVER give up on Haiti, and we know you won't either. We've seen incredible progress and transformation take place through your investment and the hard work of the children, families and communities we serve. And we're just getting started.

Join us today in putting Family First to build Haiti Stronger by empowering 100 families to move from dependence to self-reliance by returning the enclosed envelope or giving online at www.overture.international/haitistronger. Thank you for all you do to put Family First in Haiti!

God bless you and keep you,

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