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Dear Friend,



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord." — Colossians 3:23

Paul reminds us in his letter to the Colossians that any endeavor we undertake we do to the glory of God. This is particularly true of work that is especially challenging and dangerous. As a friend of Overture, you know that this is an accurate description of the work we've committed to in southern Haiti. And as we shared in our recent tax letter, this work and your investment in it is bearing fruit as evidenced by the amazing progress we have made this past year. And this progress is realized in the face of significant gang violence, political upheaval, economic failures, a broken orphanage system, food shortages and natural disasters! As you'll see in the enclosed annual report, this progress is attributable to the hard work done for the glory of God, your generosity and the amazing resilience of our friends in southern Haiti! **Independence and self-reliance are not just dreams anymore, but a real hope!**

We often get asked, "Why do you continue to work in Haiti when the country is such a mess? Isn't it a lost cause?" Our fervent answer is, "Because the people of Haiti are God's creations and worthy of our time and financial support. They have not given up hope, nor will we!"

It takes intense pressure to produce diamonds and extreme heat to harden steel. The pressure and heat of the turmoil that exists in Haiti are what has brought us together, and the progress and transformation are what keep us focused on our mission to empower Haitians to achieve the freedom that comes from independence and self-reliance. We've found that through the powerful combination of Overture's Social Support Model, your financial support and the grit and commitment of those we serve, **progress and change are possible!** The pressure and the heat serve to harden and strengthen our resolve to continue this work for the glory of God.

The pressure and the heat in Haiti are ever-present. We see it in the deaths of innocent young people killed by gangs, in the faces of children trapped in orphanages and in the eyes of parents who long to provide for their families. But just like the diamond and the steel, the people of Haiti are proving that they too can be strengthened and emboldened to transform their families, their communities and their nation.

We're excited to share through the enclosed annual report the amazing transformation and exciting progress that is taking place in the lives of the children, families and communities in southern Haiti. Transformation and progress *against all odds* made even more miraculous in the face of the troubling state of affairs in Haiti. These results are only possible because of the loyal and generous support of donors like you. We invite you to join us in celebrating these milestones and to pray for our teams and friends in southern Haiti as they strive for independence and self-reliance. We're so grateful to continue this kingdom work together — all for His glory!

Rejoicing in hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Hyatt".

Lisa Hyatt

Executive Director, Overture International

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