



Kucey Family Prayer Partners December 2018

All I Want for Christmas

What **do** you want for Christmas this year?

When Ryan, Cory and Karissa were little, each year they would carefully take out a piece of clean, white paper, grab their favorite colored crayon or colored pencil and begin to carefully write in their best handwriting, "Dear Santa, all I want for Christmas is....."

Ever wonder what millions of Haitian children would say that they want for Christmas?

Sadly, many Haitian children couldn't even write out a Christmas Wish List **as only 50% of the 4 million children living in Haiti are able to go to school.**

Considering that **90% of Haitian children do not have electricity**, I would suspect that millions of them would ask for the gift of electricity in their homes; if they even have a home.

Or, perhaps they would add to their wish list access to proper sanitation facilities. **80% of Haitian children live without such facilities leaving them vulnerable to the spread of sickness and disease.**

Since only **1 out of every 4 Haitians living in urban Haiti have access to safe, clean drinking water** while this changes to **only 1 out of 2 for rural living Haitians**, I am confident that millions of Haitian children would hope for the gift of clean drinking water.

Freedom. There is little doubt that **all of the 300 000 Haitian children trapped in child slavery** would list freedom on their Christmas Wish List.

Family. **400 000 children live in Haiti without their parents. An additional 30 000** are in orphanages while **thousands more** live on the streets trying to find safety by hiding among the trash and survive the trauma of life in Haiti.

A chance to grow up. The **child mortality rate in Haiti is 71.7 deaths per 1,000 live births**. It is only 4.9 per 1000 live births in my home country of Canada. Overall, Haiti has the highest infant mortality rate in the Americas.

Perhaps, you are wondering what I would wish for Christmas this year?

I wish for little Christopher to have his smashed front teeth fixed and it not be a financial concern.

I wish for Fayou to have a future that is safe and secure. I worry about his 6-year-old brain living in his 14-year-old body. What will happen to him when he turns 18 and Haitian law requires him to leave us even though he may only think like a 12-year-old?

I wish for Jasmine to receive a good education. She is already 14 years old but is only in grade 4.

For a family to fall in love with Isaiah just as I have and give him a good Christ-centred home to grow up in.

To find the right doctor for David who can help him have clear and healthy skin that no longer itches and keeps him up at night crying.

For Nico not to look so scared and feel the need to cling to me just about every time he sees me.

For Amoriah not to feel alone and forgotten.

For Mikelinda and her sister Mikelange to feel hope and not fear for their future.

All I really want for Christmas is for all the disadvantaged children of Haiti, especially the 14 living in our House of Hope, to know that there are people like you and me who believe it is more blessed to give than to received. I pray and wish for people who delight in seizing the opportunity to celebrate Christmas by loving on the least of these in Haiti through prayer, financial provision and personal outreach.

Is it possible that you are one of those very same people? If so, please consider giving a Christmas gift today in honor of our Savior's birth. Your gift will better enable us to not only provide for the children already in our care but to reach the thousands more hurting Haitian children who simply wish for a chance to live and to live a better life. We invite you to contact us today and let us know that you will help us to help them.

Please know that all of us here with Loving the Least of These Ministries Canada, are truly grateful for your prayers and support. We wish all our prayer partners a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas Season.

Jwaye Nowe

Tonya



Prayer Requests

1. Praise God for his favor with the Canadian government. We have received notice of our first level of approval for our charitable registration.
2. Pray for the successful completion of our new website.
3. Praise God for the provision of housing and transportation means. Please continue to pray financial and practical aspects of starting our lives over again. We have no mean of income nor financial support at this time. We are noticing that it is costing us approximately \$1700 US each to live in Haiti. Our personal resources will only last so long. Please pray with and for us that God will provide all that we need to serve in Haiti.
4. Pray for protection over the entire Kucey family.
5. Pray for more people to sense God's leading to love on the least of these here in Haiti; sending us individuals and teams to come alongside of us.
6. Pray for our LTLT Ministries Canada Board members; Rosita, John, Charlene, Robin, Robert, Jeanne and Shauna.
7. Pray for favor with the Haitian government as we re-register the orphanage as well as our residence status in Haiti.
8. Pray for wisdom in knowing what lifestyle changes need to occur to prevent a re-occurrence of Darin's cancer.
9. Pray for Darin's next follow up appointment with his oncologist on Dec. 18th.
10. Pray that Darin will regain lost weight and strength due to an inability to eat or drink for weeks following his surgery. He is still under-weight after a year.
11. Pray for Christ's covering over the Kucey marriage and ministry.
12. Praise God for the house located for the 14 orphans we have been caring for.
13. Please pray for Ryan's spiritual awakening as well as the Lord's blessing on his position of employment. Pray for his safety in Thailand where he is living for the next 5 months.
14. Ask the Lord for Spirit-directed wisdom for all the many decisions needed to be made as we make major life decisions.
15. Pray for the at-risk children of Haiti, especially the street children, Restaveks and orphans.
16. Ask the Lord to provide encouragers for the Kucey family; sidelining those that would add harm to their household.
17. Please pray for Karissa and all aspects of her life; spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, academically and socially.
18. Pray for Cory as he completes his fourth year at Olivet Nazarene University.
19. Pray for the Lord's blessing and provision of work for Karissa.
20. Petition the Lord for his protection upon the Kucey family as they live and travel throughout the country; that no weapon forged against them will prosper against them or their ministry.
21. Pray for physical health and healing for each member of the Kucey family.
22. Ask the Lord to increase His level of love in the lives of Darin, Tonya and Karissa for Haiti and its people particularly the children who are among the "least of these".
23. Pray for the orphans dealing with a chronic skin problem particularly David.
24. Pray for the healing of their hearts, minds and souls.
25. Pray for families to be found for each of these children.
26. Pray for the 7 Haitian staff members who help care for these orphans; Kerby, Fannie, Yannie, Elange, Martine, Keny and Florence.
27. Please remember the Kucey's in prayer as they prepare to celebrate another Christmas away from family and friends.



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