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Mission Ranch Child Of The Month

✚ Ken Ken is cool kid. At 16 years of age Ken Ken is bright, articulate, witty, clever, sharp, talented and respectful.

He has tremendous potential and is constantly developing his English skills and vocabulary.

We met Ken Ken in 2006 and agreed to be his surrogate father. During that time Ken Ken was searching for male leadership in his life and was torn between the gang that resided there and our new friendship. We are grateful that Ken Ken came our direction.

He is a good boy with unlimited potential.

Still Here By The Grace Of God

by Mark Dreibelbis

Greetings from Mission Ranch.

This issue is dedicated to one family and one project. It begins in an area called Souterre which is a subset of Citi Soleil, the massive slum located in Port Au Prince.

We had lost the privilege to visit Souterre because of a gang called the Goat. They were ruthless and indiscriminant and dominated this area for about 14 months.

We were adamant in our desire to regain our foot hold in this area and reactivate the friendships and relationships that we had enjoyed before. It is a very poor area and the people suffer a great deal. It is mainly tin shacks closely built together with open areas of dump and waste.



Mamet Lives In Misery

Mamet has 6 children but only two live with her in this tiny broken tin shack. Located in one of the poorest areas in Citi Soleil, Mamet's life is a constant struggle for food water and shelter.

Mamet is meek, docile and soft spoken making her an unlikely candidate to be first in the line for help or assistance. Her home is structurally compromised open to the whims of storms, bandits, rapists, and rodents. Privacy is non-existent.

The Lord had put it in my heart that this was a woman that we could not pass by.



Mamet became a central part of our August mission.

At first Mamet seemed unsure of our sincerity to fulfill our promise. Souterre is particularly cruel and surely she has heard words of hope before only to see them evaporate time and time again.

We made our promise to her and sealed it with the Lord's blessing.



This was going to be no small task. Souterre is quirky about hiring people from that area to use as workers. If you bring in outsiders there will be a riot for sure. We secured two men from Souterre to do the work and hired a trusted friend from our area 300 yards away to lead the project. The first thing to do was assess the building. Structurally, it was barely standing. We would have to dig footers to reframe the building. Most of the wood was rotten.

Mamet Lives In Squalor

I think that we forget how good we have things in the United States. When you see how the people live in the slums of Haiti it is very sobering.



Mamet sleeps on this little mattress with her two children. What other choice does she have?

Her tin shack doesn't even have a shelf. All her belongings are on the floor or hung from the wooden frames. The roof is dotted with holes so when it rains all of her belongings get soaked.



Break It Down

It did not take long to remove the damaged materials. We were careful to save all the tin and wood that was still usable so we could manage our cost and maximize our build.



We Realized Why There Are No Gangs Bothering Us

Angels
On Our
Shoulders



From Broken To Blessed



[Psalm 72:13](#)

He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save.

More Blessings

[Psalm 34:6](#)

This poor man
cried, and the
LORD heard him
And saved him
out of all his
troubles.



And More Blessings



We Dedicate Her House To The Lord



[Deuteronomy 15:11](#)

For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'