

Kids Alive NEWS

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Mother's Love

MOM COULD NOT COME BACK

H auna Village in Papua New Guinea is a place with no full-time doctor. Here a "swollen stomach" becomes a death sentence for a young mother leaving no one to care for her three-year-old daughter. That is the story of Lillian Dan Nugom. She writes:

"When I was three years old, my real mother died with a swollen stomach. There was no one here who could help my mom. I don't know what kind of sickness my mother had. Since I was so little, someone had to take care of me. About a week after my mom died, a man I didn't know very well came and got me but his wife didn't want me. After that, I stayed with my grandmother all day."

"Later another lady came and my grandmother asked her, 'isn't that couple going to take care of Lillian?' The couple did not want to take care of me. This lady returned and asked, 'Does Lillian have a bed to sleep in tonight?' My grandma said, 'No.' The lady took me home with her family. Her name is Chisina Nugom and she works for the (Kids Alive) mission. She said she would take care of me like a daughter. So that is how I became the daughter of Christina and Dan Nugom."

Kids Alive International is active in Papua New Guinea. Our funds support nine distinct ministries in that region of the world that include schools, a medical center and evangelistic outreach. Rescuing children...breaking the cycle of poverty... is the heart of Kids Alive. Kids Alive International helps indigenous people establish homes where a few orphans live as a family. That "family" has access to food, school and healthcare all provided by Kids Alive. Children bond with house parents who help them process what has happened in their lives, like Christina did for Lillian. The need in Papua New Guinea is great because there are so many children, both orphans and children from the villages, who rely on Kids Alive to provide some of their basic needs. Missionary Shirley Kilosky shares the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

"We have seen many changes in 2003. Most of our schools in other villages now have two teachers because of the large number of students. Many other villages are still asking us to come and start schools in their villages. The only thing stopping us is the funds. That is why you are so important to us. You are making many of these things possible with your faithful gifts of support."

Your support for Kids Alive International is making a difference in the lives of children whose "mom could not come back."

Lillian's life is a testimony that is echoed in every country your generosity reaches through Kids Alive International.

If you'd like to designate a gift for the children of Papua New Guinea, call Phyllis at (800) 543-7330, or write "PNG" on the enclosed response form when you send your gift. Thank you!



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On My Heart...



Al Luckes, President

"Each day they are loved, hugged, and taught about Jesus by a loving mom"

Dear Friend,

Each May we celebrate Mothers' Day. Like most of you I will be selecting the perfect card to express my love, appreciation, and thanks to my mom for all she has done for me. I am blessed to have a mom that loves me, cared for me as a child, and led me to the Lord.

Unfortunately, most of our Kids Alive children do not share the same loving and warm memories of a mother. Through death, abusive situations, or abandonment our kids' stories break your heart. It is painful to know how much they have suffered during their childhood.

One story I will never forget is about a mom who left her two children in a bus station when she promised to go get ice cream for them. She never returned. I can't imagine what went through the minds of these 4 and 6 year olds when their mom never came back. Fortunately, life has improved drastically for these two children. Kids Alive was notified about their situation and our staff went to the bus station and rescued them. Today, they are a happy part of a Kids Alive family home. Each day they are loved, hugged, and taught about Jesus by a loving mom.

This is one example of how we are making an impact on children around the world; however, it is not an isolated case. All of our house moms are wonderful. They do their best to fill the needs of each child in our care. They also provide the kids with something priceless and irreplaceable -- a loving and Godly mom. From my experience of working with and observing them I have to say that our house moms do a fantastic job!

Through your continued gifts and prayers, our house moms show children that God is faithful and will never forget them. As we look to care and provide for even more children in the coming years, we hope that you will not forget our efforts or us.

Thank you and God bless,

Al Luckes

"Can a mother forget the infant at her breast, walk away from the baby she bore? But even if mothers forget, I'd never forget you -- never."

Isaiah 49:15

RETURN TO HAITI

Civil unrest made it necessary to evacuate our missionaries and place our Haitian children in the care of our Kids Alive house parents.

A month later, Kids Alive missionaries Tom and Helen Froese and Jarod and Jennifer Ehenback were able to return to Haiti. Jarod writes, "It's amazing what a difference



a month can make. The first thing we noticed when we pulled into Cap Haitien (besides the French army helicopters overhead and troops patrolling the streets) was that the roads were free of debris. Private Haitian citizens had paid workers to remove all of the car frames, scrap metal, large rocks and other garbage that had always been on the road. The next thing we noticed was the fact that people were actually smiling. Like the debris in the roads, the tension that had caused everyone to be on edge was now gone.

When we finally arrived at our home, our Haitian little ones were very excited to see us. The separation was definitely most difficult for the children, but things have since returned to normal. Please pray that our adoption of Justin, Jaden and Daphne goes smoothly so they can stay with us always.

We have opened our first children's home! House parents, Philip and Fifi, along with their daughter and son, care for two orphan boys, Marvin and Esperance. To balance things out a little, we hope to add a couple of girls to the home real soon.

We share a lot of the optimism of the Haitian people for the future of Haiti. Despite everything that has happened, we know that God is able to make all things new and better, and it is our prayer that He is doing just that here in Haiti."

Bonnie Van Der Kolk
Director of Sponsorship



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For many, Bonnie is a familiar contact at Kids Alive International, having served in a part-time capacity with child sponsorship for over 17 years. This new full-time role that Bonnie has accepted is needed as we launch our campaign to rescue 10,000 children by 2010. Bonnie and her husband, Neil, live in Hobart, IN. They have two adult sons.

Palo Blanco Center Foundation Built on Love

Through generous contributions, land was purchased in Palo Blanco, Dominican Republic last December, and Kids Alive Field Director Jeff VanDerMolen tells us that the foundation for a new school building was poured in early January. Thanks to the efforts of the five volunteer work teams, the project is moving along ahead of schedule under the direction of short-term missionary Bret Macaleer. Additional gifts have made it possible to get the walls up and half of



the concrete roof poured. Our target is to have this building ready to go by

September 1 so that the Palo Blanco Preschool Director and career missionary, Jan Burkey, can reach 60 children with the love of Jesus.

However, there are forces at work to delay or even halt our work in Palo Blanco. Right now in the Dominican Republic, inflation is raging at an unbelievable rate of 63%! This is dramatically increasing the costs to complete the plastering, window and door installation, laying the floors and other finish work. Jeff estimates that it will take an additional \$25,000 to finish the school. At first glance, that may seem like a huge hurdle in our race toward September. But when you realize that under all the concrete, plaster and wood is a foundation of love that will change the lives of 60 little children, it isn't such a challenge.

**If you would like to designate a gift for the Palo Blanco Preschool, please contact Phyllis Pierson at (800)-543-7330 or write "Palo Blanco Preschool" on the enclosed response form when you send your gift.
Thank you!**

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IN HONOR OF...

Al Eaves
Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving

Al joins the Kids Alive staff with several years of experience in leadership in the non-profit world, with a focus in development/fundraising.

He recently served as Campaign Manager for Bartlett Learning Center, Inc., and assisted The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana as their Development Director. Al will assist us in the major gifts area by writing grants, working with major donors and overseeing planned giving - wills, trusts and charitable gift annuities. Al and his wife, Wynda have three young daughters: Katie, Natalie and Emily.

IN HONOR OF...

Martha Bryant
Executive Administrative Assistant

Martha joined Kids Alive in March of 2004 and will provide support for the President and Vice President of Operations. She received her B.A. degree in Psychology from Taylor University, and was formerly employed by Hewitt Associates working in the area of website support. Martha and her husband, Bob, recently moved to Valparaiso from Chicago's northwest suburbs.

If you would like to give a gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please send your gift and the name of your loved one to:

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When the authorities found out that Khalil had converted to Christianity and married a Christian girl they arrested him.

In Sudan the raging civil war between Muslims and Christians compelled young men to serve in the army. During this war, one young Muslim man, Khalil, left his farm, joined the army and was stationed in the town of Jouba. He was to keep order and control Christians who refused to conform to Islamic Law. To his surprise, he met Sarah, a beautiful university student from a Christian home in the village. They soon fell in love.

When a Christian girl marries a Muslim, she automatically becomes Muslim herself. Sarah's parents insisted that Khalil had to convert to Christianity in order for them to bless the marriage. He consented and the two secretly married. The young couple soon had a beautiful set of twins, Ala and Ola (Arabic words meaning "The Highest"), and began dreaming of their future.

When the authorities found out that Khalil had converted to Christianity and married a Christian girl they arrested him. Khalil was interrogated and forced to renounce Christianity to attain his freedom. Upon his release, Khalil

fled without notifying Sarah. He desired a place where his family could be reunited and live without fear. He ended up in Lebanon. Meanwhile, the authorities questioned Sarah regarding the whereabouts of her husband and placed her family under police surveillance 24 hours a day. It was a year before Khalil finally felt it was safe enough to contact Sarah. Sarah was relieved and thankful that they would be together again one day. After traveling thousands of miles with their mother, the three-year-old twins, Ala and Ola, were reunited with their father in Lebanon.

The family was behind in rent payments, was not eating properly and had barely enough money to survive when Sarah approached the Kids Alive Children's Home, Dar El Awwad, for help. Ala and Ola joined our Moses Basket Care Center program and are now in their second year with us. Sarah and the children attend an evangelical Sudanese church in Lebanon. We are excited to be able to encourage her and to have a part in her children's development!

NEEDED 740 MOMS (AND DADS) NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Kids Alive currently cares for over 3000 children worldwide but we still have 740 children without a sponsor. One of our older children was recently sponsored by the Youth Group of Peace Church in Lombard, Illinois.

Our sponsorship coordinator in Kenya wrote "...I wish you all could have seen the big grin and the sparkle in his eye when I told him he had a sponsor. It was beautiful! He has waited a long time for this. Thank you for being an answer to prayer in his life."

THE CHILD WROTE:
Dear God's Youth Ministry:
"Thank you for being my sponsor. I have been at Kids Alive for 1 1/2 years and you are my first sponsor. I am in grade 5 and I am 15 years old. I only started school when I came here. Please pray for my life.
From Joseph M....."



You too can be an answer to a child's prayer... Call Bonnie at 1-800-KIDS-330 or e-mail her at bonnie@kidsalive.org to become a sponsor today!

You made these "Mother Moments" possible, Thank You!



Housemothers in Peru give orphans and vulnerable children the love and personal attention they wouldn't get in a government institution.



With your help, young children in our Guatemala home are saved from the devastation of living on the streets.



The poor Zambian widow and her children find love and support to make it through the tough times.

"She bears 10 times the share of the orphans. She encourages them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the orphaned."
Proverbs 31:17-18



Some of the poorest children in the world find comfort and security in the arms of housemothers in Myanmar.



Young adults in the Dominican Republic learn proper etiquette and personal care under the loving guidance of a national housemother.



Our national staff gives children something to smile about in our Romania children's home.

A child going through life without the tender loving care of a Mother breaks our hearts. It is inconceivable, yet thousands of children are orphaned and abandoned around the world every day with no one to comfort or defend them. Your contributions made it possible for Kids Alive to rescue these children and over 3,000 others living in desperate conditions.



In Lebanon, your support gives this boy in our children's home and school, the education and attention a loving parent would provide.



Medical attention is another gift of love you make possible through your thoughtful giving.

You made it possible for them to have a "Mom."

Special Needs

As you can imagine, our children's homes, schools and care centers have many special equipment and supply needs. The following is a list of some of those special needs, simply write the need you designate a gift for these special needs, simply write the need you wish to contribute towards on the enclosed response form when you send your gift today! If we receive more than we need to meet a specific need, your gift will provide other urgency needed care.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- ANUA Care Center - Remodel parking lot for safety, functionality and appearance (\$7,200)
- Monte Plata Children's Home - Used van for transportation from children's home to school (\$11,520); appliances/beds/tables (\$7,200)
- The Ark Children's Home - appliances, beds, tables - \$7,200

GUATEMALA

- Oasis Center - 5 computers for the computer lab (\$7,500)

HAITI

- Purchase Land/Build Children's Home - we are presently renting a home and would like to purchase land and build a children's home; (funds needed in any amount)

KENYA

- Mt Kenya Boys Home/Karundas Center - to build 10 bunk beds or 20 beds (\$1,200)
- Karundas Center - van to transport children (\$14,400)
- The Rebecca House/Karundas Girls Home - two cook stoves (\$600 each)
- Tuition - for 32 children in secondary school, 12 adults in teacher's college, vocational school and Bible school (\$6,000 per term).
- Six New Children's Homes - under construction in remote areas; purchase a construction truck (\$13,100)

LEBANON

- Painting of children's apartments (\$1,800); replacement engine for van (\$1,440); photocopier for school (\$1,340); classroom equipment for school (\$2,880); lunch meals for Moses Basket Care Center (\$1,200)

MYANMAR

- Child/Home Sponsorships - because Kids Alive added 700+ children under their care last fall, Child/Home sponsors are needed (\$30/month).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- Rebuild Nurse's Home - full of cutworms, termites and white ants (\$6,000)
- Education - remote villages request Sepik Christian Ministries to come and start schools; (funds needed in any amount)

PERU

- Cement mixer for new construction (\$3,600); Tools for new construction: abrasive cut-off saw (\$840); rotary hammer drill with bits (\$1,080); welder and torch (\$1,200); level-square transit (\$1,200); wood planer (\$1,200).

ROMANIA

- Garden and Orchard - for 150 apple trees, seeds, pump, hoses, guardian, one hired hand; (\$4,200)
- Children's Home Third Floor - furniture for office, guest room, bedroom and multi-purpose room (\$7,200)

TAIWAN

- Anderson Graduate Ministry - Custom-made wheelchair for alumnus of children's home who is a polio victim (\$624)

ZAMBIA

- Chikondi Children's Home - 5 fans (\$524); coffee maker (\$78)
- Liato Children's Home - washing machine (\$708); clothes dryer (\$384); coffee maker (\$78)
- Hudson Children's Home - clothes dryer (\$384); coffee maker (\$78)
- Stiller Children's Home - clothes dryer (\$384)