



# Made Apparent

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But you see the trouble and the distress, and you will do something. The poor can count on you, and so can orphans.

Psalm 10:14

## One year in Haiti



### The Apparent Project

is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit dedicated to:

Helping parents rise out of extreme poverty so that they can keep their children

Finding families for parentless children

Making the needs of Haiti apparent to potential helpers through media & the arts

Inspiring adoration of our loving Father God with hope that one day he will be apparent to all

It has been one year since the Apparent Project began in Port Au Prince, Haiti. In that time we have provided temporary parental care for an orphanage of 24 boys, forged additional education opportunities for 5 teens, regularly fed a group of street kids, and helped establish small businesses and employment opportunities for 5 families. We have also produced 4 promotional videos to showcase the work of people serving Haiti. It has been a busy year! The lessons learned have been countless and will help shape our work on behalf of the poor for the coming year.

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For the coming year we plan to focus primarily on developing means for poor families to earn an income so that poverty does not pressure them to relinquish their children to orphanages. We have a real passion to see parents and children freed from the poverty that tears their families apart. There is no reason that a family that only needs \$400-\$500 per year to live should have to be split up due to a shortage in funds! This is why The Apparent Project is developing an arts and crafts school and workshop for the poor.

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Check out our webstore at [www.zazzle.com/apparentproject](http://www.zazzle.com/apparentproject)

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Poor families will be trained in sewing, beading, paper making, or in the fine arts, such as drawing, painting, or sculpting. Each artisan will be given an e-market so that they can sell their work online on Etsy.com and from our web page. Art and craft-making can give such a refreshing sense of accomplishment and voice and it excites us to watch this process unfold. We hope to build relationships with each artisan that display the love of God in tangible and understandable ways. We would like to provide childcare and education for the children of artisans while they work.

Our first step towards establishing the workshop will be to develop a training curriculum in Kreyol. We are also training and discipling Haitian teachers to help translate and serve artisan families with love, integrity and wisdom.

## Staff Update: The Clays

Since our last newsletter we have made a couple additions to the family! The first is a funny little guy named Jackson who was abandoned at an orphanage down the street from us. He was dying from malnutrition and we thought we might be able to help. His life-threatening condition: lactose intolerance. A simple change in formula & lots of love have saved his life and we are so thankful to have him.

Our most recent addition has been little Ember Eve. Her mother died shortly after giving birth to her in the slums near the orphanage. At first Ember was unresponsive and was having regular seizures. Her relatives told us that these were visitations from spirits that had rights

to her because of their involvement in Voodoo. After praying for Ember, her seizures have stopped and she has become much more alert. We thank Jesus for her healing!

We have moved down the street from the orphanage to better tend to our family while we continue to serve the orphans and the poor families in our neighborhood. We always welcome visitors! Come join us!

-Corrigan Clay

James 1:27

## Our Teachers in Training



Richard & Carlin

Richard lived with his family in a tin roofed shack in the slums in the ravine behind the orphanage. After saving Zebedee's life (long story) he became our dear friend and primary Kreyol teacher.

Carlin is a poverty orphan who learned to speak English while living in the orphanage. He is now too old to be legally adopted.

We are providing these young men with housing, food, and an educational tutor as a means of transitioning them into sustainable adult life. They are helping us understand Haitian culture and the needs of the poor. They are also helping us translate our arts curriculum.

Please consider sponsoring one of these boys as they work towards a better future for themselves and their community. Each of them needs about \$150 per month to sustain their education and living costs.

## We urgently need your help!

Haitians say, "When America sneezes, Haiti gets pneumonia." In this time of economic crisis, the places of greatest disadvantage are often

forgotten. We do not have the finances to help as many people as we are positioned to help. The funds and resources we have been blessed with will only sustain us for about six more months. We really need your help and support if the vision and work that has been planted is going to blossom and bear fruit. Please donate today, the smallest bit helps!

### Here's what you can do:

**Send art & craft supplies (we need BEADS!)**

**Ask your church if they would consider supporting our mission**

**Arrange a short term missions team**

**Make regular monthly donations. Please mail cash or checks to "the Apparent Project" to:**

**The Apparent Project  
4623 Denton Ln. SE  
Lacey, WA 98503**

**or make a tax deductible donation at:  
[www.apparentproject.org](http://www.apparentproject.org)**

