**December 2016** 

# CHOAIDS

## Upcoming Needs

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Little by little our family grows.

On December 28th, CHOAIDS welcomed five-year-old Anaika Bruno to the family. Until now, Anaika had been living with her aunt. Her aunt found that she could no longer provide basic care for Anaika and sought help at Grace Children's Hospital. The hospital staff referred her to CHOAIDS where we have welcomed Anaika with open arms. Please keep Anaika in your thoughts and prayers. We hope she makes a good transition and finds her way among the other children under our care. We are currently seeking sponsors for Anaika and many of our other children. If you feel called to support CHOAIDS in as a child sponsor please reach out to us for more details. More about Anaika's story is coming your way!



Anaika Bruno

Anaika was able to begin school with the rest of the CHOAIDS children. Here she is in her new school uniform.

#### **Health Report**

Christelle, Stanley, Harold, Gerline,
Alexandra and Venise are in good health and will
be visiting the infectious disease specialist in
two months time. Gerline has been
experiencing a nagging cough. She was tested
for resistance to TB medications, and the results
were negative.

Guenson, Valentina and Gerline have experienced difficulties learning in the classroom. At this point in time, no solution is in sight. We are seeking solutions to address their potential learning disabilities. Suggestions are welcome!

Rose-Michelle has been experiencing a topical infection that has spread to her face. The staff has been cleansing the area daily. Fanfan will be taking her to the Femme Perreo Clinique for care.

Zachary's health is improving. The staff recognized a mistake in Zachary's viral load report. After the Haitian staff requested support, John Hill, the advisory committee chair, sent a letter to Mme Arnoux, the head nurse at Grace Children's Hospital seeking assistance. Mme Arnoux was able to retest Zachary's viral load

and his ARV prescribed doses were increased. Unfortunately, Zachary has also been experiencing joint pain. The reason for this pain is still unidentified.

#### **Other News**

Richardson's father came to visit and requested that Richardson be baptized in the church. Fanfan is aware of these interests and further steps will be considered.

Two of our young adults, Harold and Christelle, are being trained to take on more responsibilities around the house. Harold has acted as chaperone (alongside current staff members) for the younger children to and from doctor visits. Christelle is being trained to disperse ARV (antiretroviral) medications. Come January, Christelle will be one of two persons giving the children their medications twice daily.

The children were able to have a wonderful Christmas Eve celebration! Thank you to everyone who helped make their Christmas merry and bright!



### CHEERS!







#### **Thank You!**

Mackenley (center) and Christelle (bottom) are displaying their Christmas gifts! Mackenley love his new car and Christelle is excited about her new cell phone. Jennifer (top) grins with glee during the CHOAIDS Christmas celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped make this season special!