

Children Rescued from the Earthquake

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Meet Lonique

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The Haitian Community Hospital near Port au Prince was swarming with victims of the earthquake, most outside begging through the barred doors to get in, or waiting in a tent in the parking lot to be treated.

I can't describe the long chain of events that led us to this sweet and scared little boy Lonique, but we can only credit God and know that every little detail was worked out by Him. Outside the hospital, people crowded the little makeshift tents where they were treating patients. The tents were full of children and adults who were missing limbs, starving, and dying, but they had no where else to go. The screams that came from those tents are ones that won't leave your ears, even months after the earthquake.

I had gone out to the tents to meet a different child I had heard about, one with a horrible leg injury. **But on the way I met Lonique.** This sweet seven-year-old boy caught my attention. He was missing his entire arm and was in a body cast from the waist down. A piece of duct tape covered his forehead which had instructions for the next doctor that would see him. No medical charts—just duct tape. The boy was driving a little toy car across his body cast, playing quietly as the wounded boy next to him screamed in pain as they changed the dressing on his exposed bone.

This little boy Lonique, and his 20-year-old mother Nadine had been in this 'hospital' tent for more than three weeks. **Their home had fallen during the earthquake, causing this seven year old boy to lose his father and his entire left arm that day.** I asked where they were going to go after Lonique was released. Nadine replied, "I don't know where to go. I will go make another tent like this and live there."

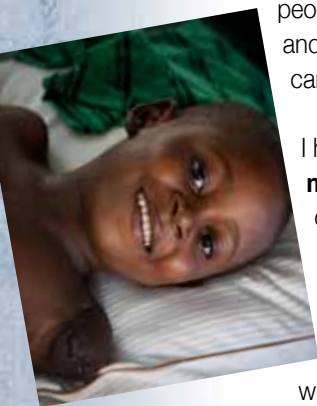
Danita made the decision to rescue this young mother and her son. She entered the tent later that evening to take the boy and his mother home. There was a slight breeze outside and **Lonique started to scream in horror as the wind blew at the sides of the tent. "The house is falling! The house is falling!"** He screamed in Creole. His mother said he did this all day long. "He feels earthquakes all day, even when there isn't one." The look on the boy's face was a look of terror. The earthquake took his father and it took his arm. Of course he feared another one.

The next day, Nadine and her son Lonique were airlifted to Danita's Children with two other injured children. **That scared little boy lying under a sheet outside a hospital would now be safe.**

Danita's Children has since hired Nadine. She's a very hard worker and grateful for all she has received. Lonique is in school and loves it! You'd never know he is missing an arm. He bounces balls and loves "machines" (cars). **He runs with a slight limp, but doesn't miss a beat keeping up with the other children.** He is still in the healing process physically and emotionally, but is doing far better than anyone would have imagined that day three months ago in the hospital tent.

Your prayerful support and financial donations have made it possible for Danita's Children to rescue Lonique and children like him. To help us continue the work of rescuing, loving and caring for orphans and impoverished children, make your donation today.

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Our church is meeting outside under the trees while the newest members of our family are housed in the church building.

After the earthquake, we grew to 133 children almost overnight. We're looking forward to building new housing in the near future!

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Danita inside church where new children are being temporarily housed.



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The gratefulness for the food is obvious in the children's smiles.