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May 2010

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The Girl In Orange

Team leader relieved to see the familiar face

Humanitarian Division of Power to Change

Our mission is to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, to hurting and needy people around the world, through relief and development projects.

Some of you may remember the story of Rosemile, a twelve week old girl had been brought to Global Aid Network (GAIN) Canada's medical clinic in Chambrun, Haiti in May 2010. She was extremely tiny and with no response to a stimulus rate, Rosemile was immediately evacuated to a large field hospital in Port-au-Prince.

In the end, she had made it to the hospital but when the team returned a few days later to check on the baby, Rosemile's 15 year-old mother, Isnadin, had not been there to check on her child.

Unsure if she was going to be abandoned, many of the team members left that trip wondering if Rosemile would even live.

Not too often do people on short-term projects get closure from an incident like that. Instead, one would suspect that GAIN would never encounter her again, especially in a country where people are highly transient and where several young mother's often reject their children because they can no longer care for them.

"I just resolved myself to the fact that we did all we could to help save her life" shares Lindsey Schacter, GAIN Canada's LIFE

Team Manager, "and I had no other option but to leave the rest up to God."

Just nine months later, in January 2011, GAIN USA sent out a recent story. To Lindsey's amazement, it was all about Rosemile. Wearing the same orange top, this was the same little girl that they had helped.

"We were so surprised to receive this story and see her face. I was encouraged to see God's hand on her life and that she was still alive," Schacter comments.

Today she is ten months old and weighing nine pounds. When Kacie and Aubree, the two team members from Nehemiah Vision Ministries, a partner of GAIN USA, found Rosemile in September 2010, she had weighed just a little more than four pounds and her mother was still not interested in taking care of her. Instead, Yolynn, the same woman that was helping with Rosemile back in May, was still taking her in and keeping a close eye on the young mother.

Kacie and Aubree began the long journey of feeding this malnourished baby with the baby formula that was sent by GAIN.

From September until January, Rosemile has battled many different infections and illnesses, but still has managed to gain about five pounds.

But that's not all.

Because Yolynn had children of her own to take care of, Yolynn would sometimes feel the burden of Rosemile because of her already cramped home. To show appreciation for the amazing care Yolynn gave this child, GAIN donated a large tent to her and her family. When asked what she thought of this large, blue tent being set up, Yolynn smiled and said "I love it."

Yolynn's act of kindness was helping change the course of Rosemile's life but, GAIN was having the chance to do the same. At two separate moments, GAIN had the opportunity to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, to Rosemile.

Hope was not only given to Rosemile and Yolynn, but hope was also given to the team members from the May trip. Shocked and amazed, many members were encouraged to receive closure on what was a heartbreaking event.