

BEYOND BORDERS



A Final Report on the Progress of the Luben Family



Spring 2018

What Your Sponsored Family Accomplished in 18 Months ...

- Fall 2016** Your sponsorship begins, empowering the Luben family to start rebuilding.
- Summer 2017** The Luben's establish a savings account with money earned from their small business & livestock.
- Fall 2017** Construction on their home is complete. They now have a water purifier and sanitary latrine.
- Spring 2018** The Luben family is living independently and with dignity!

Even before Hurricane Matthew struck, Monette Luben (above) and her family were one of the very poorest families in Bouziyét. They lived in a small, dilapidated home, they drank unfiltered water from a well, and they had no latrine. Hunger was a constant reality and they often could not afford to pay school tuition fees.

Your generous sponsorship gave the Luben family the opportunity to create a better life for themselves, encouraging their hard work, resilience, and determination.

Today the livestock they are raising – 2 chickens, 2 goats, and 1 pig – together with their small business is worth \$510 US dollars. The family is no longer hungry. The children are all in school, the family is healthy, and they have a water purifier and sanitary latrine. Their house is repaired, ensuring that they have a safe, dignified home that will protect them from future storms.

And most importantly, they have the life skills and confidence to ensure that they can maintain the extraordinary gains they've made during your sponsorship.



We're Grateful for Your Generosity and Solidarity.

Your generosity and solidarity with the Luben family has transformed the trajectory of their lives, giving them the opportunity to earn a dignified living and provide for their children and themselves long after your sponsorship ends. Thank you!



Your Sponsorship + Hard-Working Families = Lives Transformed

Generous family sponsors like you empowered ultra-poor families to escape extreme poverty after Hurricane Matthew. Here's how.

By David Diggs, Director & Co-Founder

Immediately after Matthew hit Haiti, my colleague Freda Catheus observed that the greatest losses on Lagonav Island were among families that were already living in the most extreme poverty, unable to feed, clothe, and educate

communities even before Matthew, many of these families had already sent children that they couldn't care for to live with others, putting these girls and boys at great risk of becoming trapped in slavery.

Now, 18 months later, thanks to your sponsorship and through their own hard work and

children.

Families who had sent children away before the storm got help to find and free them and to bring them home.

With their newly earned income, families could enroll their children in a good school, and properly feed, clothe, and care for them.

Lives Transformed. Dignity Restored.

their children even before the hurricane.

"The littlest had the least, and they lost it all," she said at the time, adding, "so much is destroyed: homes, crops, schools ... dead livestock litter the ground. People have lost so much."

As the very poorest in their

determination, the trajectory of life for these 80 ultra-poor families and their children has been transformed.

Your sponsorship gave your family the opportunity to do something that they'd been unable to do even before the hurricane: earn a living and provide for themselves and their

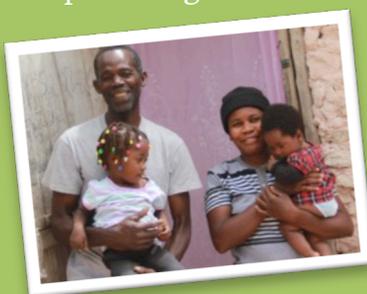


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Sponsorships Free Vulnerable Children from Slavery, Enroll Them in School

Thanks to family sponsors like you, children who were enslaved or vulnerable to becoming enslaved because they were unable to attend school are now enrolled in quality schools, in communities committed to protecting them.



Coming Soon: You Can Ensure Another Family Escapes Extreme Poverty

You permanently freed an entire family from crushing poverty through your sponsorship. Soon, we'll begin working with more ultra-poor families, and you can again sponsor a family and watch their lives be transformed over the course of 18 months. We need sponsors for 100 families before we can begin this work. Call (610) 277-5045 to sponsor a new family, or email Brian at brian@beyondborders.net to learn more.

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Your sponsorship restored your family's sense of confidence, their dignity, and hope, empowering them to not only recover from the hurricane, but to escape the extreme poverty that they lived in before the storm.

It's that sense of confidence and dignity regained that did as much as any material item – such as livestock to breed and sell or the goods to start a small business – that your generous sponsorship provided.

That's because families that live on the margins often feel as though they have little or no reason to hope for a better future, much less plan for one, so they don't.

Your sponsorship gave them a reason and taught them how – for the very first time – to earn a living and plan for the future.

Through their own hard work and determination, and the opportunity that your sponsorship provided, the 80 families in our first cohort achieved some impressive results.

Now, as your family completes their participation in this program, here is a look at what they and the other

families in this cohort achieved thanks to sponsorships like yours:

- 100% of children are living free from slavery and abuse
- 100% of children are living free from malnutrition
- 100% of adults are healthy and able to work regularly
- 97% have at least two income-generating activities
- 96% have assets worth more than \$213 US dollars
- 93% cook at least one hot meal per day
- 92% showed progress in their health and capacity to care for self and family
- 92% have a plan for their future
- 84% have a vegetable garden or fruit trees

Expanding This Effort

The poorest families in nine vulnerable communities benefited from this program. Leaders in neighboring communities are pleading for us to expand this effort. To respond, we first need to find sponsors for 100 new families. See the box on the left to learn how you can sponsor a new family. And thank you again for your generous family sponsorship. We are grateful!

David