

# SPONSOR UPDATE

## Special Needs Community Work Update

We are here again with the latest news from the special needs community program. The last few months have seen some highs and lows with our families, but thanks to your support we are able to provide each of them with on-going support as they navigate the struggles they have been facing.

### Samedy

This sweet family has 5 children, ranging from Samedy who will turn 2 next month to her 14 year old brother. Their Mom cares for their home and the children and their father is the pastor of a local church. Since being in the program, Samedy has had custom made equipment built to help build her core strength. She is attending therapy each week and is doing great with the control over her movements. However, she has started having seizures. The doctor referred her to a hospital in Port-au-Prince, and our dedicated mental health worker will help them in navigating the sometimes complicated medical care in Haiti. Hopefully we will get some answers later this month.



### Miley

This sweet little one has been attending all of her therapy appointments and has been gaining more and more strength each week. However, her mama is not doing so well. She lost her business last month and her husband left her. She is now a single mom, trying her best to provide, with no income. We are working hard on a plan to provide her with opportunities. Our future goal is that she can attend Business Classes that are run by a partnering organization, Espwa Berlancia. In the meantime we are working with her on skills building and education and are encouraging her to continue working with Miley on her physical strength and speech development.



### Beddley and Berdie

All positive news here from our favorite twins! Beddley is doing well in therapy, his control is excellent and his speech is really starting to improve. He is expressing his needs through a picture exchange communication system. His progress is fantastic! Berdie has just finished her school year with flying colors. She is spending the summer learning English through a program being held in their local area. We will be pleased to support her as she goes into the next grade in September.



### Macsonerve

Max is coming to the end of the school year. He has thrived socially and academically, and we are excited to support him in continuing his education next year. However, over the past few months he has started eating dirt. Typically, this is known as Pica. We are in the process of having him evaluated by a referred hospital where they will assess him further and help us move forward with a suitable treatment plan. It is a worrying time but our mental health workers are working alongside the family, not only help them access the services they need but to give the mental health support they need to cope with these difficult challenges.

