



"PET & Orphan Grain Train: Making A Difference In Haiti in 2010"

Mirtha is 29 years old with four children. Her husband abandoned the family. To support her family, Mirtha was left to sell small bags of oil at the marketplace near her little house in the Port au Prince slum area of Cite Soliel.

On Jan. 12, 2010 the earth shook and the earthquake that devastated Haiti taking 330,000 lives also took Mirtha's two legs as the iron gate near her house fell on her. With her legs broken, her family tried to free her. There was no hospital to go to, no police, only people trying to remove concrete block and pieces of iron from the injured. After one hour Mirtha was freed but her family was not able to locate a hospital for 24 hrs once Port au Prince General Hospital was open for extreme emergencies. It took one week for Mirtha to have her broken, unrepairable legs amputated. First one, then the second leg two days later after severe infection set in.

Mirtha healed but how could she survive---how could she provide for her four children now with no legs. There were several companies that did have job openings but they would not hire Mirtha because she was unable to move around the company floor and work on the assembly line. After the earthquake, ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN sent dozens of 40' containers into Haiti loaded with food, clothes, tarps, generators, and relief aide. They also sent dozens of PET mobile wheelchairs. A handicapped person can sit on the seat, pedal with their arms, move through rough terrain due to the heavy wheels and with the wood basket on the rear, hold supplies or product they would transport. MIRTHA RECEIVED A PET WHEELCHAIR AND IS NOW EMPLOYED AT A REGULAR JOB AND ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HER FAMILY THANKS TO THE PET WHEELCHAIR SENT TO HAITI FOR HER BY ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN."

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