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## COVID-19 RESPONSE

As families around the world face the COVID-19 outbreak, you can follow their country updates and stories at [worldrenew.net/moments-of-hope](https://worldrenew.net/moments-of-hope).

laos THE LAO SENG FAMILY

*Kham Ann and Lien*

care for their three children—Pai (7), Pae (5), and Khaan (3)—and their nephew, Feung (15). Kham Ann's parents, Phan Ann and Kheo, also live with the family.

LOVE STARTS  
WITH YOU

**HIGH IN THE HILLS** of northern Laos, Kham Ann and Lien have built their life together among friends and family. And it is here, in their home village, where they raise their young family—three small children and a teenage nephew.

As members of the Lao Seng tribe, Kham Ann and Lien provide for their family according to the rhythm of the seasons—just as families in this village have done for generations. The

community is so closely knit that everyone is simply known by their birth name.

Together, Kham Ann and Lien cultivate their rice fields and kitchen garden, and they hunt and forage for additional food in the thick, surrounding forests. They work hard to have enough to eat, but they hope for more for their children.

Thanks to your support of Free a Family®, much-needed community

projects—such as improving water and sanitation, access to education, and food security programs—are fulfilling this hope for the Lao Seng community.

It is a circle of love shared by many and starting with you.

Thank you for your part in extending the love of Jesus Christ to this dear family in Laos—and beyond.

10 YEARS OUT:

The Resilience  
of Hope

**ON JANUARY 12, 2010**, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit near Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince. In a matter of moments, nearly 300,000 people lost their lives, 1.5 million people were displaced, and thousands of families faced the fear of rebuilding from nothing.

One of those families was the Delices.

Shortly after the earthquake, Jean Felix, Manette, and their children left Port-au-Prince, returning to Blain to help Jean Felix's parents rebuild their family farm. After experiencing such trauma, returning to Blain and to family brought healing.

“We all feel comfortable to share our pain.”



Now, ten years later, rebuilding Haiti remains a difficult task, hampered by other major disasters such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Every Haitian, including the Delices, still feels the effect of these disasters on a daily basis: fuel shortages, drought-caused food insecurity, and mass political protests.

To help parents address the impact of such disasters on their children, World Renew has incorporated trauma healing initiatives into Haiti's recovery projects. For Jean Felix, World Renew's interventions were key in helping his children process post-disaster trauma. “I used World Renew's participatory approach to facilitate conversations in my family. We all feel comfortable to share our pain with the rest of the family, children and adults,” shares Jean Felix.

Today, the Delice children reflect strength and hope. Each has found success in school despite everyday hardships. Fedner and Sarah, the two oldest children, live in Port-au-Prince as high school-level education remains unavailable in Blain. The two youngest, Christine Marie Naomie and

Jonathan, attend grade school in Blain, but they must walk an hour just to get to school. From the heartbreak of family separation to the challenge of a long commute, the Delice children remain committed to one another, to their dreams of a better life, and to participating in their local community.

For Jean Felix and Manette, life has come full circle. Currently preparing to move the family back to Port-au-Prince, they eagerly await reuniting with their older children and setting up Christine Marie Naomie and Jonathan for an easy transition to high school. Jean Felix and Manette also dream of sharing their new knowledge and skills from World Renew with their community in Port-au-Prince.

As with any new beginning, this beloved family of God faces much change. But thanks to Free a Family® donors like you, the Delices end their time with the Free a Family® program equipped with the resilience needed to meet these challenges together. Join us in the next issue as we share the story of another family in Latin America that is building hope for their children too.

# COUNTING ON PLENTY.

**JUST AS YOU** are making a difference for Kadzo Kenga and her family, your gifts touch the thousands of other families across Kenya. Here's the incredible impact of your giving through Free a Family®.

**620 FAMILIES** have access to newly constructed latrines.

**100% OF FARMERS** in the Central Rift region have increased their food production through Canadian Foodgrains Bank programs.

**1499 FARMERS** in Kenya's western region are also participating in village savings and loan groups.

**1500 HOUSEHOLDS** now treat their drinking water.

**1064 HOME VISITS** made by community health volunteers to families with children under the age of 2.

**2018-2019**

*Kenyan families like the Kengas* rely on the land for daily food. With the ongoing threats of climate change and recent locust swarms, these families have become even more vulnerable to hunger. Your regular support brings training and tools to secure their food sources and improve community health.

**NVOU GYANG** has the same desires as any mother: for her children to grow up happy, healthy, and thriving. But without a steady income, Nvou and her boys often went hungry. Then, through World Renew's partner, the Beacon of Hope Initiative, Nvou gained access to fresh possibilities that helped her start her own banana-selling venture. From her profits, Nvou can provide daily food for her growing children and she has money to save. Today, Nvou thanks God for this chance to give her children the deepest desires of her heart.



*"My children and I are very grateful for the timely support from God. The Lord has really used the Beacon of Hope Initiative and World Renew to change my story positively."*

**Nvou Gyang,**  
BUSINESS OWNER,  
MOTHER OF A FREE  
FAMILY®



# NIGERIA

# TO SHARE IN THE BLESSING.

*Sandress and Loyce*  
represent many families  
throughout Zambia and are  
one of thousands of families  
now changing their story.

**THE TERRAIN OF** western Zambia verges on apocalyptic. Rivers have dried to ravines; trees have withered to timber; grasslands have succumbed to dustbowls. Drought has stolen the heart of Zambia's farmland. Or so it would seem.

And yet, God has not forsaken his people. On the other side of the country live Loyce and Sandress Nyirenda. Each November, the Nyirendas purchase a 25-kilogram bag of soybean seeds from World Renew's partner, the Presbyterian Church of Zambia. The Presbyterian Church sources the seeds through another partner, Good Nature Agro, and sells them to the Nyirendas at a discounted rate. Once harvested, these seeds will provide enough income to secure the Nyirendas' livelihood for the year.

So begins a growing cycle of hope for Zambia. Next, the Nyirendas donate a portion of their seeds back to the Presbyterian Church. The Church then sells those seeds back to Good Nature



Agro to cover the cost to free more families from poverty through the seed program. Good Nature Agro then uses the seeds to grow more crops, employ more workers, and come alongside more farmers, including the farmers in western Zambia who are currently experiencing drought.

Through giving back, the Nyirendas start a chain reaction of growing opportunity, food, and blessing. Their act of generosity cultivates provision for God's drought-burdened children across Zambia. So God's blessing grows, spreading to all His children. We have a chance to join that story as well. May we, like the Nyirendas, seek to be generous and strive to share well.

**"UNJUST SYSTEMS**  
perpetuate poverty and  
prevent God's children  
from flourishing, but you  
can help change a family's  
story from one of living in  
poverty to one of thriving  
in fullness. Thank you for  
supporting Free a Family®  
and responding to God's  
call for every person to  
know the beauty of the  
Creator and the fierce love  
of the Savior."

*Carol Brener-Bennett*  
Co-Director, World Renew



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