

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS



Top: Jeb Torry
Bottom: Anderson



Project James Supporters,
It's the busiest, merriest, most-giving time of the year again! As we celebrate Christmas in the extravagance of America, please pray for these four children, as well as the many who are not listed in this letter, who do not experience extravagance in the same way we do.

Jeb Torry is now in 6th grade. She enjoys studying history, and when she is not in school she likes to draw, study and play. When she shared her thoughts on God's Word, she said "so when God makes a promise we should listen to that promise and what He is saying".

Anderson is in 8th grade this year. His ambition is to be a scientist, because, in his words "when I am in science class, I

see amazing things". When he isn't in school, Anderson's favorite things to do are sleep and workout, and his favorite parts of the Bible are the stories of Joseph and David, "because God used them for big things".

Barckley is completing 5th grade this year. He's a special young man with a big dream. He wants to be "a person who makes the plan to build a house"; to rebuild his country for the people. His favorite school subject is mathematics, and when he has free time, he enjoys playing soccer.

Myrline is in 8th grade this year. When she graduates, she wants to become a doctor, "to help Haiti, because lots of children are sick". She also likes to watch movies.

Aren't they amazing?!



Top: Barckley
Bottom: Myrline



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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WACCAMAW BOYS AND GIRLS HOME

In addition to our opportunity to share Christmas with children in Ecuador, we have been invited to provide gifts for the 50 teenagers living in Waccamaw Boys and Girls' Home.

We will be purchasing presents for each of these children, rather than providing a monetary donation. These gifts

should be between \$10–20, for youth ages 12–18.

Please contact Project James if you would like to donate a gift to the youth of Waccamaw Boys and Girls' Home, and we will pick up the gift(s) from you. Also, if you choose to wrap your gift(s), please designate the age and gender each gift is for, so

that it will be delivered appropriately. Thank you so much for all that you give!

The ages and gender for each child living in this home is included as an insert in this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS IN ECUADOR

The time is finally here! We have been preparing for Christmas in Ecuador for several months now, and it is finally time to send our contributions to Tony Geouge for Christmas in Benemerita Sociedad de Protectora del la Infanciato.

36 girls and 23 boys are being housed in this orphanage, and without our contribution their Christmas celebration will not exist. Project James' goal is to send a \$30 gift for each child. This money will be used to pur-

chase clothing and other necessities for each of the children, as well as to purchase toys, and cymbals for the shared drum set in the orphanage.

In addition to these gifts, the \$30 donation will provide a day at the waterpark for each of the children, so that they can celebrate Christmas both in their "home" and as they go out together.

Through all of these provisions, \$30 will cover a lot, but, most importantly, as the children cele-

brate the season of God's original coming, they will be exposed to the fact that His coming changed His people. They will "understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is", as your gifts remind them that they are cherished, both by our Father, and by His children who are sharing His heart.

Please send your donation to Project James by December 20th, so it can be sent to Tony.



Top: Waccamaw Boys and Girls' Home

Bottom: Tony with a group of children in Ecuador



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Every Christmas I ask for increased understanding of some part of God's story; for a revelation that will make the season come alive for me, and rebuke the cliché spirit that can take over the celebration.

This year, I am struck by "Emmanuel". **God with us.** Christmastime is invading my everyday through the constant unwrapping of what this truth really means. We teach that God has always been, and that He will one day be (in a way that we can

see and wholly embrace who He is), but do we teach—and understand—that **He is now?** During this time of year, it is easy to embrace that God **WAS** with us, and most people believe that God **WILL BE** with us, when this world fades and we enter what is to come. But do we embrace that He **IS** with us?

My question for myself this season is this: Do I understand Emmanuel? Do I understand what His presence means between

the manger and the yet-to-come? Does His presence not merely inspire me for the future; does it change me *now*? Do I live like "God with us" means that He is with *me*—making this moment a holy opportunity to know Him and to share His love?

My prayer for us this Christmas is that we embrace God with us *now*, as we celebrate the night this good news was originally shared.

Have a Merry Christmas!



MINISTRY PARTNERS

Thank you all for giving so generously and faithfully to the work of Project James this year. As 2013 draws to a close, and we prepare for a new year, we are mindful of all that you have given to make this ministry what it is, and are excited about all the opportunities to come in 2014 for us to serve orphaned children together!

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas, and that the end of this year, and the preparation for all that is to come, is a peaceful time for you.

We look forward to partnering with you to serve orphaned children in 2014!

Year end donations must be postmarked by December 31 to count for your 2013 statement.

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**"How my soul praises the Lord
[...] He has filled the hungry with good things..."**

Luke 1: 47; 53