



ASLAN Youth Ministries

changing the world, one child at a time...

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Touched by God's Love

I wrote about Diana in my Haiti blog a few weeks ago. She's one of our little Aslan girls in Haiti, and Joseph and I saw her mother and her walking along a dusty path as we were winding our way back from L'Acajou to Ouanaminthe one afternoon. Diana had the worst case of pinkeye that I've ever seen, and she desperately needed to see a doctor. I immediately had Joseph make arrangements for us to take Diana to see a doctor in Dajabon, across the bridge in the Dominican Republic the next morning.

What should be easy is never easy in Haiti or the

Dominican Republic! First, we were stopped by Haitian officials who would let me cross the bridge but wouldn't allow Diana and her mother to cross. After standing there for several minutes we were finally allowed to cross into the D.R., only to then be held up by Dominican officials. Again they said I could go wherever I wanted, but Diana and her mom could not. You would have had to be blind to not see how badly Diana needed a doctor's care. After a 10-minute wait and silent prayers, we were allowed to walk into Dajabon. Two hours later, Diana had seen an optometrist and we'd

bought medication for her – all of this for \$53.00 US! Pictured below is Diana a week later and almost completely well!



What you see here is a little girl who could have gone blind from an easily treatable condition had Aslan not been there for her. Your support makes miracle stories like Diana's possible!

- Craig

P.S. Follow my Haiti blog at <http://theforgottenpeople.typepad.com>

ISLAND NIGHTS 2011

Join us **July 23, 2011** for a beautiful evening of boat rides, dancing, and Caribbean cuisine on the banks of the Shrewsbury River!

For more information, please visit our website:

www.aslanyouth.org

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Something to Think About

With the price per gallon of diesel \$3.89 in New Jersey and gasoline \$3.75, it now costs us \$195.00 each time we fill up the Aslan bus and \$150.00 each time we fill up the Aslan van to pick up the children! Our vehicles are our lifelines to the children. Will you please consider designating a special gift to our Aslan fuel fund?

BIG BLUE

No matter how long ago someone has been a part of Aslan, the first thing they always mention is the *Big Blue Bus* that picked them up every time they came to Aslan. Our 52-passenger bus, our two passenger vans, and cargo van are so critical to the success of our work that words cannot describe it. Believe me, we at Aslan don't ask for much. We have never owned space for our offices or programs, which has forced us to move from place to place for 35 years. Please do not misunderstand. We are eternally grateful for the generosity of all the wonderful churches and community centers that have provided free or reasonably priced facilities for so long! Without their help, we could never have succeeded as we have. The singular thing [in addition, of course, to our deep faith], however, that distinguishes us from other groups reaching out to children is the door-to-door service we provide for every Aslan program, activity, and event. It is the core of our relationship-driven ministry and the reason we are so successful, with God's help, at what we do.

Please think about how much your support means to us. These are hard economic times, and we've lost a lot of funding from major providers. Now more than ever, please remember to give to Aslan!

- Craig