

Divine Connections

Sometimes events happen that defy explanation. The following is one such event.

A man from the World Bank in Guinea-Bissau moved next door to a woman in Los Angeles named Candice Scott. Candice had never heard of this tiny African country or the Casa Emanuel orphanage that her neighbor told her about.

He explained how he and his wife often visited the orphanage, bringing treats or rice and playing with the children. As he shared about his country and the children of Casa Emanuel, Candice heart was touched. She wanted to visit Guinea-Bissau and help the children.



Candice and one of the babies.

As it turned out, Candice worked for a company that gave grants and matched charitable giving. A plan started to form. Why not raise money for Casa Emanuel and, at the same time, go visit?

The next step was to email Isabel, the director of Casa Emanuel. The message was to the point: "I want to come and bring a friend." The response was received with excitement: "Come."

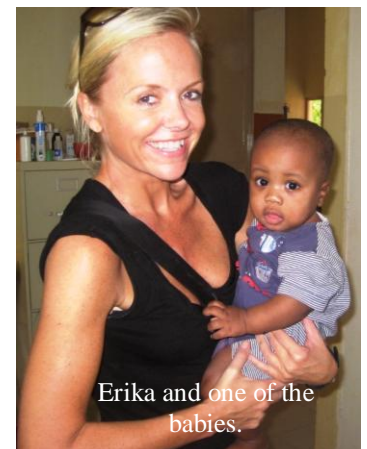
Candice now needed to find an American charity that would be able to direct the funds to the orphanage.

An internet search brought her to *Life Link*. A phone call to Connie and the final step in the process was under way.

Emails and phone calls went out. "Candice and Erika are going to visit an orphanage in Africa. Please help them be a blessing to the children and staff."

Money and supplies started to pour in. Clothing, water bottles, shoes, medicines - the list goes on. Seven duffle bags full! During a period of about six weeks, over \$7,000 came in and was sent to Casa Emanuel.

When Candice and Erika went to the airport to start their trip, they were prepared to pay for the extra bags, if necessary. After all two is the magic number for bags on an airplane. They arrived at the airport with their baggage marked, *For Orphanage Casa Emanuel* (in Spanish). The Hispanic skycap took them into the airport and managed to get all their bags on the plane for free. God is so good!



Erika and one of the babies.

Isn't this an amazing story of the way God works? Just by sharing the need he saw in his country, and the way, in which Casa Emanuel was making a difference, others were moved to help.

You never know who the Lord will use you to touch.

So, please, whenever you have an opportunity, **tell others about Life Link and the orphanages in Africa.**

You may be a divine connection, a literal "*life link*", connecting the next person you meet with an orphanage and bringing life to children there.

God bless you for your continued and faithful giving. Have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Together for the children,
Connie



The "hugging bandits" are a group of 3 year olds who look for anyone to steal hugs from! Here it is Candice and Erika!



Good news! In 2009 **Life Link** sent the African orphanages and children's homes **\$65,406.00** for housing, feeding, educating, and providing medical needs and vocational training. **Thanks to all of you who made this possible.** We believe 2010 can be even greater!

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Also remember to use GoodSearch.com as your internet search engine. Choose life link (Claremore, OK) and verify. Then search the web. Life Link gets a penny every time you search. Last year we received \$54. It may not seem like much to some people, but it buys rice, and tomatoes!

Thank you to all who use GoodSearch and GoodShop. And thanks to all who are going to start using them this year. What a great resolution you can actually keep!

STOP THE PRESSES! THIS JUST IN!

Meet Baby Andrew. He is two weeks old and the newest member of Oasis Orphanage. He was abandoned by his teen mother while they were still in the hospital. The nurses waited a week incase the mother changed her mind and returned. After deciding that her return was improbable, they called Esther Krebo, director of Oasis Orphanage, to see if she could take him. They didn't know anyone else to turn to that they could trust. We are overjoyed at his arrival. He is healthy and happy. Remember him in your prayers.



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