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Kids Alive Rescues Haitian Orphans

International Orphan Rescue Group Will Bring Haitian Orphans to Temporary Homes in Dominican Republic on Monday

VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 15, 2010 – Known for providing homes for orphans and abandoned children around the world, Kids Alive International currently serves more than 1,000 children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. As part of the emergency response to the Haitian earthquake, Kids Alive will rescue 50 new Haitian orphans on Monday, bringing them into Kids Alive homes in the Dominican Republic until new group homes can be built for them in Haiti.

Kids Alive President Al Lackey said the Dominican Republic government has told them to expect at least 50 children on Monday, but Lackey has a feeling there may be many more. With 150 Kids Alive staff based in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, the organization is very familiar with the great need in the region and will be working together to provide homes, medical care and a safe environment for these traumatized children – with a priority on keeping siblings together – no matter how many children they find in need.

“We love these kids, and as much as looking after them physically, we provide loving house parents and a real home environment in order to meet their emotional needs as well,” Lackey said. “We take on the care of these children for the long term, and will be providing educations for them, giving them stability and a hope for the future as they struggle with the loss of their parents.”

Kids Alive representatives will stay in close contact with both the Haitian and Dominican Republic governments, and will eventually establish new homes in Haiti so that these earthquake orphans can be brought up in their own country. Those who have become separated from parents who are injured or simply have yet to be heard from will be reunited with them once they are able to care for their children.

Currently serving more than 6,500 children in 17 of the poorest countries around the world, Kids Alive provides children with the love and care every child deserves, and raises them to be contributing members of their society. In addition to group homes for orphans, Kids Alive also provides care centers, schools and medical clinics for families and children in need around the world, not only rescuing children, but also restoring communities.

Begun in 1916 in Shantung Province, China, by missionaries Leslie and Ava Anglin, Kids Alive International is a Christian faith mission dedicated to rescuing orphans and vulnerable children – meeting their spiritual, physical, educational and emotional needs. Donations to their Haiti rescue operation can be made at www.kidsalive.org. Kids Alive has the highest credibility ratings from GuideStar, CrossGlobal Link, Charity Navigator and the ECFA. Kids Alive is also an accredited 501(3) organization under the Internal Revenue code so all gifts are tax deductible.

Note to Editors: For more information about Kids Alive International or to arrange an interview Al Lackey or representatives in the Dominican Republic/Haiti, please contact Melany Ethridge of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or melany@alarryross.com; or Kristin Cole at 615.289.6701 or Kristin@alarryross.com.