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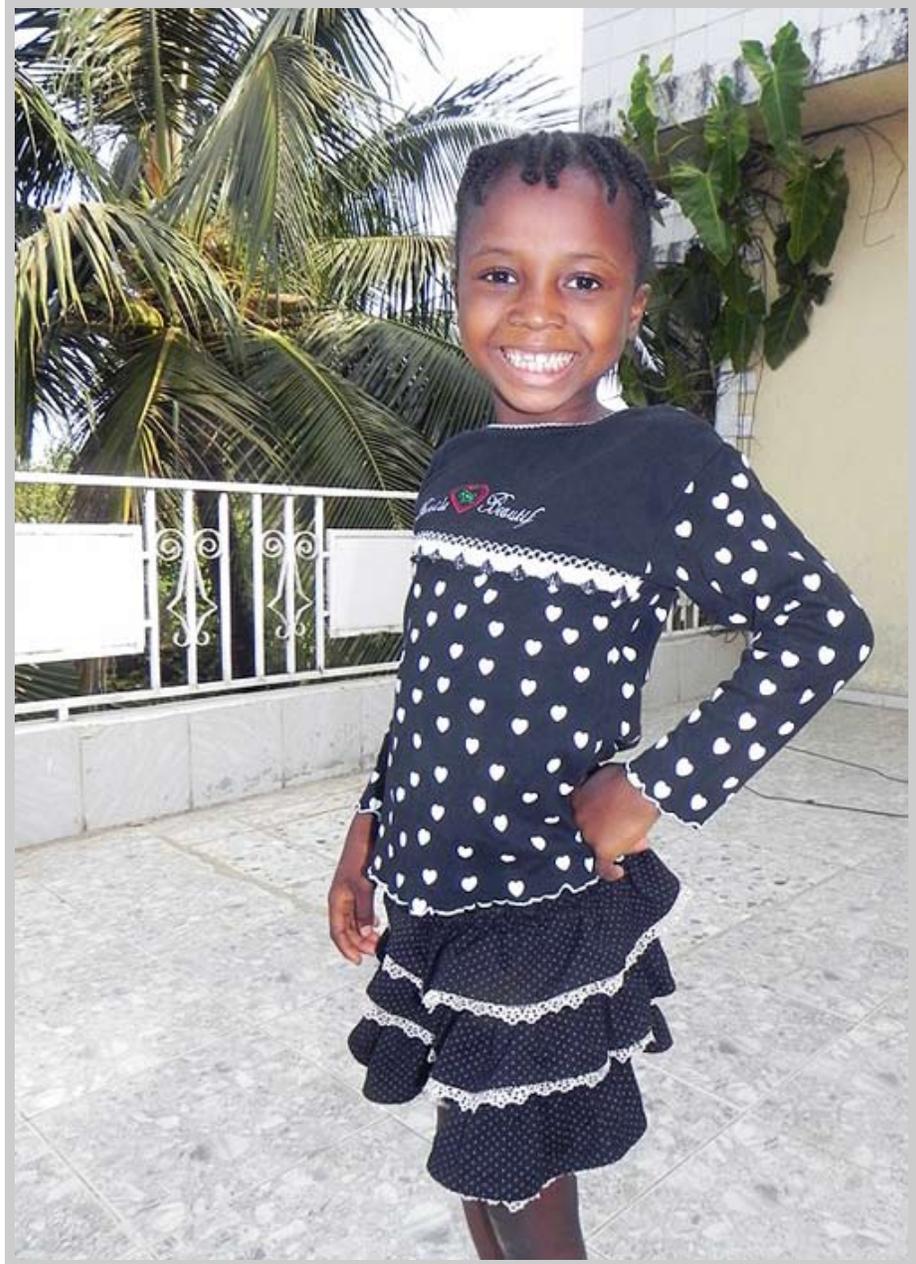
Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

I've been waiting a long time to see **Joyce's** real smile. She came to us at the age of two, with a history of abandonment that showed on her face and in every part of her demeanor. Subsequent photos of Joyce through the months and years have continued to show that she was still struggling with feelings of rejection and pain. Although she has always been a loving little girl, she couldn't show the "light up the room" smile that I knew was hidden inside her. But, this week, when I received new photos of Joyce, I finally saw it! And I couldn't wait to share it with you!

The words used to describe her in the past were "timid, shy and withdrawn." But, in her latest report, Joyce, who is now six, is described as happy, active, cooperative and intelligent. Not one hint of the trust issues that used to define her.

This is really something to celebrate! Although it took a few years of nurturing love to bring about the change, Joyce's radiant smile is one of the best ways we can measure the success of our work. Joyce's smile, and the smiles of so many others in our care, help us know that these children are growing and becoming all that God intends them to be.

Thank you for being part of creating Joyce's beautiful smile! Thank you for so many bright smiles that you've brought to hundreds of children through the years! I am so grateful, and I know that the children send you a very LOUD and boisterous "thank you" too! What a cherished gift you have given them!



➔ **Please help to keep those smiles coming! We're in a very difficult place, financially. We don't know how to keep serving these beautiful children without your support. You know this already, but it bears repeating. We really NEED YOU!**

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