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Cory wants to help change that. He looks for groups ministering in Haiti that share the vision for helping others. "If someone is doing good work, we want to partner," he says. "We want to educate and open community conversations, pulling those in restavek and the families into the conversation about how to fight it."

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