

# Haiti: From adorable to absolutely perfect

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I was sitting outside playing with Jayrele, who is about 3 years old. He was just sitting on my lap playing patty cake with me and hugging me.



The temperature was a little cooler than usual, which means low 80s in Haiti. The sun was going down, and a bunch of the older kids played soccer, while the younger children built playhouses out of rocks and sticks.

Jayrele kept looking at me and playing with my hair. He would push my hair out of my face and behind my ears. Then the most precious thing happened. He pushed my hair back, kissed me on the cheek, and said, “bel bel bel,” which means “beautiful” in Creole.

My heart melted right then and there. He completely stole my heart. I’ve always thought that he was adorable, but this moment, he went from adorable to absolutely perfect.

It's the moments like this that I cherish most—when it's just the kids, God and me. When I'm able to hold them and love them and show them God loves them, too. When I'm able to sing, "Jesus Loves Me" to them, and they respond by singing it in Creole, "Jesiz renmen." I am totally captivated by their sweet little voices.

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