

Emmanuel Ministries

Dear Friends -

Our city is dying. Our people are hopeless. Your help is an amazing tool the Lord is using to help us fight against such devastation. We must continue to show Jesus' love to one another or we will perish. I might sound pretty drastic, but the reality of our daily life in this city lays heavy in my heart. The stories we experience confirm my hunger to continue to seek ways in which we can be instruments of God's love and alleviate the pain somehow, to be a refuge and a community of people that give hope.

A few weeks ago, a taxi drove by Emmanuel circling around the property a couple of times. A few minutes latter the taxi stopped at the children's home. It was around 7 am when only a few of our maintenance crew are out and about and the children are getting ready for school. A woman stepped out of the taxi. She was carrying a baby and holding another small child by the hand. She walked towards the front door of the home, left the hand of the little boy, who seemed about 18 months old, walked back to the taxi and drove off. The little boy stood there for a



few minutes, he was naked and dirty, then he began to wander off. One of our staff noticed this little boy walking off the sidewalk and began to look for the taxi which was nowhere in sight. He decided to bring the child into the interior of the Home where the dorm mothers immediately bathed him, dressed him, and fed him. He was as happy as could be. He did not speak yet, so we knew nothing, not his name, not his age, not his mommy's name, nothing. All our children welcomed him and began to hold

him and play with him. He was so happy; you would never have known he was a child that had just been abandoned.

We drove around to look for this taxi. We waited for hours before reporting this to the authorities, hoping his mom had gotten lost, had had some emotional or mental breakdown and that in a few hours she would come to her senses and come back for the little boy. She never did. The little boy stayed with us for a few days until child protection services went to process his situation. They took him to find him an adoptive home. The little boy was now safe but all of our hearts continued to wonder how, why would a women do something like this and sadly we had many answers