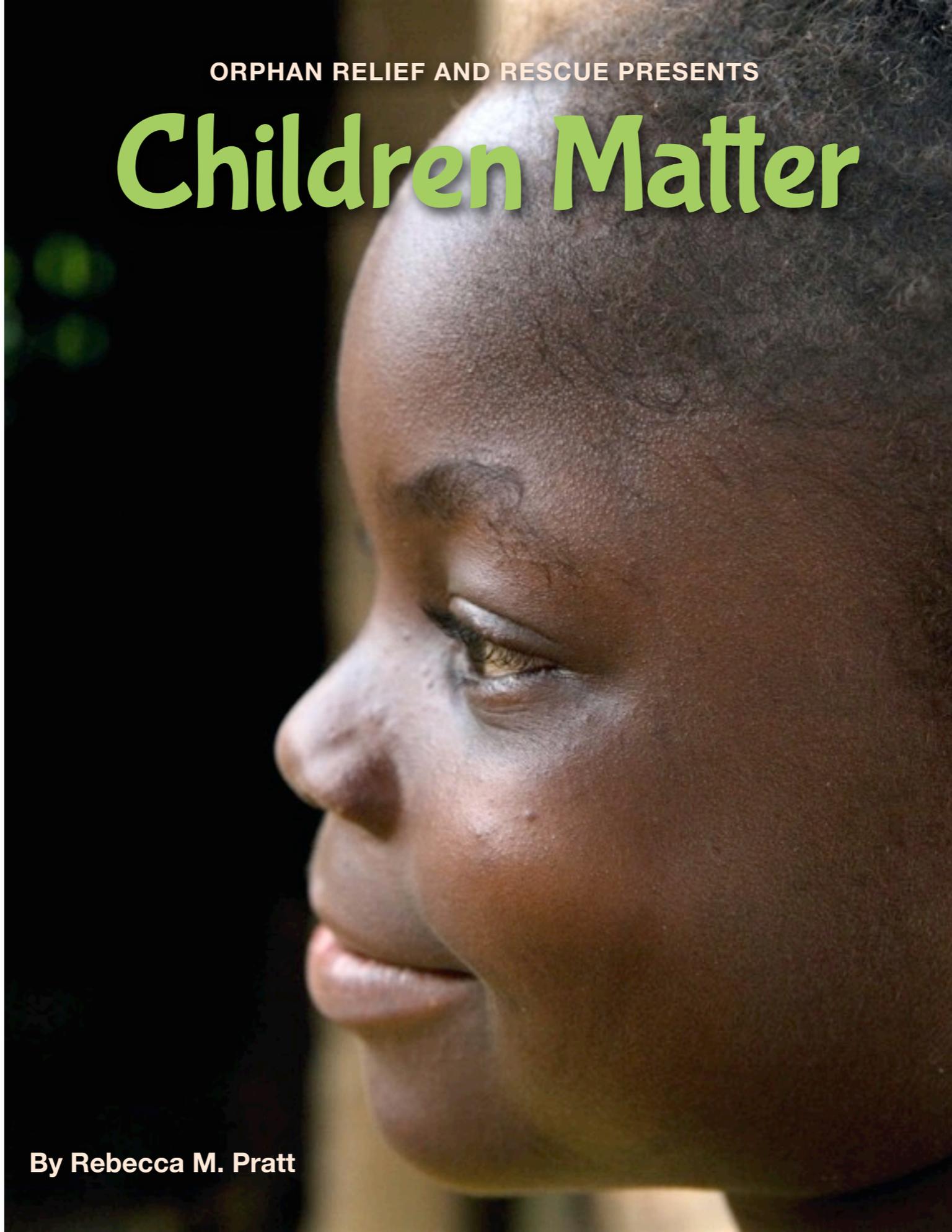


ORPHAN RELIEF AND RESCUE PRESENTS

# Children Matter

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**Every child around the world is so important. Each have a name, a dream and a destiny.**

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**Each boy and girl is valuable and special. Every child needs to be loved and cared for by good parents. If that child is an orphan and has no parents alive, then they need to be taken care of by loving and caring adults.**



Our world is very big. On this planet we call Earth, we have seven continents and many different countries. One of these continents is called Africa.



On the continent of Africa, there are 54 countries, with 54 presidents in charge of each different country.

In every part of the world children live very differently.

No matter where they live around the world, every child is incredibly special.





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Every child has been created in a very special way, including YOU!

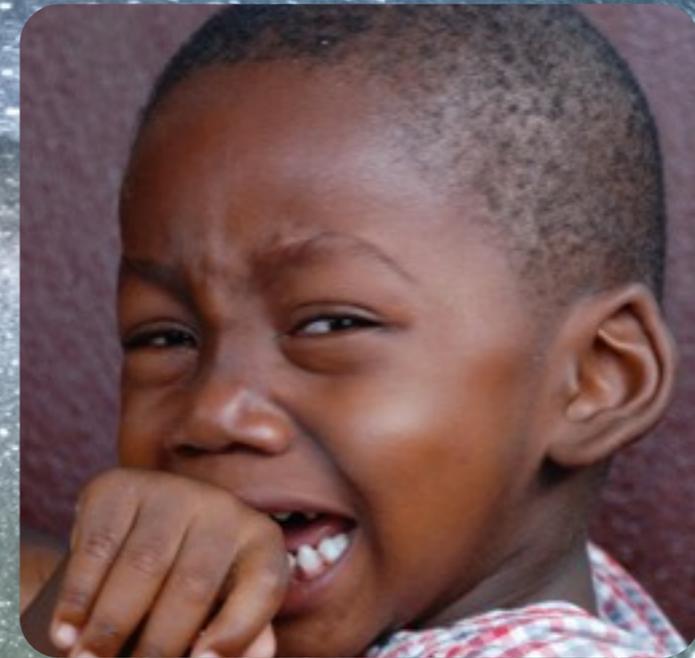
There is no one like you in the whole world.

No matter where you live, or who is raising you, you deserve to live a healthy and wonderful life.



Some children around the world are living in very difficult places where they do not have much food to eat, and they are suffering because of where they live.

These are the children that we do not want to forget about. It is important to help them to have food to eat so they do not have to go to bed hungry and to die young. We want them to be able to go to school and to be able to live in a safe place.



Orphan Relief and Rescue is an organization who has wonderful people working to help rescue children who are being hurt and abused by those who do not care about them.

We are the ones sharing this with you so you can know how to help these children.

No child should ever have to go to bed hungry with no food in their tummy. No child should ever be beaten or hurt.

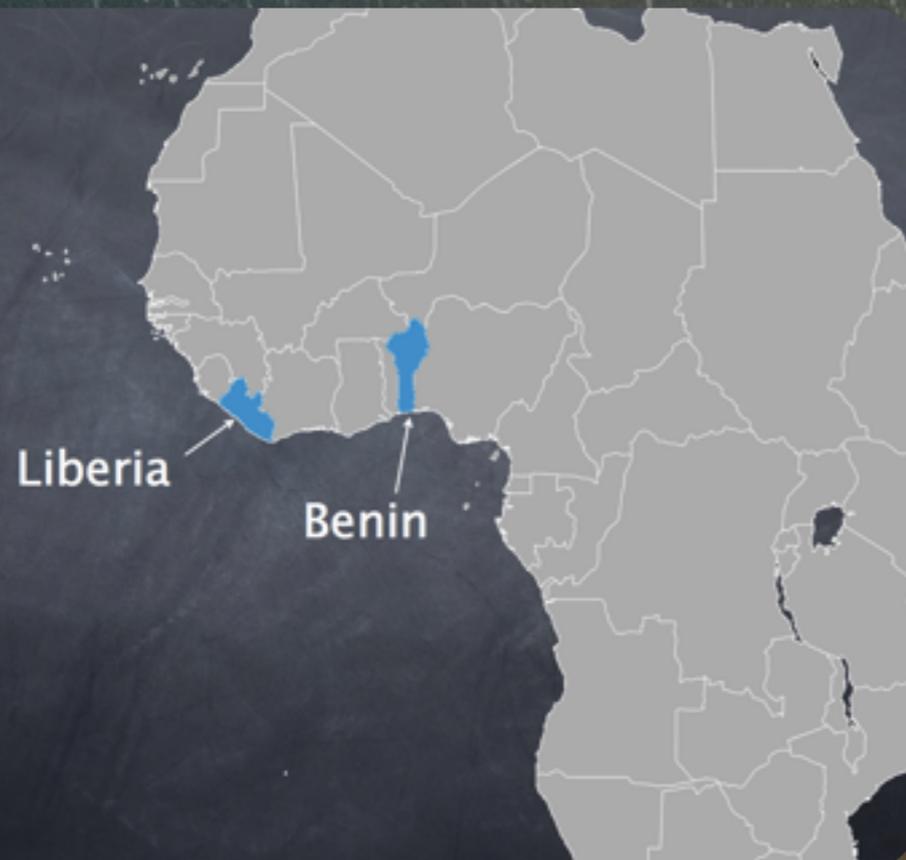


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We at Orphan Relief and Rescue work in two different countries in West Africa. They are called Liberia and Benin.

These countries are very beautiful.

They have beautiful oceans, beautiful jungles, and beautiful people.



Where we work in the city, children mostly live in cement homes. Outside the city many live in homes that are made of dirt, sticks and rock. An orphanage we built is made of cement. This is the blue building below.

Outside the city, many people do not have running water. Children take baths in rivers, lakes, or ponds. They even take baths in buckets.



Children work very hard in Africa. They all have to help around the house to survive.

There is no running water in many parts of Liberia or Benin, so the children have to bring in water from a well or river.

They have to wash clothes by hand. They also take care of their little brothers and sisters while their parents work.



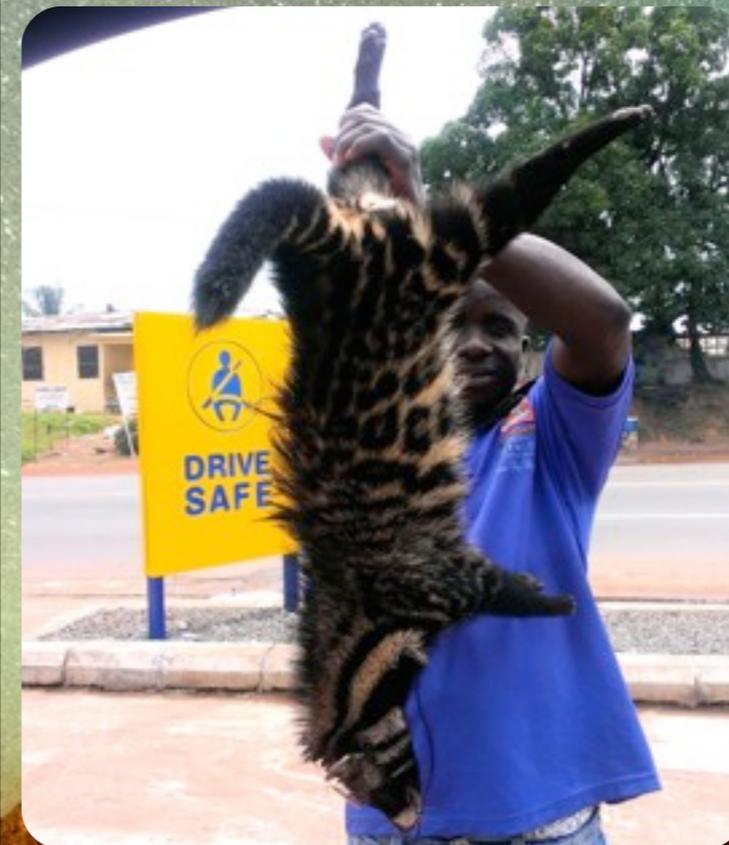
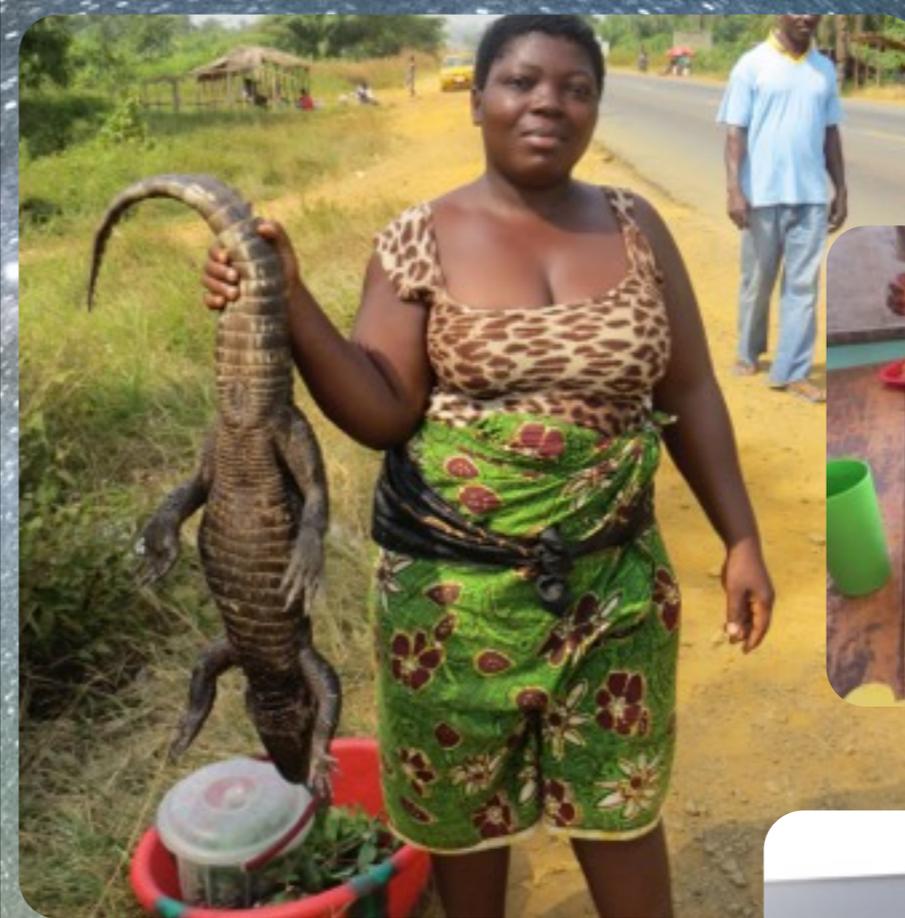
The children love to play when they get a chance. They love to dance, perform, tell stories and of course play soccer, which is called football in Africa.



The food in Liberia and Benin is different than American and European food.

They like to eat lots of rice, beans, and soups made out of vegetables. They eat fruit, crocodile, monkey, snake, raccoon, frog, birds and many other types of meat.

Some of the same meat they eat as Americans and Europeans are fish, deer, chicken, beef, rabbit, and pork.



We want to tell you about some children that we want you to know about.

Albert, who is in the picture below, is a baby that almost died from a disease called malaria in February of 2014. You get malaria from a mosquito bite. We are thankful he is doing well now because he got medicine to treat him so he would not die.

Many people die from malaria each year. It is important to make sure you sleep under a mosquito net in Africa, so you will be protected from mosquito bites at night.



Children who live in orphanages all have stories of sadness that they have come from. We are working hard to help them so they don't have to be sad anymore. We are telling them about how important they are and how they are not forgotten.

These four children had a mother who got sick and died last year. They have no father to take care of them. They now live in an orphanage together. They are healthy and happy because they are being taken care of all together by a loving orphanage mom and dad.



Some children are in villages where their parents are so poor they cannot feed them or send them to school.

In some of these villages parents are selling their children to someone who promises to take care of them.

They do not understand that when they sell their son or daughter, their child becomes a slave. Many bad things happen to them. This is a very sad thing that parents do because they feel they cannot do anything else but sell their child to survive.

We are helping to rescue children from being sold and hurt.

We are telling parents about what really happens when they sell their child. We also help them earn money so they can buy food for their children and can send them to school.



If you would like to help these children, there are some wonderful things you can do.

First you can share this book with others to let people know about what is happening.

Second you can help raise money to rescue more children. Here are some ways you can do this.

You can have your parents download a Kids Helping Kids packet from our website under the take action and fundraising section.

This will give you more detailed ideas of what you can do to help.

None of this work can be done without people like you helping us.

Visit: [www.orphanreliefandrescue.org](http://www.orphanreliefandrescue.org)



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