

Caleb's Story



Caleb was born on 3rd August 2001. As he grew up, it quickly became clear that he had severe learning difficulties as well as displaying attention seeking behaviour, such as hitting his head against walls. Although he can sit and stand unaided, he is unable to walk without assistance.

Caleb comes from a large family, with 5 brothers and sisters. His parents were struggling to look after all the children and find enough food for them all. His mother has been very ill and hospitalised for long periods, leaving his father alone to take care of the whole family. With all these difficulties, it is perhaps unsurprising that Caleb was neglected in his own home.

Caleb was brought to our home in Haiti on 14th May 2009, where we started taking care of him for two days each week. However, due to his parents' situation, he now comes for longer periods of time. Visiting physiotherapists and occupational therapists are developing his ability to walk and helping him towards other specific learning goals.

Alongside his activities at the home, we work together with his family to plan the best way to support Caleb and his family each week, and encouraging them to assist with his development when he is at home.

Through the help of our home, Caleb has been offered a bright future, which had previously been denied to him. We are very hopeful that he will be able to walk and will learn to live an independent life. He is already an extremely happy and friendly boy who simply loves to be around other people.

Every 30 seconds a child is trafficked into abuse and violence. Children like Caleb are at extreme risk of abandonment and trafficking.

Jubilee Action rescues and protects children facing the most serious injustices: those who are held in prison, subject to trafficking, victims of prostitution, recruited as child soldiers or living as street children.