

January 30, 2017

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This is a thank you letter to all of you who have given money and have prayed for our war-orphans and widows during these several years! We told the Lord a long time ago that this was His work and there was no way we could take financial or physical care of those precious orphans. He had to do it! We have lost some support along the way but the amazing part is that the Lord always makes up the monthly amount for the orphans, widows and construction needs.

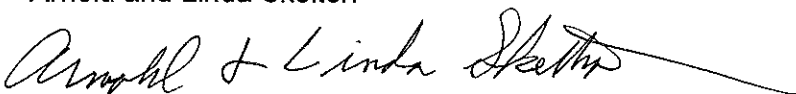
Our three sons made a three week trip to the Ivory Coast in October. We can't tell you how it impacted their lives to go back home after all these years. They were so blessed and encouraged in seeing so many pastors and friends. Our oldest son, Jason, had a best African friend growing up. Konan grew up and was a captain on a ship. There was a chemical explosion one day and Konan was blinded in both eyes. Jason took him to see a doctor while there in the Ivory Coast and the doctor said there is no hope at all that he could ever see again. We have their meeting on video and it is the most touching scene we have ever seen. At least Konan was saved many years ago and our sons were astonished by his praises to God and the Bible verses pouring out of his heart and mouth.

The boys were also able to spend time in Yamoussoukro with the orphans. The orphans had a special celebration for them including songs, Bible verses and plays. The highlight for them was to visit the construction site where the orphanage is being built. When they arrived, there were five more dormitory rooms to be tiled. Our sons paid for the completion of all the tiling in the first dormitory. All the bathrooms are completed and painting is being done as we write this letter. Construction has now begun on the kitchen. The government dictates that we have a wall all around the property of the orphanage. We are asking the Lord to send in the money to complete the kitchen and the wall in order that these children can get to their new home in just a matter of time! As you all have supported His work with these orphans and widows so faithfully, as the Lord directed you, we would like to ask you to financially help us at this time in order to quickly finish up with these construction needs. This is a tremendous burden on our hearts but we are confident that the Lord is bringing it all to pass! Again, thank you for your faithful monthly support for the orphans and widows as well as for Linda and me, your missionaries. This is a tremendous burden on our hearts but we are confident that the Lord is bringing it all to pass!

We were hoping and praying that more of you would order the book, "It Will Be Worth It All." Every penny of the proceeds go to the orphanage construction. We haven't received any orders from most of our supporting churches. This is not the first book that Linda wrote years ago. This is a new one but includes some of the episodes from the first one. I am urging our pastors to tell your congregations about this. I am urging all our supporters to tell your friends about this book. You can call me at 770-639-7671 or you can text me to order. The books are \$20 plus shipping. We are counting on each one of you to help to complete the construction very soon!

We love you all and God bless you and your different ministries!

Arnold and Linda Skelton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arnold & Linda Skelton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed names.