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TEAM IS FILMED BY CBS' "60 MINUTES"**

***Sweet Sleep Team Helps Give Haitian Orphans Sweeter Sleep  
After January's Disaster***

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (March 5, 2010)** – Forty-seven orphans received new beds at an orphanage in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, on Tuesday, March 2. Sweet Sleep, an international nonprofit organization headquartered in Nashville, worked with a team of individuals from Brentwood Baptist Church to install the beds and bedding for the children.

The children who received these beds were outside their orphanage under a large mango tree at the time January's earthquake struck. They noticed the earth start shaking as they were praying over their dinner. The orphanage's concrete roof collapsed, yet all of the children survived. Sweet Sleep's partner, The Global Orphan Project, has been caring for the orphans since the catastrophe.

The Sweet Sleep team comprised of Brentwood Baptist members left for Haiti on Thursday, Feb. 25, to work on-site with Gash and The Global Orphan Project. The team was able to spend time with 200 orphaned and abandoned children on the Global Orphan's campus, and to assemble beds for 47 of the children. Sweet Sleep has contracted with a pastor in Haiti to build the remainder of the beds it will be distributing during future trips this year. The bedding for the children's new beds was provided by donations from Sweet Sleep's previous local bedding drives in January. This week, the children are sleeping in beds for the first time in their lives.

Sweet Sleep has committed to partner with The Global Orphan Project through its disaster relief plans for Haiti's orphaned children. The Global Orphan Project is establishing ten village campuses, each caring for 100 orphans. Sweet Sleep is partnering with The Global Orphan Project to provide the beds and bedding for the 1,000 children. As a continuous commitment to use local, indigenous resources for Sweet Sleep projects, the organization hired a local Haitian pastor to build all the Sweet Sleep beds for Global Orphan's campuses.

CBS' "60 Minutes" has been in Haiti filming a story about the plight of children in Haiti after January's catastrophe. The television program will profile the lives of a handful of Haitian children and capture their struggles after the earthquake. While working with The Global Orphan Project and filming this ministry's disaster relief efforts, "60 Minutes" spent time with the Sweet Sleep team as they assembled the orphan's beds. The television network had the opportunity to film these children as they received their new beds and bedding earlier this week. The "60 Minutes" program is scheduled to air in two weeks.

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Sweet Sleep began its work in Haiti in 2008. The organization plans to continue working in Haiti later this year and for years to come by providing beds and bedding to Haiti's orphaned and abandoned children.

Sweet Sleep is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Sweet Sleep is a member of the ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability), which is dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public's trust through adherence to their standards of responsible stewardship. Sweet Sleep is registered with Guidestar, which provides information that advances transparency in nonprofit practice in order to encourage charitable giving.

Sweet Sleep is a Nashville-based nonprofit organization which provides beds to the world's orphaned and abandoned children. According to recent estimates there are more than 210 million orphans worldwide, and every day 5,760 more children become orphans. Sweet Sleep works closely with indigenous staff as well as U.S. churches and businesses to provide beds and bedding with a goal of providing "a bed for every head." Since 2003, Sweet Sleep has provided thousands of beds for orphans in Moldova, Haiti, and Uganda.

For more information about Sweet Sleep, visit [www.sweetsleep.org](http://www.sweetsleep.org).

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