

Beth-Tikva: House of Hope

Last time, we shared Jemima's testimony: her joy at being in school, at the university, and her struggle throughout the entire year to remain there. Her words reminded us how fragile and precious access to education can be in a country like Haiti, amid gang violence.



Williams, photographed at Beth-Tikva, House of Hope.

Williams' story

Williams is a young boy whose life began under difficult circumstances. He was born on February 10, 2022. In late 2020, his mother, Wilvelita Marcéus, left Haiti for the Dominican Republic in search of a better life. She arrived in a country where she did not speak the language, had no family, and soon found herself pregnant with Williams, without knowing the father. Alone, overwhelmed, and vulnerable, she eventually returned to Haiti, a nation already shaken by instability and violence.

Despite everything, she did not abandon her child. She gave birth to her son and cared for him with devotion for two years. But in March 2024, while walking Williams to kindergarten, tragedy struck. A gang opened fire. Wilvelita was shot, collapsing in front of her little boy.



Williams on New Year's Day, January 1, 2026.

A mother's final words

“Au revoir mon fils, tu ne verras plus ta mère.”

“Goodbye my son, you will not see your mother again.”

With her final breath, she whispered those words to her little boy. Wilvelita died at 38 years old. A fragment of the bullet that killed her pierced Williams' right foot, passing through it completely.

For several days, a stranger took the child in. Eventually, neighbors learned what had happened. One of them, aware of the mission of INHO Beth-Tikva, brought Williams to our door.



The X-ray shown in Williams' story.



The scar on Williams' foot.

Finding a family at Beth-Tikva

Since that day, we have tried to give Williams the stability and care he lost so suddenly. At Beth-Tikva, he found a roof over his head, a welcoming table to eat at, and a school where he can learn and grow. More than all of this, he found a secure environment, a family, where the older children protect and nurture the younger ones.

Our greatest challenge with Williams today is the nightmares that refuse to stop. They are the echoes of a trauma no child should ever carry.



Bill and Williams.



Bill, Sebby, Williams, and Zazou: the Beth-Tikva family together.



Why our mission matters

In a country where armed groups use children as tools of extortion and violence, what happens inside our house must stand as the opposite: a living example of protection, healing, and hope. A place where life is rebuilt, where innocence is defended, and where a child like Williams can discover that his future is not defined by the horrors he has seen.

This is why our mission matters. This is why we continue.
This is why Williams' story must be told.



Williams today: a glimpse of his joy

We add these pictures to show you how happy Williams is today. Each smile is one more step away from the darkness he knew, proof that healing is possible within the walls of Beth-Tikva.



A welcoming table at Beth-Tikva.



Together with Bill.



With a canine companion.



Behind the scenes

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A moment on the steps.



Care and affection.



Growing up together.



A Beth-Tikva smile.



Williams, ready for school.