



# World Wide Village Inc.

## Thelisme's Market - April 6, 2010

In the fall of 2008, four hurricanes and tropical storms ravaged parts of Haiti and disrupted many lives. One such person is a young woman named Thelisme. Her husband was literally swept away by the storm and killed. Newly widowed, Thelisme suddenly found herself solely responsible for the care of five young boys under the age of 10. Though friends would eventually help build her a house and pay for her boys' school (education is not free in Haiti), Thelisme was determined to help herself. She became a "machan", or "market woman" and opened a small business where she sells staple foods (beans, rice, cornmeal), veggies, and some candy. Although she is exquisitely responsible with money earned from her business, Thelisme was still struggling to make ends meet. This is where World Wide Village came in.



Thelisme's business is located just outside the gates of "Real Hope For Haiti"(RHFH) of Cazale, some 45 minutes northeast of Port au Prince. Real Hope For Haiti administers the life-saving Medika Mamba in partnership with World Wide Village. Licia (pictured with Thelisme at left) from the RHFH introduced Thelisme to World Wide Village. After hearing Thelisme's story, World Wide Village saw an opportunity to make a huge impact in the lives of a mother and her boys. Because of your generous support, World Wide Village was able to partner with RHFH and help Thelisme double the size of her business, thereby allowing her to make enough money

to support her family. The family's future was significantly improved and the quality of life for a young widow and her five sons happened with \$250.

Won't you consider donating today? After the January 12<sup>th</sup> earthquake there are many more families in desperate need of a hand up. **With your help, we can improve the quality of life for more families who desperately need to see that someone cares and there is real hope.**

***Donations can be made by visiting our website: [www.worldwidevillage.org](http://www.worldwidevillage.org)***

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