

A Life of Faith

By Justin Morton

Last Sunday, I was informed of the tragic death of Roberta Edwards, the American missionary to Haiti, who was gunned down at close range. This senseless tragedy has left quite a hole to be filled.

Roberta ran Sonlight Children's Home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti where she cared for many children over the course of more than a decade. She also helped to provide two meals a day to over 150 poor children at least 5 days a week. Roberta was a wonderful lady who made a conscientious effort to live out her faith.

Since news broke of Roberta's death, I have read countless stories from those who spent time working alongside Roberta at the children's home. Whether they were there working for an extended period of time, or just briefly visiting with a missionary group from the states, everyone loved Roberta and had only good things to say about her.

Although she was taken from this life too soon, her memory and the impact she had, not only on the children she loved and cared for daily, but also on those who were able to see her faith displayed in action, will live on for many years to come.

Although I never had the opportunity to know Roberta on a personal level, I was blessed to meet her and hear of the wonderful ministry she provided to children in need. It was clearly evident, Roberta was not only a wonderful woman who loved others, but also a wonderful Christian woman who loved her Lord. And this is why, though many sad tears are being shed over her death, many more happy tears are being shed because of the wonderful life of faith she lived. Though she may not be physically present now, when one walks into the halls of the Sonlight Children's Home, the impact of her life will be seen, not only in those halls, but also in the lives of all those who were blessed by her life of faith.

May we all live in such a way that when our time on earth comes to an end, the world will be a better place because of the life of faith we lived.

"And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks" (Hebrews 11:4).