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I'm holding two of my little friends, Gito and Kentie.

People wait outside the gate begging to have their children taken inside.

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Missionary Children's Hospital

The hospital is run by the sisters of Charity.

The children have a range of health problems, varying in severity. Many have AIDS; most are severely malnourished.

The sisters were incredibly inspirational - they devoted their lives to serving the poorest of the poor...
The "hospital" is a very simple facility—there is no running water. A long-term volunteer nurse is the only medical personnel. Occasionally, doctors will visit to perform physicals, evaluate patients, and so on.

The Sisters demonstrate that these children can be cared for without technology that is beyond the means of their parents.

Simon had hydrocephalus—he was taken to the U.S. for surgery after being evaluated by American doctors. Many of the older children are orphans—the Sisters often attempt to have these children adopted into the U.S.