What's your morning routine?

I turn on the light and roll out of bed bleary-eyed and unprepared to face the long day of work ahead. Once I wash my face and begin my daily morning rituals of brushing teeth, convincing my hair to do what I want it to and bathe, I’m ready to tackle whatever challenges lie ahead—after I have my coffee, of course. At two orphanages in Sierra Leone, you have made it possible for 78 kids to have an easier, more pleasant morning routine.

Guess what that means?

Rolling out of bed, excited to go to school because you get to use your new toothbrush and towel.

Feeling clean, confident and focused when sitting in class because of a washcloth and a new nail clipper got rid of that pesky hangnail.

Getting that warm feeling when walking back to your room, kit swinging back and forth, knowing that even though you don’t have parents, there are some people that you’ve never met that loved you enough to give you a gift that mattered and expected nothing from you in return.

Your hard work and diligence have brought more than hygiene kits. You have carried light into darkness. You have lit up two orphanages with smiles, from the youngest child who received her first toothbrush to the orphanage staff members feeling less overwhelmed with the needs of the children around them.

Thank you for helping to make this possible.