

January 4, 2011: AHDH is back from its 50th Medical Mission

**Installation of a Doctor and Nurse at Hospital St. Joseph in La Vallee de Jacmel
Targeting Cholera in La Vallee de Jacmel & Port-au-Prince**

Dear Members, Volunteers and Friends of AHDH,

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The first words to come to mind after a long month of deep pain, from the time we left Haiti on Nov.

Relief ! Relief ! and Pride for the strong stand from AHDH's supporters

When we were leaving Haiti on November 28 it was, as some of you may remember, with our hearts

on crutches, as there was no staff replacement after us and more and more cholera patients were coming our way.

With HIS inspiration, we readily launched a fund raising effort to hire an MD, and RN, and take charge of the 4 rarely remunerated CNAs. Your response to our plea was just an overwhelming blessing:

Fribourg, Switzerland: the Ridores

New Orleans, LA: Xavier University, Unitarian Church, patients, Imani Temple, our many loyal supporters, WDSU, etc.

Crowley, LA: the Jouberts, the Michaels

Lafayette: Dr. R. J. Belizaire & colleagues, Dr. M. Harrington

Baton Rouge, LA: Dr. E. Colins

Ponchatoula, LA;

New York, NY: Dr. M.L. D. Roche

San Diego, CA: HTCF, Dr Carolle

You have all the reasons in the world to be proud:

Upon leaving Haiti this time, that 3 year old girl rushed to us (whose grandmother died 2 weeks earlier from cholera in her village), fell into a Hospital St. Joseph which is well structured ([photo#1 Cholera Treatment Center](#)), well staffed ([photo # 2](#)), well supplied. Thanks, Plenty International. and Lloyd Remedies, Thibodaux, LA.

We will not offend our mature audience with distressing photos (we keep them in our archives) but for your education, we will share with you [photo #3](#), a typical cot used for the crisis. Our thanks go here also to MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres) who joined our efforts, by providing them.

After our compound in La Vallee de Jacmel, Yvelyne and her brother Serge took our efforts to Riviere Froide, an impoverished community in the mountains of Port-au-Prince. AHDH donated \$2,500 to each of three schools and a youth organization called MEJHAM (Mouvement Elargi des Jeunes pour une Haiti Meilleure).

MEJHA's mission is to support programs in health, reforestation and education in Riviere Froide. The funds were spent on tuition payments for students previously unable to attend and to provide uniforms, school materials and furnish a meeting space.

An inauguration of the site was held on January 4 when the schools, MEJHAM and AHDH President Dr. Yvelyne Germain-McCarthy met there to report on the usage of the AHDH funds.

We are working on encouraging a small clinic run by a nurse to be more efficient in providing the first line response (IV fluids) to those affected by cholera. Relieved ! Relieved ! That our people won't die for need of a few bags of IV fluid costing less than \$30.

As we are preparing for our Winter 2011 Medical Mission, our 51st, from February 25 through March 10, 2011, it is such a relief to know that we have a well consolidated campus able to care for our less fortunate brethren there.

Million Thanks to all of you again who responded, and to those who will keep their promises, as we have some more miles to cover, but we are on our way to making a difference in the lives of those we are called to help (Mat:25:35)

Again, Blessings and life's best to you and yours for 2011.

Cordially,

Charles