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April 2021 Newsletter



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Announcements

On behalf of the AHDH Executive Committee, we are pleased to share the results of our successful medical mission that took place from March 5, 2021, to March 20, 2021. Thank you for your continued support over the past 35 years. We had a total of 15 volunteers.

- ✓ The eye team, led by Dr. Anika Michael, performed 59 eye surgeries & treated 400 patients in just five days.
- ✓ The first floor of our outpatient clinic is almost completed.
- ✓ The fundraising team, led by Dr. Anisa Shomo, has raised \$ 22,892 of the \$50,000 goal for the Haiti Medical Mission – Spring Fundraising initiative.
- ✓ Creation of new healthcare, education, and cultural activities teams that support the executive board to work more effectively
- ✓ All the equipment & medical supplies made it to La Vallee

Upcoming Events

May 8, 2021

General Meeting with the Executive Board

June 18-25, 2021

Team 1 Medical Mission Trip

June 26 -July 3, 2021

Team 2 Medical Mission Trip

Volunteers, please contact Dr. Charles Rene at chasrene46@bellsouth.net to join upcoming mission trips or email us at AHDHHaiti.org@gmail.com

The Eye Team

Thanks to your help, we overcame the massive obstacle of not receiving our regular donation of supplies. We were able to purchase, with your generous contributions enough supplies, to treat 400 patients in the clinic and perform 59 surgical cases in just five days.

Additionally, we distributed over 200 glasses. The mission was challenging because of the limited number of volunteers and the ongoing Pandemic.

With your help, we will continue to broaden our mission scope and help so many more patients maintain their sight.



Anika M, MD

& Shakespeare S.T., MD



It's always busy and lots of traffic at the Eye Clinic



We provide eyecare training for our volunteers & locals



Eye Team Picture

Haiti Medical Missions – Teamwork

Despite the impact of the Corona Virus pandemic, AHDH had a successful mission in Haiti during March 2021. Thus far, Haiti remains relatively safe from the more significant impact of the coronavirus. As of April 2021, Haiti has only reported about 12,000 positive cases and 250 confirmed deaths from the Pandemic. The AHDH's members and volunteers pictured below, the night before Team-1's return, once more, have proven that a better world is possible... made of humility, fraternity, love for all the journeyers on this fragile vessel, Mother-Earth, and have defined once more their option: Serve the less fortunate with their talents (Mat. 25:14...).



From left, 1st row: Claude V., Susan L, Anika M., Sandra B-R., Charles R., Yvrose V., Ange L.; 2nd row: Georges L., Shakespeare St. Nicole V-M; Angela A-H; Vanessa St.V, Jennifer P., Anisa S., Vanite L.,

Preventative Medicine & Urgent Care

Dr. Anisa Shomo and Dr. Angela Adams-Harrison joined the local healthcare team and together they were able to treat 250 patients during the week.

Dr. Shomo and Dr. Amering are currently working with a faculty & students from the Loyola University of Louisiana to research best practices for Medical Clinic Programs worldwide. The Loyola students are also working on a fundraising event on behalf of AHDH. The goal is to establish a long-term sustainable plan to ensure the people of La Vallee continue to have healthy & productive lives.



Surgery & Ob-Gyn Team

Once more, we could not bring full staffing for the OR, and we referred some cases to Jacmel, the closest bigger city (15 Miles away) to La Valle.

Hopefully, COVID-19 political conditions will be better by the Summer of 2021 to resume our usual OR services.

But, Senior Angels (on her 30th year of volunteering), Sandra B-R., R.N., in charge of the OR, took the opportunity to transfer and set up the supplies and equipment brought with our 40-foot container last December (see our Mission Report Fall 2020), in preparation for our Summer 2021 Mission.

This time again, with limited staffing, we had to limit our services to just consultation for the M.D. residents on "Service Social". We provided ultrasound, pelvic assessment, advice on case management, and medical treatments. Painfully so, we had to keep on hold our cervical cancer/dysplasia program.



C.R. coming over to the Ob-Gyn Clinic for consultation

Maintenance & Reliability Team

Eng. Georges L. is in charge of the newly created team for *Maintenance and Reliability*. With his expertise and experience, Eng. Georges L. will be instrumental in making sure everything runs well. Eng. George is also our technical expert for energy supply, solar or conventional.



Eng. Georges L.

Outpatient Clinics (OPC) status

The first floor of the outpatient is nearing completion. We can now use part of the outpatient clinic. We completed the flooring and secured the windows and doors with metal bars.

With the improvement done in the outpatient clinic, we stored the equipment, and medical supplies brought by the container last December. We expect to have most of the teams, at least the Ob-Gyn, Internal Medicine-Family Practice, Pediatrics, and Imaging well-furnished, besides the Ophthalmology already fully functional.

The final touch is underway for electricity and plumbing for the outpatient clinic.



Picture of the first floor of the outpatient clinic



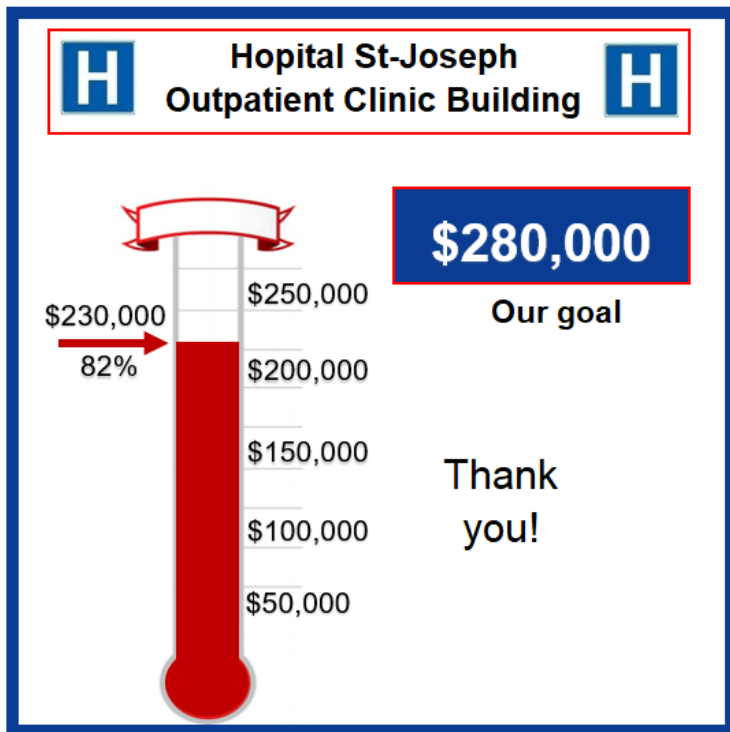
St-Joseph Hospital Outpatient Clinic – Under Construction



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Fundraising

As you know, COVID-19 continues to be a problem around the world. These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you are in good spirits and health! Please continue to play your role in supporting AHDH because your support saves lives.

The Fundraising Team, led by Dr. Shomo, has raised \$ 22,892 of the \$50,000 goal for the Haiti Medical Mission – Spring Fundraising initiative. We have seven people fundraising on behalf of AHDH, & we have received 161 donations.

Your Impact

- Your donation of **\$25** provides prescription drugs, like High Blood Pressure Rx, for three months, for 2 people.
- Your donation of **\$50** provides a well-care visit & medication for three months, for 2 people.
- Your donation of **\$250** provides surgery for hernia or cataracts with follow-up, for 4 people.

Special Thanks to our Partners

- ✓ Dr. Charles Rene, Dr. Nicole Vincent Michael, Dr. Anika Michael, Dr. Anisa Shomo, and Dr. Angela Adams-Harrison for their help coordinating this mission
- ✓ Rickie & Ronda J Accounting/management students at Notre Dame University, Jacmel, Haiti
- ✓ Zoe Johnson for creating video content for AHDH
- ✓ Disciple-N-Action led by Rickie & Ronda J, Dr. Duval & Dr. Michelle for joining our fundraising initiatives
- ✓ Thanks to Dr. Anshu Chandra & her team, who traveled from Fond-Des-Blancs to join our mission for the first time. They generously donated their time and skills in the Eye Clinic for the first half of the mission.
- ✓ Thanks to Carl Vincent for the pictures & videos



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