



15215 Endeavor Drive
Noblesville, IN 46060

April
2014

in this issue >>>

- Funds Raised for MM for 2014!*
- Before & After Story: Leonardo*
- Cholera: Prepare & Prevent*
- Supplies Sent To Haiti*
- Current Needs*



Hope in this life and the life to come

HELLO from Haiti

contact info >>>

*Our Address Has Changed.
Has Yours?
We Want To Know.*

Don't forget that our new mailing address is:
Real Hope For Haiti
15251 Endeavor Drive
Noblesville, IN 46060

Keep up with the latest news in Haiti by making sure we have your current contact info. If you have changed your address or email lately, please let us know by writing us at the address above or info@realhopeforhaiti.org. Find current needs and children to pray for on Facebook and our blog. **For more information go to www.realhopeforhaiti.org**

THANK YOU! MESS!

Your support is saving lives & giving hope!

It's a fact: You are making a difference in the lives of thousands of Haitians. It is only with your help that we are able to reach Haitians with health care, love, hope, and the Gospel message. We depend on your prayers, financial gifts, donated items, creativity, and time to continue the ministry. THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity! Your role in this mission is vital and appreciated!

As we enter our 20th year working here in Haiti, we want to give the Lord thanks and praise for His protection, provision, and favor.

Your support and prayers have provided a covering and blessing for the mission work here. We could not have done this without you! Your generosity and love for the Haitian people is much appreciated and treasured.

There is land purchased for us to start building the facilities that the area needs to provide quality health care, create sustainable change, and teach the Word for God. Please continue to pray for us as we talk and dream about what to build and when. It is important to follow the timing and leading of God. May HIS WILL be done. Pray for guidance, wisdom, and resources to accomplish all that God would

Thank you for bringing hope and life to thousands of people in rural Haiti!

poor. **God is compassionate!** You will learn how your donations helped to care for over 38,000 patients in 2013. **God is able!** Please read Leonardo's story and rejoice in the recovery of a child that some considered hopeless.

God is hope! Celebrate that supporters helped raise enough funds to buy Medika Mamba for the entire coming year. **God is providing!** The supply container was sent in February and arrived in Cazale in March. **God is good!** Thanks to many donors from the northeast of USA Benita is attending midwifery college this year. **God is faithful!** We thank you for joining us in support and prayer for Haiti.

How can I help?

You can give your time to volunteer or collect needed supplies to send to Haiti. Consider giving a financial gift to help us continue the work. You can donate through our website via PayPal, www.realhopeforhaiti.org, or send a check to RHFH, 15215 Endeavor Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Volunteer

We are blessed with many volunteers who give their time, efforts, talents, and strengths here in Haiti and at home. Consider a volunteer trip or helping to pack the container. Maybe you are gifted in typing, sewing, crafting, or something else that could be a benefit to RHFH and those we serve. Please contact volunteer@realhopeforhaiti.org for more info. Jody is the RHFH volunteer coordinator and will be able to help direct you in giving your time and talents to help.

Supplies Sent To Haiti

A container of needed supplies was sent to Haiti in February. Thank you to all that donated items, funds, and time to help make this happen. Medications, clothing, food, hygiene items, and more will soon be arriving to help in the work here. Another container is scheduled to be shipped in September. You can start collecting needed items and saving them for the fall. Contact us as the time gets closer and we will let you know how to get them to the packing area in Indiana.



current needs >>>

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>infant formula</i> | <i>vitamins</i> |
| <i>diapers</i> | <i>anti-fungal cream</i> |
| <i>baby wipes</i> | <i>A&D ointment</i> |
| <i>onesies</i> | <i>exam gloves</i> |
| <i>kid's underwear</i> | <i>index cards</i> |
| <i>toothpaste</i> | <i>white-out pens</i> |
| <i>canned meat</i> | <i>HP ink - 61</i> |
| <i>pencils</i> | <i>trash bags</i> |



Contact us at info@realhopeforhaiti.org

Saving Lives >>>

Leonardo



Leonardo came to the clinic with his mama. He is 9 years old and was suffering from a severe case of kwashiorkor. His mama traveled several hours to come to the clinic. On her way here, he became so ill that he lost consciousness. Many people said she should just take him back home to die, but she continued on. After talking with his mama, she decided to follow in the out-patient program with Medika Mamba. She was worried that he would be too hard to take care of due to his special needs. We gave her Medika Mamba and an appointment to return in 2 weeks. About one week later, they returned. She had tried everything she could think of to try and get him to eat the peanut butter, but he refused. His legs had become even more swollen and were now leaking fluids.



We talked with his mama for a while and we all decided that he needed inpatient care and he was admitted that day. Due to his special needs, we decided to hire one caregiver dedicated to him which we know was vital in his recovery. We inserted an NG (nasogastric) tube and began giving him Medika Mamba through the tube. We did daily dressing changes on his legs to help them heal. Little by little Leonardo began to heal. With the Medika Mamba, the swelling in his legs began to go down. His legs began to heal and he began to get better. After being on the program for about 3 weeks, he began to want to eat and got a healthy appetite. He began eating his Medika Mamba and we were able to remove the NG tube. After a few more weeks, he graduated from the program and was up and running around playing with all the other children. We are so thankful that he was able to spend some time in our inpatient program and heal. When his mama took him home last month, everyone was amazed and so happy for this little boy. Once thought not worth trying to save, he is healthy and thriving back at home with his family. Thank you for helping Leonardo and many others just like him with your support and prayers!



Medika Mamba is fortified peanut butter made in Haiti that increases weight and overall health.

Funds Raised for MM for 2014!

We are so thankful to everyone that gave towards the fundraising for the Medika Mamba program in January. Through your generous donations, you have given enough funding to provide Medika Mamba for our entire inpatient and outpatient program for the whole 2014 year. We have currently treated nearly 800 children since 2009 with this life saving product that is made especially for severely malnourished children.

bringing hope >>>

Outpatient Feeding Program helps over 450 people monthly

Malnutrition rates have dropped over the last several years, but it continues to be one of the top concerns for our pediatric patients. Food alone will not cure malnutrition. Education, encouragement, and medications for worms & infections are also important. It is essential that parents and care givers are involved in the entire treatment process to ensure lasting and beneficial change.

With the help of organizations like Feed My Starving Children, Love-A-Child, Christian Aid Ministries, Meds & Foods for Kids and supporters like you, children are receiving free medical care, education, and appropriate food for their degree of malnutrition. We are seeing amazing results with this program that happens every Friday. Parents are proud when their kids graduate from the program. Care givers are encouraging others with malnourished kids to come. This results in fewer kids returning to the Rescue Center. Weights are increasing and health is stabilizing. Lasting improvement is slow, but we are seeing it and are thankful to all that are helping bring hope for the future.



Cholera: Prepare & Prevent

The cholera bacteria, spread through ingesting contaminated food and water, can cause severe shock and death from diarrhea and vomiting. With the help of the Haitian government, other organizations, and many supporters like you, we have been able to provide quality care to over 8000 people since November 2010. Haiti is experiencing a drop in cases during our dry season, which will last until April. Cases greatly increase with each rainfall when water sources become infected. We are doing all we can to provide resources and educate those in our area.



Immediately after the outbreak, we were concentrating on treatment to save lives. After about six months, we started working with the government health department to train and equip people that lived in distant villages to give first aid care, education, disinfect houses, and more to save lives faster. After about five months, the government could no longer afford to pay them. There have been six of them that have been working the last two years on a volunteer basis. We have been giving them materials that they need to work, but we would like to commit to helping them obtain more resources to better serve their villages.

Education and prevention were able to curb the spread of cholera in our area over these past few years. Before the spring rains come, our team has put two things in place to continue the fight against this deadly germ – six health care workers and an ambulance motorcycle.

Americares has given us grant funding to purchase a motorcycle with attached trailer that can be used to transport patients, staff, and material. We hope that this will cut down transport time and ensure quicker response and care. The ambulance motorcycle will be available 24/7 to transport cholera patients and will have its own phone for emergency calls.



Thank you for helping serve 38,094 patients in the clinic in 2013!

Working together we can reach many to bring health and healing. Thank you for donated medications, supplies, volunteers, and financial support given to help the medical clinic stay open to those in need in 2013.

Back To School

One of our Haitian nurses, Benita, has been working with us in the clinic since 1999. She started out as a medical assistant and we were able to put her through nursing school over ten years ago. Her passion is to teach and care for women in pregnancy and childbirth. Through many generous donors, she will be attending midwifery school from March until December 2014 at the Midwives For Haiti School. We are so happy for her and excited to see her new knowledge helping mothers and newborns be safe and healthy.

remembering >>>

Celebrating 20 years of service

Called by God and compelled to serve in Haiti, Zach and Gretchen made the commitment and moved to Haiti full time in January 1994. From those first days until now, we are moved and motivated by Isaiah 58:7.....

What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.



I want to support RHFH with \$ _____ to make a difference in the lives of Haitians.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Send this and a check made out to "RHFH" to:

**Real Hope For Haiti
15215 Endeavor Drive
Noblesville, IN 46060**

or donate online @ www.realhopeforhaiti.org