

Real Hope for Haiti

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There is Real Hope in Haiti

Real Hope for Haiti (RHFH) is located 2 hours north of Port-au-Prince in the rural area of Cazale. RHFH has been improving the lives of Haitians by offering free spiritual, physical, emotional, and education services since 1998 when the Zachary family left their home in Indiana to serve as missionaries in Haiti.

The people of Cazale, Haiti, quickly grew to love and trust the Zachary's and word soon spread to surrounding communities that RHFH offered care, love, and education to anyone in need.

Currently, RHFH is comprised of a Clinic, a Rescue Center, and a Cholera Treatment Center. The Clinic treats an average of 225 patients per day.

The RHFH Rescue Center is presently an extension of the clinic. The Rescue Center primarily provides care for young children diagnosed as having 2nd or 3rd degree malnutrition. These severely malnourished children receive 24 hour medical care and a regimented diet until they achieve a proper weight and are healthy enough to return home. Before the child is discharged into the care of a parent/guardian, they receive nutrition education in an attempt to prevent the child from further problems with malnutrition. RHFH also takes in abandoned children for a time and cares for them until other living arrangements can be made. Most toddlers stay at RHFH from 4-6 months (babies stay 18 months). The average population of the rescue center is between 80-100 children at any given time.

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Smallest of the small.

- *Health care education*
- *Preventative medicine*
- *Prenatal care*
- *Primary care*
- *Limited emergency services*
- *Limited lab services*
- *Minor surgery/Wound care*
- *Distribution of medicine*
- *Malnutrition treatment*
- *Cholera treatment*
- *Spiritual guidance*

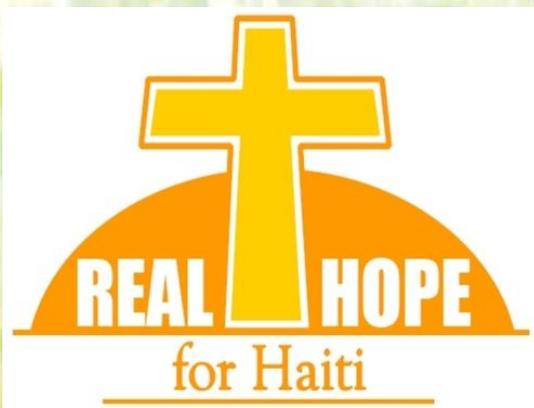
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Jenifer arrived - swollen with severe kwashiorkor - weighing 29 pounds. She has graduated from the Medika Mamba program and weighs 31 pounds.



Jn Rebens was malnourished upon arrival at the Rescue Center. Upon being admitted to the Medika Mamba program, Jn Rebens weight 20 pounds. His current weight is 24 pounds.



Since opening its doors to the first cholera patient in November 2010, Real Hope has only had a six hour period when they did not have any cholera patients. Over 6,000 cholera patients have received treatment there, utilizing a six-room house donated by a local family. A new cholera facility has recently been constructed that accommodated 50 in-patient beds and a place to monitor suspected cholera patients through the day. RHFH anticipates that cholera will be a persistent problem in Haiti for the next 7-10 years.

Malnourishment and Medika Mamba

Real Hope sees three forms of malnutrition: Marasmus which is characterized by severe weight loss or wasting; Kwashiorkor (kwash) characterized by a bloated appearance and lack of protein, and Marasmic-Kwashiorkor which is a combination of both kwash and wasting.

(For more information about malnutrition visit <http://www.unicef.org/nutrition/training/2.3/1.html>)

Dr. Wolff, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Washington University's School of Medicine, developed a peanut butter-based therapeutic food product, Medika Mamba, to help combat the needless deaths of so many malnourished children in Haiti. A typical treatment program for one child lasts 6-8 weeks and takes 25 pounds of Medika Mamba. 85% of children treated with Medika Mamba recover, compared to the 25% survival rate with milk-based treatments.

(For more information on the Medika Mamba program visit <http://mfkhaiti.org/>)

If you are interested in joining our efforts to in support of Real Hope for Haiti, please email Becky Harding at rshdesign@charter.net. We would love for you to join our team!

1 Sam. 2:8 He lifts the poor from the dust-- Yes, from a pile of ashes-- And treats them as princes sitting in the seats of honor. For all the earth is the Lord's and he has set the world in order.

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How Can You Help?

Spiritual Support

Pray for missionaries/staff and patients. Send inspirational scripture/devotionals via email.

(Contact Colleen at keyscc@capetigers.com if interested)

Fundraising

Raise money to fund container shipment as well as plan and coordinate fundraisers to provide operational funds as needed.

(Contact Michele at michelejfc@gmail.com if interested)

Marketing/Communications and Technology

Help create awareness via Facebook, newsletter, emails, advertisements, etc., and help keep group members informed. Provide computer and software support as needed.

(Contact Jessica at jessrichardson_923@yahoo.com or Chris Edmonds at Chris@element74.com if interested)

Medical

Provide healthcare to patients at RHFH as well as serve as medical advising board here, coordinate medicine, and assist with educational materials. All areas of medical care are needed.

(Contact Duc at ducnguyen8@yahoo.com if interested)

Supplies

Arrange for the collection of various items for health kits as well as on-going needs such as infant care items. Collection of medical equipment and supplies is also needed.

(Contact Annie at talley.annie@yahoo.com if interested)

Sewing

Sew shorts, dresses, cloth diapers, and nanny smocks. All levels of skill welcomed.

(Contact Patti at patti.whittington@yahoo.com if interested)

Optical Care Team

Perform eye exams and eye care for patients. Serve on eye care advisory team.

(Contact Dana at dschwieger@hotmail.com if interested)

Mission Trip

Interested in going on a mission trip to RHFH?

(Contact Becky @ rshdesign@charter.net if interested)

Reforestation (currently looking for someone interested in heading up this aspect of our ministry)

Work with RHFH with reforestation and agriculture endeavors.



Expansion underway!



Bondye papa nan syèl la ban nou fòs pou nou pase chak jou ak bèl timoun sa yo. ~Father God in Heaven, give us strength to pass each day with these beautiful children.

Current and On-Going Needs:

- Powdered infant formula and infant hygiene products
 - Boy's Shorts (new)
 - Vitamins with iron (no gummy)
 - Trash bags
 - Fly strips
 - Tylenol
 - A&D Ointment
 - Financial Support (www.realhopeforhaiti.org)
- We are also looking for someone interested in working with RH in the areas of reforestation and agriculture.

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