

Hello Again!

Lately, there have been a lot of things going on here at Real Hope for Haiti. We would like to share what God is currently doing through this organization, and would also like to stop and thank YOU, our supporters, for all your help. Much of what we do may be attributed to your contributions of time, effort and finances. Real Hope currently serves the community of Cazale with a Medical Clinic, a Rescue Center for children (RC), and a Cholera Treatment Center. Serving amongst those three divisions are 121 hard-working Haitian staff members.

We also have multiple programs established. First, there is the School Sponsorship Program through which 180 children are provided with education, thanks to you. The Food Box Program provides 210 families, who might not have enough to eat otherwise, with a regular source of food. The Community Group, which encourages locals to take action to build up themselves and their environment, planted 17,000 trees just last year. We thank each and every one of you who have donated. You, too, have been an important part of what's been done. The number of Haitians served the past two years is breathtaking. The Medical Clinic alone has seen an average of 30,000 patients per year. The Clinic is open to the public every Tuesday through Thursday, and is available for emergencies the rest of the week. A variety of cases are seen and, thanks to your continued support, we are able to diagnose and treat those in need.

Since the outbreak of Cholera, there has been a tremendous need for treatment of those who have contracted the disease. Cholera may be deadly, but loss of life is preventable so long as proper action is taken. Because of this, Real Hope has established a Cholera Treatment Center that has treated over 5,900 patients.

In this newsletter, you will find more information about what is continuing to be done about cholera, as well as the story of a child who was treated at our clinic. There are also a few stories of children who have recovered from various other illnesses after staying in the Rescue Center. An average of 166 children per year are admitted into the RC due to malnutrition, abandonment, or to offer temporary assistance for overwhelmed families. This truly is a miraculous program that gives much-needed attention to the most vulnerable members of the Haitian population. Again, we thank you so much for your support. You are all an important part of everything that is being done here. We encourage you to join us in serving both God, and the people He has called us to care for.

Words from Gretchen

*"Lord, give to me a quiet heart
That does not ask to understand,
But confident steps forward in
The darkness guided by Thy hand,
Author - Elisabeth Elliot*



(Above, Left) The Guest House, Clinic, and Rescue Center as seen from a nearby mountain. (Above, Right) Founder, Davis 'Papa Zach' Zachary, stands on the new RHFH property.



(Left) The Zachary's gathered for a group photo while bowling on a trip to the States. (Back Row, From Left) Charles and Lori Moise, Brianna and Casey Zachary, Licia (holding baby Gretchen, daughter of Casey and Brianna) and Enoch Betor. In front of Licia and Enoch are their children: Henley (middle left) Carmelo (middle right) Trey (front center) and Ameyah (front right). In the front left are Casey and Brianna's older children: Isaiah and Grace.



Real Hope Welcomes a New Family

The newest long-term volunteers at RHFH are Brennon, Allison, Lesley and Brianna Garrett. Originally from Paducah, KY, the Garretts are excited to contribute their skills for God's glory in Haiti. Brennon has experience in mechanical, construction,

and other contracting work. He will be helping build the Cholera Treatment Center on the new land. His wife, Allison, has clerical skills and is very good at working with children. Able to quickly learn new skills, Allison plans to lend a hand in the office, ICU, RC and clinic. Their older daughter, Lesley, graduated from Lone Oak High School in May 2012, and will be taking online college classes to pursue a degree in Journalism and International Studies. She will



be using her strengths at RHFH, which include design, writing, photography, and clerical work. Brianna, the younger daughter, will be homeschooled along with the Betor boys. The Garrett family has made an initial commitment to stay in Haiti for at least six months, but foresee a long-term working relationship with the mission.

The Battle against Cholera

Marie Claire held her three-year-old son, Watson, close to her. She made sure he was still breathing and mustered all the strength and speed she could to get to the Cazale Cholera Treatment Center (CTC). She just couldn't understand why this was happening. Earlier that

day, Watson was playing with his older sister as Marie Claire washed their clothes in the river. Now, he was barely clinging to life. She noticed that he didn't eat lunch and wasn't acting quite like himself. Soon after, he began to get diarrhea and quickly went downhill. Thankfully, she recognized the signs of cholera and took off to the CTC without even gathering her drying laundry.

As the yellow tarp came into view, she knew she was getting close. Her steps quickened with a new urgency. Relief overcame her as she stepped through the CTC's gate. She made it! The nurses quickly went to work and began giving life-saving intravenous fluid. As the other staff helped her clean up and get disinfected, they reassured her that they would do all they could to save her son. As soon as she could, she was attentively at his side to care for him, but there was little she could do but wait and see if he would wake up.

As she waited, the nurses explained to Marie Claire how to wash her hands and not to put anything into her mouth because it could be contaminated. The cholera virus enters the mouth and makes its way to the small intestines. There, it latches on and rapidly draws out the body's fluids. This produces extreme amounts of vomiting and diarrhea. Dehydration and shock quickly set in, and death can occur within an hour. She had always been careful to boil their drinking water and protect their food, but little Watson must have picked up the virus in the river.

After a couple of hours, he began to move and eventually reached out to her. Oh, her joyous heart! He was going to make it. She gave him drinks of Pedialyte, cleaned up after him, and comforted him as best as she could. There were no extra beds, so she slept in a chair for three nights as he recovered. She didn't mind because she knew that many places in Haiti didn't even have these services available.

Gathering up her things and saying goodbye to the staff, her heart was overwhelmed with gratitude for the care that made her son well. She had learned new ways to protect her family from cholera and to stay healthy. The staff not only saved her son, they gave her knowledge to prevent this from happening to someone in her family again.



(Above) Time is almost up for the house currently being used as the CTC, which creates an urgent need to build a new facility.



(Above) Construction is underway up at the new property.

(Cholera, cont.) Stories like this have been repeated over and over again with patients at the CTC. As we approach treating 6000 cholera patients since November of 2010, we are thankful to you, our supporters, for all of the financial, technical, logistical, prayer, hands-on and patient care support that so many of you have given to care for each of these precious Haitian patients. We have one of the lowest death rates in the country at 0.003%. For many months, we were the only CTC within a 20-mile radius. That is very far when walking on mountain paths. Your aid is saving lives, improving knowledge, and showing the love of Jesus in a real and meaningful way.

As we strive to give quality medical care, please consider what you can do to help us serve in more effective and permanent ways. The current cholera patients are housed in a donated home of someone in the Cazale village. After two years of use, it is time for us to give this family their home back and plan for how we will care for cholera patients in the future since cholera is predicted to be a major health issue in Haiti for seven to ten more years. With this in mind, we have worked together with many others to design and begin building a new Cholera Treatment Center. Most of the funding is in place, but we need your help to complete and house the facility with needed supplies. Pray about how you can help financially to continue saving lives of others like Watson.

Construction Update

With cholera still maintaining a strong presence in Haiti, and time running out to be allowed the use of the house that the CTC is currently located at, it became quite clear that a new plan had to be made. The vision of a new facility, one that would allow RHFH to treat and minister to more patients in an effective way, is now becoming a reality. Ground was broken at the site of the new cholera center on July 23rd, and construction has officially begun! The CTC will be located on RHFH's new property, which is just a mile up and around the mountain from our main facility. Months of groundwork had to be done beforehand – leveling off, building up, and reinforcing.

Plans for the new CTC include an admissions area, an Oral Rehydration Station/Observation Area (ORS), an ER that will hold six beds, separate men's and women's wards, restrooms with showers, and an education area. The new facility will be able to house up to 50 in-patients and 20 outpatients once the first phase is complete. The second phase will expand to 100 in-patient beds and includes a pediatric ward. We are so excited that the vision of this CTC is coming to fruition. All thanks be to God!

How You've Helped

A lot of what we are able to do here at Real Hope for Haiti may be attributed to the generosity of you, our supporters. Every need, from construction funds to formula, has been met with an eager willingness to contribute from you all. Here are a few ways your donations have met real needs, and, in turn, encouraged Real Hope.



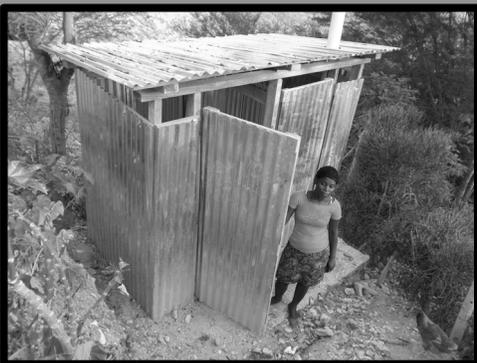
For several years now, we have been distributing food boxes to those in our community. These 210 households include the elderly, TB and HIV patients, widows and orphans; basically, those who cannot provide for themselves. We receive 1/4 of the food needed each month from Feed My Starving Children. The rest is purchased here in Haiti. Sponsors for this program give \$10 a month per family.

We are so thankful to each of you that helped us meet the needs to ship semi containers to Haiti each year. Many of you are working hard to sew, collect and purchase items to ship to Haiti. Others have donated funds for shipping cost. Several of you donated your time and talents to sort and pack up the boxes and pallets. We appreciate you and are so thankful that you help us to meet this need each year.



Community Group Projects

Could you imagine living in a place where only one in six people have access to an outhouse? Many of us cringe at the thought of outhouses. However, for many in rural Haiti, this is a luxury that is out of their reach. The cholera epidemic has brought this need to the forefront. Without good sanitation, the deadly virus will spread and infect others. It is important to prevent this disease and many others. With the help of a grant from HAITISERVE, the community group was able to build 28 double-seated pit latrines. These latrines serve 91 families, benefitting a total of 568 people. Also, this past planting season, the community group nursery produced over 12,000 fruit trees and 5,000 other trees to plant in the Cazale area. We are working together to promote good health and improve our surrounding environment.



Rescue Center Kids

Over the past two years, we've had approximately 331 kids admitted into the Rescue center. Here are a few of their success stories:



Dukens's mother died in childbirth and his father was unable to care for him when he was a little baby. Through the support of many, he was able to stay in the RC for 18 months. This allowed his father to continue working to provide for his siblings. Dukens was able to grow and learn to walk before returning home with his family.

Sodlyne's parents traveled to several places in Haiti trying to find help for their daughter. After being hospitalized for several months, she was sent home to die. Her father brought her to the clinic to see if we could help. We figured out she had tuberculosis, and after an extended time of treatment, she went home a happy, healthy little girl.



Mackenson came to the clinic very weak and sick. He was severely malnourished from months of not eating a healthy diet. He was admitted to the RC and began gaining weight right away. He was a sweet boy who was very thankful to those caring for him. He was 10 years old and weighed 33 pounds when admitted. He was up to 50 pounds within five months.

We are so thankful for the wonderful staff here at RHFH. The Rescue Center continues to treat many sick and malnourished children in our area. We have been averaging around 70 to 80 children on any given day. They stay an average of 4 to 5 months for in-patient treatment before returning home to their families.



Please continue to pray for these kids as God heals their physical and emotional wounds. Some have been orphaned, while others are anticipating going home to their families as soon as they're healthy again. If you would like to contribute, there is a consistent need for infant formula. You may also consider sponsoring a child for only \$125 a month.

Prayer Requests

- Guidance for the leadership of Real Hope For Haiti
- Good health and strength for the staff and volunteers
- Speedy healing for the sick children in the Rescue Center
- Steady provision of supplies for the work
- Safety for the construction workers on the Cholera Treatment Center
- Clear vision for the future and the fortitude to make it happen
- Faithful monthly supporters
- Protection of our minds, bodies, and souls from evil
- Integrity and honesty among government leaders

Real Hope Needs...

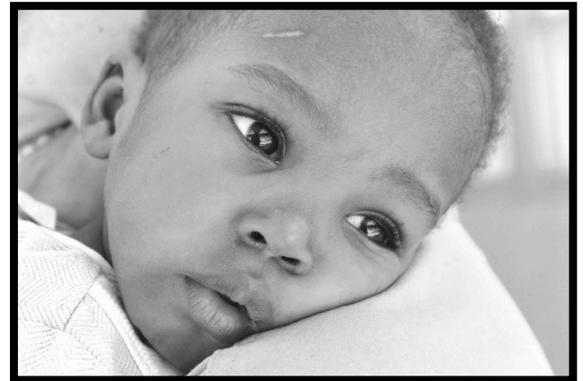
Although many needs have been met, there are still a number of needs that remain:

- Multi-vitamins with iron (for children and adults)
- Antacids
- Tylenol (pills)
- Anti-fungal (cream, powder, spray, or shampoo)
- Reli-On blood glucose test strips ("confirm/micro" in a small blue box, can be bought at Wal-Mart).
- Infant Formula
- Diapers
- Pillowcase Dresses
- Wipes
- Powder/Shampoo/Lotion
- Peanut Butter
- Ink for the printers (HP60 & HP61 Black and Color)
- General office and school supplies
- Backpacks

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(Left) Milienne and Clemene are seen showing off necklaces handmade by Doug & Barb Hamblin and friends. The RC kids always love gifts of any sort. (Right) This is Wedson, one of the children enrolled in the Medika Mamba program. When he arrived at Real Hope, he weighed thirteen and a half pounds. Now, he weighs seventeen and a half pounds.



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