

...hope in this life and the life to come...

Paul's encouraging words to the Philippi church can be meaningful to us even nearly 2000 years later. Following the example of Jesus, we are to put in to practice His teachings and turn from sin in our lives. "You will shine like stars among them in the world as you hold firmly to the word of life." (Phil 2:15-16) "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Be a light to your community and celebrate as you read these stories of Haitians shining bright in a very dark and difficult time in Haiti - all for God's glory.



K.'s family traveled a little over 1 hour by motorcycle to arrive at the Cazale clinic. He is the youngest of 10 children his mother has birthed. Two of those children died before they were a week old. His parents buy items in bulk to resell them. They also sell bread that they buy from a local bakery. During planting time, they also plant beans, corn, and grains in their gardens to resell at the local open-air markets. K. was very anemic when he was admitted and had a fever. He also was severely malnourished and refused to eat or even drink water. An NG tube was placed to give him the nutrition that he needed. Within a few weeks, he was eating on his own and loved the medika mamba. He gained 9 pounds in 8 weeks and reached his goal weight. His parents, working with our Haitian staff, are committed to do all they can to keep K and their other children healthy. We are thankful for their hope and determination to be lights as parents in their children's lives.

Damise is a 34-year-old woman that followed in the clinic for her 5th pregnancy. She lives in a 2 room home made of tin with her husband and 4 kids in a town about a 45 minute drive to the clinic. She came for monthly check-ups and we discovered at one of these that she had developed preeclampsia. We were able to give her medications to help bring her blood pressure down a bit until she could get to the hospital. When she was able to go, they did a C-section to protect her and the baby. Both lived and are doing very well after following medical advice and care. She is coming to her appointments well and taking her medications. Her and her husband are so happy and give God glory for the gift of life for Damise and their baby. Their lives and hearts are full!





From nurse Sabine:

"I greet you in the name of Jesus. I want to thank all of you who make the choice to donate to the mission of RHFH for the payroll of medical professionals (nurses, lab techs, doctors). God bless you for giving because this helps many people. I've been working here about 9 years and I congratulate the staff for the services they provide because they do it with their whole heart. I started working in the CTC (cholera center) for many years and I moved to working at the clinic when the CTC closed. The opportunity to continue working showed me great love. It is for this reason I'm writing this note of thanks to those that made it possible for me to stay on this team. My job allows me to care for many sick people and care for my family as well. I can pay my rent, feed my family, and send my child to school. Thank you for choosing me for work at RHFH. I love all the staff here. Thank you again for all you do to for me and the other employees. May God give you strength and love and grace. I pray God blesses you as you are blessing others."

A testimony from Esterome:

"Since the very first day that I came to the clinic I heard you talking about the word of God. You asked me if I wanted prayer and I said yes. I came to the clinic because I was having a problem being able to urinate well and I had a lot of pain in my body. I was able to see the doctor and they took care of me. I want to always stay close to God and even though I am almost blind now I have faith in God. I do not have big pain now and I am thankful to God for this. Continue in this good work."





Shadrack's dad says:

"His mom left him with me when he was young and since then I've been caring for him. I work with wood and build things like tables, end tables, dressers etc. During the day when I am working, he stays with my mom or aunt. When he came to me, he was very small and dehydrated with sores all over his body. I came to the clinic searching for help for my boy. The nurse spent a long time with me and gave me many ideas and encouragement to care for my son. She told me I could do it and he could stay with me and my family. He was one month old when I came and he weighed 4 pounds. Today, by the grace of God, he is 19 pounds and healthy. Every month I came to the clinic and received infant formula for him. I see he is well, big, and beautiful. I do not know what would have happened to my son if it was not for this clinic. I pray God prolongs each of your lives. Do not be discouraged and keep doing the work for God."