

Thanks be to God for
His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Merry Christmas!

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

Christmas greetings and blessings to all the RHFH supporters! You made this year possible despite the many obstacles faced. Thank you for spreading the Good News about the gift of Jesus to Haitians and others. You brought hope and light into a dark time. Merry Christmas!



Thank you to all those who have given extra gifts here at the end of the year. Your support is greatly appreciated and the way you stand with us brings encouragement. Since Dec 1st, we have received 183 patients with diarrhea at the cholera center. We suspect 112 of those have cholera. We've turned in 85 specimens to the National Lab. Out of 19 results we've received, 14 are positive. Cases began to spike the beginning of last week with 13-18 admissions per day. Yesterday, it jumped to 23. There have been 5 deaths and a miscarriage since last Wednesday. All suspected cases are coming from Cabaret (about a 30 min motorcycle drive to the cholera center) and most are in Duclos. Due to insecurity issues, our area is in the "red zone" which makes us off limits for government officials and other organizations to come in to help. Outsiders would be considered a risk to those living here and wouldn't be received well anyway. Organizations, health workers, churches, clubs, and individuals already in the area who would be more accepted need to join forces to fight cholera; but, in all honesty, everyone is just trying to survive the day as it is – food, water, shelter, and not getting shot/robbed are the priorities of most. It is taking most people 110% effort to keep their family alive and fed. For most, buying food takes priority over buying treated water, bleach, or soap. One health official was kidnapped. Gang members continue to rob vehicles passing on the road and are now burning them. It is a difficult time for everyone. Please pray for the patients, their families, officials, health workers, and individuals living in the area during these times. Your prayers are working. They protect us when we are in danger. God's promises are true. They encourage us when we are distraught. God is with us. He is our strength when we are weak. Thank you for partnering with us! We love you and pray for you as well!

Gerline is 22-year-old new mom who followed in the clinic for prenatal care. She lives with her husband and newborn in a house that belongs to her mother. It's made of rocks and cement with a tin roof. Gerline received prenatal vitamins during all her visits for a healthy pregnancy and delivery. It was discovered she was anemic during her first tests, but her blood levels rose to normal levels after a couple of months taking the vitamins and changing her diet. She returned after her healthy baby was born and was thankful for the medicine that helped resolve her anemia and help her be healthy enough to delivery her baby without any problems. Both mom and baby are doing well.





Thank you to all of those that donate monthly for a nurse's pay. Nurse Carolle wants to share her thanks.

Hello! I'm Carolle and I'm 52 yrs old. I've worked at RHFH since 2005, that makes me have 17 years working in the clinic. My job is with the children, especially those children who are malnourished and their parents with education and encouragement. I'm happy to tell you I am honored to be a part of the RHFH team and I love the work I do so much. This work has taught me much about the lives of children. This work has put water in my eyes many times when I look at the state of children and how sick they are. At the same time, this work has put a lot of joy in my heart for the change in their health and the healing they experience because of many people working together. I came to Christ when I was

13 years old and since that time I've went to church, but that doesn't mean that I really understood the Gospel. When I started to work at RHFH, I learned how to live out my faith with actions and words. At RHFH, I learned many things that help me live well with others and help me to live better. I will never stop telling all the supporters of RHFH "THANK YOU!" for the help you give RHFH so the work can continue in the country. I want you to know RHFH is the only source of income I have to care for myself and my family. I ask you to continue to pray for the mission so the work doesn't stop and pray for me so God would give me strength and determination to continue to do this work that I love so much. I'll continue to tell you thank you for each child who has been healed, for every adult who has found a solution, and for the poor who have found help. You make all of this work possible and you also help many employees to care for their families. I use my voice to say, "THANK YOU!" in the name of every Haitian who has benefitted from the help that you have given. Honestly, your support gets to those who need it most. Thank You!

Christelle followed in the clinic each month during her pregnancy. She was anxious about the health of her first baby so she didn't miss an appointment. She lives with 6 extended family members in a 2-room house made with cinderblock and covered with tin. Her mom (the baby's grandmother) is the head of the home and she sells staple foods to provide for the family. Seven days after Wood-Jwensky was born, Christelle brought him to the clinic for a check-up. He was a healthy weight and height. She was so happy to have her healthy son in her arms. She sends her thanks to those who help the clinic services be available to everyone in the area, especially the baby scale. She is looking forward to coming to clinic each month and seeing how much weight her child is gaining and tracking how he is growing.



Thanks to all who have given for IV fluids! Nurse Sabine and Sonara's mom want to share her experience.

"Sonara's mom sells clothing and cosmetics as an income for the family. On Dec 7th, Sonara started getting sick with diarrhea and vomiting. She became severely dehydrated by the 8th. Her mom came quickly to the RHFH clinic. The staff rushed to insert an IV and rapidly give fluids. She was sent to the cholera treatment center, about a mile away. Sabine and the staff cared for her with fluids and medications until she became better. Today, on Dec 10th, she is healed and feeling great. She was discharged with much joy and a smile on her face. Everyone is so happy she has recovered. By the grace of God and the hard work of her mother and the staff, God has given Sonara life again."