



REAL HOPE FOR HAITI

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MISSION: TO DELIVER HOPE FOR THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME THROUGH COMPASSIONATE MEDICAL CARE, QUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION, INTENSIVE MALNUTRITION INTERVENTIONS, ACTIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND GOSPEL FOCUSED OUTREACH, ALL IN THE LOVE AND NAME OF JESUS.



I had a injury on my leg. It was chronic and was going to take several months to heal. During that time, I received a food box from the clinic. It was a very sad and discouraging time in my life. Many times when I came the chaplains would talk with me and encourage me to not lose hope. I am happy to say today that my wounds are healed and that I am encouraged to keep working and living for my family.

My name is J.E. and I wanted to thank you for saving my life. If anyone can say this, it is me. Many people said, "He is going to die." I recovered and now I am able to attend school. I want to tell you how important this is to me. It makes me feel like a normal person to be able to go to school. I am thankful that you are in my life and that I

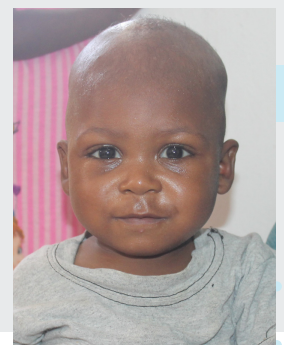


can continue to see those that cared for me many years ago. I love you. God is grand.



I was discouraged and cried most days because I did not know what was wrong with my son. Painful boils covered him and he was losing weight. Nurse Carol told me not to lose hope. My son was admitted to the inpatient program at RHFH. He improved, his wounds were healing, and was gaining weight. This made me happy. He reached his goal weight in 84 days and gained 7 pounds! I believe God put me on the road to find this clinic so that my son's life could be saved. I am glad that nurse Carol encouraged me and helped me to see that hoping was possible. I am happy to be with my healthy son and my family.

Benachely was a severely malnourished child living with his parents and older sister in a small thatch house. The family are farmers, growing corn, beans, and bananas, and raising chickens and goats to sell. Benachely was admitted to the clinic with a 105 temp and gained 5 pounds during his inpatient stay. His mother lost hope that he would live but stayed with him throughout his hospitalization. She attributes his recovery to God and is grateful to the clinic and staff.



VISION: Physically, relationally, and spiritually healthy people contributing to thriving families and strong communities as God designed and desires.

Eddy was brought to the clinic by his aunt. He had been living with his maternal grandmother since his mother died 5 months ago. His grandmother called his aunt to bring him to the clinic because he has edema. The grandma is unable to travel due to the long distance and her age.

Besides having edema from kwashiorkor, he also has a fever, cough and diarrhea and has a poor appetite. The family traveled 5 hours by foot, motorcycle, and taxi to arrive at the clinic. Eddy recovered from his malnutrition within 6 weeks and gained 4 pounds. From his aunt: I wanted to thank you for helping Eddy. I see that he looks beautiful and is developing well. I see that he is healed, and this makes me happy. I want to thank this clinic for this important work that they are doing in our community.



D. lives in a 2 room home with her parents and 2 siblings. D. become ill several months ago with a stomachache. Her mom bought some syrup in the open air market selling medications. She gave it to D. and it gave her vomiting and diarrhea. About 1 week before she came to the clinic, she began having edema in her legs, arms and stomach. Here is what she had to say: I am very, very happy today. I first want to tell God thank you. I. My daughter was so sick that water was falling from my eyes and I was certain she would die that day. The nurse said if they still have breath, we will try to save them. I want to thank the clinic that also gave life to my daughter. I believe that she was going to die. I do not have words to be able to say thankful I am. You took care of her, gave her medications, gave her food, gave her everything she needed to heal. I will never forget this clinic and what it has done for my family.



I'm a Bible school student who works with RHFH and I want to let you know about a church visit we made to a women's prison, where we distributed women's hygiene kits provided by RHFH. The kits were greatly appreciated by the women, who hadn't had good supplies for many months. Your gift helped decrease their stress and increase hygiene. They wanted me to tell you **THANK YOU!** Your work is important and appreciated.

