



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.



B's mother was killed by a gang that came into their village, leaving him without parents. He is sick and weak, and his grandmother struggles to feed him. They live in fear of the gangs returning and having to flee. Many nights, he wakes up crying because he is hungry. Thankfully, B was added to an infant formula program and given necessary medications to regain his health.

WJ is a 25 year old man with insulin dependent diabetes. He has had diabetes for at least 4 years, but did not start coming to our clinic until last year. He cannot afford the insulin and often needs help paying for his transportation to clinic. He has peripheral neuropathy in his feet which caused him a lot of pain, but the pain has improved since he started coming to clinic. He needs insulin to live, so thank you for supporting him!



Sonson was referred to us from another village that is about 6 hours away. He had kwashiorkor, a type of malnutrition characterized by severe protein deficiency. It causes fluid retention and a swollen, distended abdomen. His mama stayed with him during his time of healing and was able to learn from those that were here about childcare. From his mother: "Thank you for helping me with my son. I am that I was able to stay here with my son. I feel like I have learned many things that will help me when I return home. I really thought my son might die but today I am happy because I see that he will live."

My name is Clermita. I have been coming here since I found out I was pregnant with my 5th child and I am thankful for the clinic. I have been able to do lab testing here and was able to get a sonogram. I am in my last month of my pregnancy. I am thankful I received a birthing kit with supplies for the birth of my child. It helps me to prepare and know I have these supplies for the midwife when she comes to deliver the baby.



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

Widle was admitted for inpatient care due to severe malnutrition and kwashiorkor. He is -4SD below the mean on the WHO Child Growth Standards. (In well-nourished populations, there are virtually no children below -3 SD



(<1%). Children with a weight-for-height below -3 SD based on the WHO standards have a high risk on death. He has two brothers at home and one that died from malnutrition. The family traveled to the clinic because they felt like Widle was going to die, just like his brother. He also had vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. Widle did not want to eat or drink much so an NG tube was placed. His recovery was slow, but he was able to reach his goal weight. From his mom: "I cannot stop saying thank you. You took care of my child and gave him life. There is no amount of money to repay you for this gift. If it was not for God and this clinic my son would have lost his life. May God continue to bless you."



Adias lives in a home with nine people. The home is built with cinder block and cement and covered with a tin roof. The family are farmers and plant corn, roots, bananas, sweet potatoes, leeks and beans in their gardens. They harvest these items and use them for themselves and then sell the rest in nearby open air markets. They traveled five hours by foot and taxi to arrive at the clinic. Adias was severely malnourished when admitted and had a fever for several days. He was admitted for inpatient care and began treatment with F-75 therapeutic milk. Once he was stable, he graduated to Medika Mamba ("peanut butter medicine" in Haitian Creole), the gold standard treatment for severe acute malnutrition according to the World Health Organization.

Adias recovered in five weeks and gain a total of 1.5 kg of healthy weight.



L.S. lives in a five room house with her mother-in-law and son. She was expecting her second child and was very nervous when she was having a long labor. Her family carried her about a hour to the clinic. A donated birthing kit helped us deliver a healthy baby boy. Sutures, syringes, gloves, and medications were appreciated tools. Both mom and baby are doing well. Mom says, "I'm proud of the good work you did for us. Thanks for your patience and support. I'm very happy."

