

# Mission Haiti, Inc.

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## Newsletter

Medical Advisory Committee Update

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This small Haitian church, comprised mostly of rural farmers and merchants, raised funds to begin construction on a small section of property within the 10+ acre compound of missionary Phyllis Newby.



Pastor Jean Marie Louis Jean lead the effort to build a hospital in the community, and now oversees its operations in addition to his leadership roles within the local and national church.

**Provisional License** has been granted to the facility in Sainthard, to operate as a hospital. Previously functioning as a clinic, the facility will be granted license to perform surgeries and care for inpatients requiring overnight stays. Pending a few minor changes to the structure, the hospital will be surveyed by the Minister of Health for a final inspection before being granted full license from the government of Haiti to operate as a hospital. This is great news for all of those involved with the 13+ year project of starting a hospital in Sainthard, Haiti...

### The Beginning

In 1994 the local church, *L'Eglise de Dieu Reformee de Sainthard* inspired the project. The small community along Route Nationale 1 was horrified to witness a motor vehicle accident along the busy highway that runs through the village. The Sainthard community was helpless to aid the victims of the crash as they waited for emergency assistance from Port Au Prince, more than an hour away. The victims died before help could arrive, as the community stood by, praying for answers. Working to prevent this kind of tragedy in the future, the *L'Eglise De Dieu Reformee de Sainthard* congregation committed to build a hospital nearby.

Since then, the construction has been a collaborative effort between local masons, Mission Haiti, Inc. and missions teams from around the world. The facility held storage for medications and supplies for mobile clinics for many years. During those years, Haitian physician Dr. Ernst Pady offered his assistance in planning and agreed to oversee the local staff, as the Medical Director. Mission Haiti, Inc. – Midwest took leadership of the project, raising funds, supplies, and directing financial operations.



The first staff picture at the *Hopital de L'Eglise de Dieu Reformee De Sainthard*.

On July 11, 2005 the doors opened to the public as a permanent clinic.

Staffed entirely by Haitian employees and volunteers, many from the local church, the clinic truly fulfills the mission of Mission Haiti, Inc. – Midwest;

*To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a healthcare alliance with the people of Haiti.*

Construction projects on the facility continue as the hospital moves into the second planned phase of services, which will include a second floor. As we plan for this expansion, the most pressing need is for long-term, reliable energy sources, such as generator power, solar/wind power to not only reduce costs, but to assure continuous availability during power outages and inclement weather. If you can help with this, or any of the growing needs, please contact us at the address above, or email [mark@missionhaitimidwest.org](mailto:mark@missionhaitimidwest.org)

While the hospital operations remain the primary focus, Mission Haiti, Inc. – Midwest continues to lead short-term missions "work-camps" to Haiti. The experience of a work-camp is like none-other and most who attend find themselves returning year after year.

### Upcoming Mission Trips

**Oct 6-13** – groups from Pekin, IL and Westin, FL.

**May 2008**– Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN.  
**October 2008** – Florida Station Church of God – Anderson, IN.

If you are interested in a future trip to Haiti, please visit our website for information, or you may contact us at the address on the top of this newsletter. Thank you again for sharing with us in this ministry. May God bless.

*"Go ye therefore and teach all nations" Matthew 28:19*