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Medical Advisory Committee Update

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Radiology Services

As planned, the Sainthard clinic is developing the ability to provide x-rays on-site. This required protective lead, a dark room for developing, and a large amount of energy for scanning images and refrigerating films. To reduce energy costs, an underground storage area keeps films and chemicals at a lower and more consistent temperature. More energy will be required for running the x-ray equipment than currently available. Due to the energy required, gas/diesel generators will be needed to operate the radiology area, limiting services to once a week, starting soon.



Medications fill the clinic pharmacy.

Medical staff salary raise

A great secondary benefit of our ministry is that we are able to provide jobs for hard-working, educated Haitians. For the first time since the clinic opened in 2005, the staff of the hospital was given a 2% salary increase. As we strive to provide better care through the local clinic, we recognize and appreciate the efforts of those who have been dedicated to the clinic since its' beginning. We pray for them, and for their continued service to God and to their community.

Mobile Clinics

The last work-camp in February provided mobile clinic services to 5 different sights, hiking for hours to reach patients that would not otherwise be able to see a doctor. With a clinic in Sainthard, serving much of the Archaie region of Haiti, mobile clinics can expand into areas farther away, and the Sainthard clinic can also expand its services when specialty physicians visit.



Dental instruments are prepared for use at mobile clinics during work-camps.

Specialists welcome

There has never been a better time for specialty physicians to come to Haiti. Obstetricians, Optometrists, Surgeons, and physicians of any specialty area can come and practice within the "home" clinic and treat patients within special treatment areas of the facility in Saintard. Currently, patients whom require consultation with a specialist are referred to Port Au Prince, more than an hour away. With no transportation or money to cover these costs, many go without the care they need. Specialists are urgently needed to treat these patients, as well as to teach the on-site physicians.

Upcoming Mission Trips

June 9-16, 2007

Oct 6-13, 2007

Please visit our website for more information or to apply for a trip.

www.missionhaitimidwest.org

Thank you, as always, for sharing with us in this ministry and may God bless.



The last semi-trailer, being unpacked in Sainthard, Haiti by volunteer work-campers.

Trailer

This past February, work-campers helped unpack and sort donations shipped to Haiti via semi-trailer. While this was tedious work in the hot Haitian sun, many hands were on deck to help. Back in the US, the time has come again to sort through supplies, now being shipped to Haiti. Come help out! The long-awaited sunshine has returned to Indiana and promises to be much milder than Haiti.

Help pack the semi-trailer for Haiti! Join us Saturday April 28th at 8:30am

at the rear parking lot of North Anderson Church of God 2604 N. Scatterfield Rd. Anderson, IN. Refreshments, as always, are provided.

Twice a year, a semi trailer is shipped to Haiti from Mission Haiti, Inc. - Midwest. Once emptied, these trailers are sold or used for other purposes in Haiti, since it is more cost-effective to purchase another used semi-trailer rather than ship the previous one back to the US.

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