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Newsletter

Medical Advisory Committee Update

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Clinic Operations

With the opening of the outpatient clinic in Sainthard, the Mission Haiti, Inc - Midwest Medical Advisory Committee has been working diligently to assure operations run smoothly during these first, difficult days. We are pleased to report the addition of a dentist to the clinic, seeing patients one day a week. Also joining the staff are 4 auxiliary personnel to assist in patient flow, cleaning, organization and distribution of supplies and medications. We have also added another nurse, in addition to the 2 staff nurses and 2 part-time Medical Doctors. As staffing grows, we are able to provide medical care to more people. Our current goals are to increase our capabilities within the facility. Currently, most lab-work and blood testing has to be sent out, or simply foregone due to lack of resources. We are seeking lab equipment for basic blood chemistry, TB testing, pregnancy testing, gram-staining, and blood count testing. While these tests are considered very basic in the US healthcare system, they can provide doctors in Haiti with much needed data for diagnosing and treating some of the most common diseases and ailments in the community, and reduce our operating costs for the clinic and other healthcare providers in the region.

Current Needs

Lab equipment;

CBC, BMP, Glucose, ABG, pulse oximetry, and strep-testing.

Hospital equipment;

Defibrillator, Ventilator, suction machines, sonogram, doppler, bili-light, incubator. If you have any information regarding these needs, or would like to donate these, or any other medical supplies, please contact Randall Gray at rjgray@sjhsnet.org or by calling (765) 649-8580.



The clinic is currently budgeted at over \$4,000 a month, not including minimal fees charged to patients on admission.

With a monthly contribution commitment, you can help assure the continued success of our mission to provide quality healthcare to the people of Haiti.

Malaria Problem Worsening

In the aftermath of another devastating hurricane season, the people of Haiti are facing another serious health threat; malaria. Carried by mosquitoes, which are bred in standing water left from the hurricane rains, malaria is a growing danger to Haitians. Now, with the mosquito population increasing from the floodwaters, more and more Haitians are afflicted by this disease everyday. Pastor Jean Marie, who oversees the clinic operation in Sainthard, reports that there are many more patients with "the fever" coming to seek care, which has stressed the

clinics supply of Chloroquine (the drug of choice for treating malaria), requiring increased funds for the months during this hurricane season.

Missionary Phyllis Newby

Over the last 2 months Missionary Phyllis Newby has been battling a particularly dangerous new strain of malaria, requiring her to be transported to the United States for treatment and recovery. Now, back in Haiti and regaining her strength, she shares a message of thanksgiving and encouragement;

"Thank you everyone for your prayers. I give gratitude for your support and we hope you will come to see God using us all for His purpose."

Upcoming Mission Trips

January 2006

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
(Indianapolis, IN)

Pekin First Church of God
(Pekin, IL)

May 2006

North Anderson Church of God
(Anderson, IN)

Sawgrass Community Church
(Weston, FL)

October 2006

Florida Station Church of God
(Anderson, IN)

Summitville Disciples of Christ
(Summitville, IN)



Thank you again for sharing with us in this ministry. May God bless.

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