

Hearts 4 Haiti Newsletter



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Hearts 4 Haiti Mission Statement

Hearts 4 Haiti is a Christian organization born of missions and striving to provide aid to impoverished people, especially those of Haiti. Our mission is to deliver medical, educational, and nutritional services and supplies to all that we serve. We partner with underprivileged people to help them gain and maintain a self-sustaining life.

Hearts 4 Haiti Charitable Purpose Statement

The purpose of this ministry is for charitable, religious, educational, and medical services without financial benefit to those within the organization. All funds raised are directly used for the benefit of our needy brothers and sisters.

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Dr. Maudelin (third from left) and staff leaving for the earthquake area.

Being a Blessing When You've Been Blessed

Southwestern Haiti was hit with a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14, 2021, and our friends in the north were able to assist those victims.

The earthquake damaged and destroyed houses, schools, roads, and equipment. Landslides engulfed farmers and their harvest. After talking to location local southern organizations and partners, Dr. Mesadiou, ULS Executive Director, understood that his team needed to be in place to care for the injured.

Many people were in great need of medical care due to grave injuries from this tragic event. Due to lack of funds, the affected people were in need of all help possible.

Ten days after the earthquake, Dr. Maudelin and a team of three additional doctors, nurses, and a driver made the 10-hour trip to the south in an ambulance loaned to them by the Ministry of Health. During their five days there, they were able to assist 880 people in four affected communities. They helped with lab tests, medicine, dressings, sutures, and splints. They went door-to-door offering antibiotics. Leftover medication was donated to a local nurse and the Immaculate Conception Hospital to follow up on patients. In addition to the \$4,000 of medicine and medical supplies, the team was also able to provide \$3,000 for food, water, and hygiene kits.

What a testimony it was to all who are involved with Unite De Lutte Pour La Sante (ULS) and Hearts 4 Haiti (H4H) to be able to have people in place who could help out! Your donations have not only reached the clinic in Mombin Crochu, but now they have helped those who had an emergency need!





Dr. Maudelin would like to thank all those who supported him financially so that he and his team could be a part of this humanitarian effort. ULS couldn't have done this amazing work if it wasn't for the generosity, gracious hearts, and blessings of the people who came together.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who provide any kind of support to make this rescue mission happen:

- IAF
- Hearts 4 Haiti
- Jeanne from VIP
- Dr. Galit from HME
- Dr. Carlyle
- Pam Alen
- Nate Nickerson
- KS
- Pam Brochu from Haitians Ministries
- Brian's family
- Courtney Willimans
- Dr. Phil

We were very saddened to see and speak with the survivors of this tragedy who live in a very precarious situation. They mourn the death of their families, friends, and other Haitians in the community. Just knowing that they have neither water to drink nor food to eat was heartbreaking. Many people lost all they had. We visited some areas where we estimated 50% of all homes collapsed.

We, the H4H board, would like to thank each of you for continually supporting us in our efforts to support Dr. Maudelin and the clinic in Mombin Crochu. We truly feel blessed that we had people in place, resources ready, and we were able to share the blessings and resources with others outside of our usual realm during their national crisis.

What a gift it was to be able to share in this situation! Thanks, again!

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. -- Hebrews 13:16

What is happening in Haiti?

By Pastor Jim

That is what I get asked a lot lately and to be honest with you there is part of me that says, "Same o Same o" and another part that says, "Oh boy this is different."

Since our last newsletter in June of this year there have been some events that make it more difficult to work in Haiti, but that is nothing new. My first experience of changing plans with Haiti was in Feb 2004 and a trip with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary was cancelled due to violence and we went to the Dominican Republic. So, cancelling a trip to Haiti due to violence is not new. And that is just what we did this past August, we cancelled the August trip due to violence in the area of Port au Prince. Since that, Jovenel Moise the president of Haiti was assassinated on July 7th, and on August 14 there was a 7.2 earthquake, when we would have been in Haiti and then Aug 16th Tropical Depression Grace hit. This was the second August trip in a row that we have had to cancel. Two years ago, was due to COVID. Now the 17 missionaries have been kidnapped on October 17th and the gang violence is a new phenomenon not seen before to this extent. Thankfully the American and one Canadian hostages have been released but the gang violence is a new phenomenon not seen before.

But there is some good news in Haiti. Dr. Maudelin was able to help at the earthquake area with some of his staff. We are looking into flying through another organization in Florida, Missionary Flights International, that would fly us directly to Pignon without going through Port au Prince. The work of the clinic is ongoing and Dr Maudelin and his staff are diligently making a difference in Haiti. The Widow's Christmas and New Year party is going to happen as usual and we are making plans for the March trip. Continue to pray for us as we decide and make plans.

Financially Hearts 4 Haiti is making the monthly budget to keep the clinic running. The monthly budget of \$2,300 pays for a doctor, two nurses, two community health workers, four cleaners, one lab technician and \$300 goes toward buying medical supplies and medicine. We do have a few people who donate monthly, but we need more to help out. Even twenty or fifty dollars a month from twenty different people would help out tremendously. The scrapping business is doing well, but we have taken a hit with Tom suffering a brain bleed back in September. He is in a rehab facility and as of December 15th was looking forward to getting home soon. Continue to pray for Tom's recuperation. As far as scrapping, Tom was our man to daily keep up with all the small cleaning up and taking stuff apart to get the most out of our scrap. Motors, windows, refrigerator units, air conditioners, aluminum chairs you name it, all needed some time to be taken apart and separated. Tom did it all. I have a real appreciation for what Tom has done over the years now that he isn't there doing it. So, if you have some time, and it isn't hard work, just time consuming, let me know at 724-822-6168 and we will work with your schedule. Starting in January the last Saturday of each month will be designated Scrap Saturday 9am to noon. Come on out to 195 Cartwright Rd Chicora!

As far as monthly support you can check out the last page of the newsletter and also George Beck's Treasurer's report for more information. Thank you for your continued support.





Raising Money for an Ambulance

UNITE DE LUTTE POUR LA SANTE (ULS), in English words Unit Fighting for Health, is a Haitian community development organization. Founded in 2010, ULS is dedicated to support the poor people in Mombin and Cap-Haitian (North & North East) to have quality integrated health care services and to empower the vulnerable families.

To keep our mission of providing quality integrated health care services to the most vulnerable communities in the country, for the year 2022, ULS has an Ambitious project to purchase an Ambulance. ULS choose you to be part of this project, contribute to make great change and impact the communities through ULS. Any \$ is special and will progress our goal.

InterAmerican Foundation (IAF) will give half of this money. ULS is seeking for your support to accomplish the other half of \$ 35,000.

ULS has 29 personal staff and manages two community clinics reaching 22,000 people per year. It provides services like: general consultation, pregnancy delivery and follow up, children health, including malnutrition screening and treatment, family planning, Lab test, high blood pressure and diabetes program. It also does community outreach through mobile clinics, home visits, vaccination campaigns, and screening stations. ULS works in partnership with a community advisory board that helps ULS staff understand people's needs, as well as identifying traditional birth attendants, mother club participants, and several locations for the mobile clinics.

ULS has accomplished a lot of great success with the support of ULS members in the many communities that we serve; Hearts 4 Haiti, Haitian Health Ministry (MSPP), Konbit Sante, and from three grants received from InterAmerican Foundation (IAF) and others Volunteers / Donors.

ULS is facing barriers of referring patients to others facilities. Imagine using a motorcycle to refer a pregnant woman needing a c-section to a hospital.

Please join ULS and be part of this great blessing at this Christmas period. And you are always welcome to visit our community health centers at any time you desire.

Merry Christmas 2021 and Happy New Year 2022 with much love and Blessing,

Sincerely,

Dr. Maudelin



Golf Outing Summary

Our 1st Annual Hearts 4 Haiti Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Aubrey's Dubbs Dred Golf Course in Butler. We were thrilled to raise slightly over \$4,000 that went directly to the monthly operating budget for our medical clinic in Chervon, Haiti. We had awesome sponsors, Deihl Automotive, Cindy Cummings State Farm, Alpine Apartments, Peterson Print Services, SheLor Dance Studio, Young's Funeral Home, and Miller Sports and Family Chiropractic. We had 25 raffle baskets donated by various people and silent auction items from the Pittsburgh Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates. Each golfer was given a gift bag with even more goodies in it. On course games included a \$10,000 Hole in One chance, a chance to win an iPad and Scotty Cameron Putter. We also had Dixon Golf on hand with another fun opportunity to win a driver. It was such a wonderful day for golf, and I can't thank my team enough for all of the hard work they put into making it a success. Our 2nd Annual Golf Outing is planned for Saturday, June 18th, 2022. If you have any interest in golfing, sponsoring the event or a hole, making a donation, or volunteering the day of the event, please reach out to me, Alison Perry, via email at alison.perry282@gmail.com. We hope to raise over \$7,000 next year and can't make it happen without help from wonderful people like you!

History of Hearts 4 Haiti

How did Hearts 4 Haiti get started? It all started in February 2003, when Pastor Jim took Don Simmons and Barbara Walwik to the hospital in Mombin Crochu to work for a week. During that time Don struck up a relationship with Maudelin Mesadieu and when we returned Don started supporting Maudelin financially to get through medical school. Eventually Branchton United Methodist Church took on Maudelin as a mission project and on January 15th 2012 Don and Pastor Jim went to his graduation in Port au Prince from medical school. Dr. Maudelin's dream was to go back to Mombin Crochu and start a clinic to provide medical care even when people couldn't afford it. The first mission trip took place February 2013 with thirteen people carrying medical supplies in suitcases and our first work project was to dig a hole eight foot square and eight feet deep for a new toilet for the clinic. Since that first trip we have gone on 12 more trips, taken thousands of dollars of medical supplies, started going in August in 2016, built a grain depot, guest house, and dedicated the new twelve room, 4,000 square foot clinic in March of 2020. A lot has been accomplished and people have been helped with medical and spiritual care beyond our imagination. We feed the poorest of the poor, help the widows. When we go in August, we provide a Vacation Bible School and feed almost 400 children. We have matched funds that were raised to build a cassava mill for a local community outside of Mombin Crochu. All of this has been possible by the grace and guidance of God. Countless times we have seen God at work through the people we work with and the people who have gone on the mission trips. We thank God for all that has been accomplished and we look forward to what God will have us do in this next century.



VOLUNTEERS

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We are looking for volunteers!

Fundraising Committee

Newsletter Committee

Golf Outing Committee

Volunteer for the Board

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jim at 724-822-6168 or email jimchina@zoominternet.net.

A Message from the Treasurer

First, I wanted to share with you the important news that we recently received our IRS 501c3 tax exempt status letter. This was the final step in establishing Hearts4Haiti as an independent Pennsylvania Charitable organization able to receive donations that are fully tax-deductible under IRS rules. We were able to make our application to the IRS in early 2020 and our approval came in October. It was a long journey to say the least. Up until this point, donations were tax deductible under the United Methodist Church umbrella as we operated as a mission fund of the Chicora United Methodist Church. We are forever grateful for the support and encouragement of the Chicora and Karns City United Methodist Churches as we made this slow but necessary transition.

We have been unable to travel and take our mission teams and their supplies directly to the clinic in Mombin Crochu, but the H4H Board has made it their foremost priority to consistently fund the operations at the clinic. We have committed to delivering \$2,300 per month to support salaries, and purchase medicines and supplies at the clinic. At the \$2,300 amount, we are able to keep the clinic open as much as possible and provide quality medical services for the village. I'm pleased to report that because of your generosity, we have not only funded this cause, but have additionally funded other causes this year including feeding the poorest of the poor, ongoing construction of the Cassava Mill, the widows Christmas program, child sponsorships for school, and other needs in the community of Mombin Crochu.

Speaking of your generosity, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your donations to Hearts4Haiti. Because of your consistent giving, we have been able to provide our ongoing support of the clinic and this community. You have given of your dollars, as well as your scrap metal which has been a steady source of funding for our work in Haiti. (Jim Lewis likes to lift heavy chunks of metal. He thinks it keeps him young.) You have attended mosaic classes and donated generously. You wholeheartedly supported our first annual golf scramble which was a great success. (Remember to save the date for an even better golf outing on June 18, 2022.) And to those of you who also give of their time, we thank you.

We have received your cash and checks, but we also receive donations through Popmoney, Paypal E-mail hearts4haitimissions@gmail.com, and direct deposits. If you want to help us consistently support the clinic, please consider setting up a monthly gift through your bank. Contact me and I can assist you with setting this up.

Finally, I wanted to reinforce that at this juncture, nearly 100% of your donation makes it to Haiti. All time is donated. We have no salaries and there are only incidental office supplies, printing, postage and similar expenses. So please consider continuing to give generously to our friends in Haiti. Contact me at 724-822-4953 and I can assist you with setting this up.

Thank you and God Bless,

George Beck



Mosaics Make a Difference!

Who knew? Artists know that any kind of art makes a difference, but who knew what a difference mosaics would make for my husband and me or the small village of Mombin Crochu, Haiti. It all began for us, about three years ago when our daughter and son-in-law invited us to their house for a mosaic party. She invited some friends over and everyone was to create a mosaic for their mother for Mother's Day. She had some frames and some bits of glass and she told us to simply glue some pretty glass to the glass frame. My husband chose to make a sail boat and I chose to pick some pretty colors and glue them in rows. Both of us were so proud of our work and our mothers were pleased with their gifts.

Though art is not...or should I say was not...our passion, Mombin Crochu, Haiti is. We have visited there and we help support a clinic there through Hearts 4 Haiti. That day in Richmond, Virginia, when we were creating mosaics and laughing with friends we decided to turn mosaic making into money-making for Hearts 4 Haiti. With generous donations of glass and frames and minimal personal investments in some tools, we decided to host mosaic workshops at our home and give 100% of the proceeds to our friends in Haiti.

Since our first mosaic, we have created many more and better yet, we have helped others create and be proud of their work! In just a couple of hours, we can help others create a piece of art they can display in their homes while raising money for healthcare and food for the poorest of the poor. Mosaics do make a difference in more ways than one! We would love to have you join us or to have you host a mosaic workshop in your home with your friends. You can call us to schedule a time or to ask questions. We are now scheduling for 2022.

We appreciate your support!

Call or text us:

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***Our mission is to support the people in the ULS communities
achieve a self-sustainable quality of life and health status.***



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We hope you have enjoyed our edition of the H4H Newsletter. If we made any mistakes or you can see how we can improve, just let us know. May all the glory go to Jesus who continues to bless, lead, and guide us as we walk this journey together.