

Hearts 4 Haiti Newsletter



Together Fighting For Health

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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ULS is Teaching Them to Fish!

By Linda Beck

“Give a man a fish, and he will be fed for a day. Teach him to fish, and you will feed him for a lifetime.” It is believed that that is an original quote from Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, but I heard it quoted from Dr. Maudelin and the ULS business manager, Daniel Brenord, on this last trip to Haiti more than once. I was so excited and pleased to hear how the ULS is being good stewards of the funds raised in the US. Dr. Maudelin explained that though he does offer charity to children, the disabled and the “poorest of the poor,” he truly wants to help people in a way that they can be more self-sufficient in the future.

I was introduced to Edmond Cilianise, mother of seven (six year old daughter, Eustachie, pictured) who had received a goat purchased by ULS with funds from an American donor. ULS selected her to receive a goat so that she can breed the goat and help her family. She is expected to make four monthly payments to pay ULS back. She is excited with the prospects of becoming a goat farmer as she adds the goat to her current livestock (which includes a donkey she purchased with her own funds and a few chickens.) When I was asking her details to get a better understanding of how the Goat Program worked, I inquired if someone from ULS would be by to check and make sure that she was caring properly for the goat. Through an interpreter, she told me that she didn’t understand the question because “she is so honored by the opportunity to receive the goat, that of course she would take good care of it!” She is very grateful to H4H and the help she receives from ULS.





Haitian Mission Trip from a First Timer's Perspective

By Cindy Buchanan

First let me say I am awed by the amount of time, money and work that Hearts 4 Haiti has donated to the people and ministry at Mombin Crochu. I went on this trip not really knowing any of the team members or much about what to expect, but by the end of our time there, I considered it a privilege and a blessing to be included as part of this group.

I have been on two other international mission trips, but the poverty and need in Haiti was beyond anything I had seen before. While we were blessed to have running water, electricity and plenty of food prepared for us in the guest house, the people in this rural area have none of that, yet they love to sing and praise the Lord. They live in small block houses with dirt floors, carry their water long distances, yet somehow bring their children to church in sparkling white shirts & dresses! Because of the funds donated we were able to be a part of feeding over 300 children physically and spiritually each day during three days of VBS. Each child received rice, beans and a small piece of beef. No grumbling or not wanting what was prepared – they cleaned every plate! They heard God's Word each day in Creole through a Haitian pastor and 89 kids prayed to receive Jesus into their lives!

It was a real "trip" to ride the truck farther out into other villages to help with their mobile clinic – I'll never complain about Pennsylvania road conditions again! More than 100 people each day lined up waiting to see the doctors and receive medication whether they could pay or not. This is their only access to healthcare. My heart broke for the woman who came to the ULS clinic with a pulmonary condition and low oxygen level. While there she received oxygen and improved, but without it her condition worsened. She had no money for hospitalization, and no insurance or home-healthcare to bring oxygen to her home like we do here. How is she to live?

I thank God for Dr. Maudelin, his wife and staff, and what they are able to do with the little they have to serve the Haitian people. I believe our team made an impact and were instruments used by God to change lives. Without the compassionate giving of people who have "hearts for Haiti" none of this would have been possible.

I also met Joseph's wife, Damilia. ULS offered her a Micro Loan by purchasing a bag of beans for her. For the equivalent of approximately \$150, they provided her with beans that she will use to eat, plant, and sell. She hopes to make a profit of approximately 20% on her sales and will make monthly payments to ULS for the loan. She is excited about the prospect of running her small business and has participated successfully in this program in the past. A mother of five, she lives in this home with three other people and is appreciative of the help she receives that benefits not only her family but the community as a whole.

Lastly, I met Jeanne Milien. This mother of five, said she "couldn't possibly put into words the way that Dr. Maudelin, ULS and H4H has helped her and the community." She credits ULS with helping her with her medical needs, getting water for the village and for getting her a female goat (which she feels is already expecting a second new goat for her!) The photo doesn't show the smiles she shared during our visit as she expressed her gratitude. (And also as she teased and asked if we'd get her a beef if she took good care of the goat!)

What is happening in Haiti?

By Pastor Jim and Alison Perry

The August mission trip was a great time to see God working in the lives of our Haitian friends and everyone involved in the trip. We are getting used to flying with Missionary Flights International and they are so accommodating and helpful. They really make the stay in Florida a joy. After a three and a half hour flight into Cap-Haitian Thursday August 4th we went through customs in just over a half hour and were on our way to Pignon. With a safe flight to Pignon and truck ride to Mombin we were at the guest house shortly after noon. This trip included George, Linda and Kaylee Beck, Alison Perry, Cindy Buchanan, Denny Lindey, Ken Speer, Walt Young, and the retired pastor Jim Lewis.

The week was full of activities and seemed to fly by. Dr. Maudelin brought pastor Mareus Rochnel down from Cap-Haitian to lead evening services at Boss-man's church. I was invited to preach on the Tuesday evening service and after preaching I gave it over to Pastor Rochnel and he led several people in accepting Christ as their Savior. He incorporated Linda Beck and others in praying for them and it was a great experience for everyone involved. We never know how God is going to lead us when it comes to extra activities.

The special extra activity in August is Vacation Bible School. We held a three-day VBS with a craft, coloring sheet, message, songs, and of course lunch each day. The first day we talked about Daniel in the Lion's Den, we made a paper bag puppet of a lion and served 329 lunches to the children present. On the second day, we told the story of Noah and the Ark and made a rainbow bracelet. We served 379 lunches and 89 children responded to an altar call by pastor Rochnel and accepted Jesus into their hearts. It was an amazing reminder of why we do this. On the third day, we told the story of Jonah and the Whale. We made a whale craft and served 376 lunches. VBS with that many children can be chaotic of course, but so worth every second. Sharing the stories of Jesus with another generation is what we are called to do!



From left Cindy Buchanan, Kaylee Beck, Brutus, Linda Beck and Alison Perry preparing food for the poor.

We gave Elie Medius, "Boss-man," a little over \$2,000 to buy a beef, beans, rice, and vegetables to feed almost 400 kids. There is a crew of women, and men who, butcher the beef, gather the food, cook the food over wood fires, make drinks, serve the food, wash dishes while kids eat, because we don't have enough plates, and make the whole process work. They are truly the hands and feet of Jesus as they make a difference in the lives of these children. We get to participate and it is a true blessing when you think about what God is doing.

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Mission Trips

Next year's mission trips will be March 1st through the 10th and August 2nd through the 11th. We had to look at the cost of the trip and found that like everything else we needed to adjust the amount. The cost of the trip is still \$1,700, as usual, but now participants need to buy the plane ticket to West Palm Beach in addition to that cost. Now we are asking for the full \$1,700 to help pay for everything that happens on the trip and the ticket is extra. The H4H Board is willing to work with anyone who has special circumstances financially and would like to go on the trip. Please contact any of the board members or Pastor Jim and we will try to help out. The scrap fund was created to do that when Tom Hilliard started it for his daughter Katie and we would like to continue that. Anyone interested in the mission trips need to contact Pastor Jim or George Beck and to reserve a seat, please send a \$100 deposit to:

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2022 Gala: Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Hearts 4 Haiti and 10 Years of Mission Trips

The Gala is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2023, at the Atrium in Prospect, PA. Save the date to come and join Hearts 4 Haiti as we celebrate 20 years since Don Simmons met Dr. Maudelin and celebrate 10 years of mission trips to Mombin Crochu. This will be a great time to not only celebrate what God has accomplished over the past 20 years, but an opportunity to spread the word about Dr. Maudelin and Hearts 4 Haiti. As ambassadors for Dr. Maudelin and Hearts 4 Haiti, invite someone who would be interested in the mission. More details will be coming in the Spring newsletter next year.

We are also looking for some volunteers to be on the Gala Committee. We will be meeting Monday, November 21st starting at 7:00pm at 110 Garden Grove Drive, Butler (Pastor Jim's home). Please call to let him know if you are coming at 724-822-6168. Spam hors d'oeuvres will be served. 😊



Here We Grow Again!

By Pastor Jim

Many times, I have seen rebar sticking up into the air above the first floor of a building and I was always told that is the way Haitians think for the future. There may come a time when finances will work out and the second story of the building will be built. That is exactly where we are with the clinic in Mombin Crochu. As you can see in this picture, the rebar is waiting and there are steps and a door leading to the second floor. It has come to a place where we need more dormitory rooms and more storage room for the pharmacy. The second story is the next step for our clinic. There are rooms that should be used for patient care but must be taken up for housing the people that help with the clinic. The pharmacy needs more storage and it is apparent the next step is a second floor.

We are looking for individuals, churches, and organizations that will help us with the first stage of the construction. Dr. Maudelin has acquired an engineer and has come up with a plan for the shell and roof of the building. The cost will be \$ 20,000. Please help us with this next phase of construction either by contributing money toward the cost, praying for God to bring donors to help or talking to people you know who might be willing to help. Once again God has given us an opportunity to make a difference in Haiti.



QUESTIONS? ANSWERS!

In this segment of our newsletter, we will try to answer your questions that have been asked on a frequent basis.

“I hear and read about ULS and have never seen an explanation of what ULS is and if it is different from Hearts 4 Haiti?”

ULS is short for Unite De Lutte Pur La Sante which translates into Together Fighting for Health. This is the organization that Dr. Maudelin started in Haiti to bring health care to Haitians in Cap-Haitien and Mombin Crochu. ULS is Haitian based and is registered with the Haitian Health Ministry and Social Affair Ministry, much the same as Hearts 4 Haiti is an American registered 501(c)3 non-profit. The two organizations work together to accomplish the same outcome, to help the people of Haiti.

A Message from the Treasurer

Hello all,

Inflation has arrived here on the planet. It would be safe to say that everyone has been affected in some way, and not surprisingly, Haiti has not escaped the pain of inflation.

Haiti is a country of limited resources. Haitians are simply accustomed to living with less or often simply going without. Shortages are always the norm in Haiti with a lot of people living on the edge. When shortages are ever-present and you add inflation, prices escalate very rapidly. And you can only imagine the effect of rapid price increases on those in such a precarious existence. Now stir in government instability and expanding gang violence and the situation gets even more difficult. You are not hearing about it in the news, but the situation in and around the urban areas is deteriorating rapidly. Lack of fuel for electricity has closed power plants, hospitals, and entire industrial parks. Large swaths of Haiti are without or will soon be without electricity. Fuel prices and subsequently the price of everything has skyrocketed.

I tell you this in hopes that you will be ever mindful of our friends in Haiti and their plight. They need our prayers. They also need our ongoing financial support. Through your support of Hearts4Haiti, we can continue to make a difference in the mountain communities around Mombin Crochu. We are attempting to navigate the difficult task of funding the operation of a medical clinic in a very difficult environment. However, the H4H Board is committed to keeping the clinic staffed, operational, and effective for free or near-free care for the villagers. We have done that for almost two years at a level of \$2,300 per month. Over this time period, this level of support has allowed for adequate staffing and allows the clinic to remain open and operational as much as feasible.

Recently the clinic had to add another nurse because of expanded workload. Additionally, the H4H Board has pledged an increase to our current salary support as well as an inflationary adjustment for medicines and medical supplies. As such, the H4H Board's pledge of support has been increased to \$2,900 per month. We would welcome any regular donation of any amount that helps our friends in Haiti. Even \$20 given monthly can make a huge difference. Feel free to call me at 724-822-4953 and we can set up your regular donation by ACH, Popmoney, etc.

It is an honor to witness firsthand the generosity of so many of you for the cause of the clinic. We are truly appreciative. We simply ask that you continue to consider H4H in your regular giving as we stretch our dollars to support the ULS Clinic in Mombin.

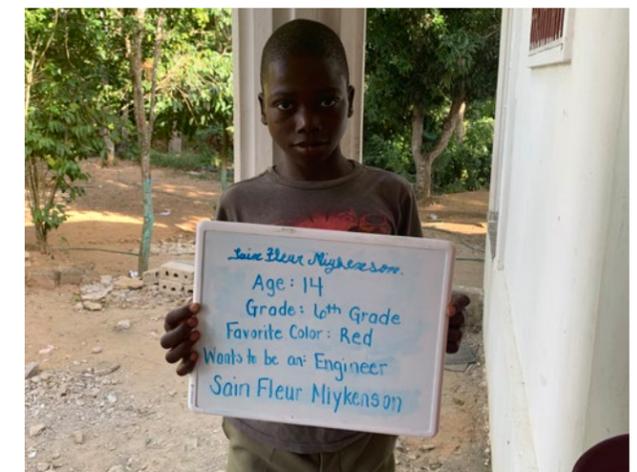
Thank you again for your support,

George Beck - Treasurer

Child Sponsorship

Another extra activity that H4H and ULS has endeavored to do is child sponsorship for their education. We already have sponsors who are helping with two university students and about five other children in elementary school. We are offering pictures of four children who have no sponsors at this time. If you feel that is something you would like to do it is \$45 a month and that provides a child with tuition to the school they are attending, money for books, uniforms and some extra to the family.

If you are willing to sponsor a child, just contact Linda Beck and let us know which child you would like to sponsor. She will make arrangements to set you up for sponsorship. Since we travel twice a year to Mombin, we can keep track of your child for you and keep you up to date on their progress. Better yet, you could visit and see the progress yourself. Thank you for your support! Education is a key to a better Haiti.



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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.



Together Fighting For Health

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS without your help we couldn't do what we do. Thank you!

- Tim Busko
- Tim and Karis Tompkin
- Carolyn Frye
- Vonda Graham
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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.