

# 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.

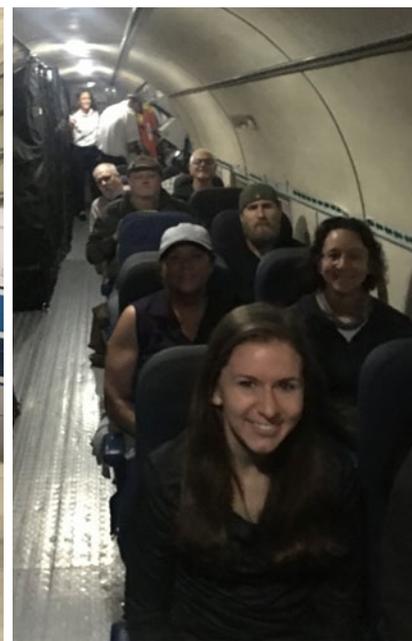
## **Hearts 4 Haiti Charitable Purpose Statement**

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.

## **March 2022 Mission Trip a Success**

*by Pastor Jim*

After canceling the August 2021 trip due to violence in Port au Prince we were looking into a new way to get to Mombin-Crochu. I was reminded of a group that flies out of Fort Pierce Florida and I started looking into them. Missionary Flights International has been in operation since the 1960s when Don Beldin was flying out of West Palm Beach with a small single-engine airplane for Youth for Christ evangelism in the Bahamas. Fast forward to 2006 and MFI moved to Fort Pierce and is flying twin turbine-powered DC-3s from the 1940s to meet the needs of over 550 missions in the Bahamas, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and wherever the Lord directs. About 300 tons of cargo and 4,000 Christian workers are transported every year and Hearts 4 Haiti is now part of that number.



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Our new way is to fly from Pittsburgh to Orlando (or West Palm Beach), travel by rental car to Fort Pierce, and stay overnight at MFI's facility. The next day at 7am, fly into Cap-Haitian, go through customs, and then fly directly to Pignon. All that is within four to five hours after leaving Fort Pierce and we are in the trucks on our way to Mombin-Crochu. As one person said "easy-peasy." I must admit that flying into Port au Prince, staying at the Methodist Guest House in Petionville, and flying the small planes over the mountains met our needs and was exciting. But, this new way is definitely easier and safer. MFI is the way to go and will make the August 3rd through 12th trip a reality. If you are interested call me 724-822-6168.

The rest of the trip was a little uncomfortable for me since I tangled with a chop saw cutting baseboard six days before leaving for Florida. My little finger didn't fair too well, but thanks to Dr. Pfaeffle and Tri-Rivers Musculoskeletal Center I was fixed up and ready to go. "Just keep taking the antibiotics and keep it clean and dry," were my instructions. I am happy to say it healed up fine and I am only less one joint of my little finger on my left hand. It could have been a lot worse.



**There is a \$500 grant available for first time mission travelers to help with their expenses.**

**You are making a difference in Mombin Crochu! Thank you from Hearts 4 Haiti!**

**Your support has made it possible to help 52 school children, support 142 farmers, distribute 91 donkeys and 305 goats, 112 women have received micro loans of \$50 – \$100 for small businesses.**

After we arrived at the guest house the mission trip was pretty normal. The week was packed with three mobile clinics. One of which was almost two hours away, close to Dominican Republic. We also had a surprise! Diane Pelusi and Tina Broeren, thinking they were going to receive a massage, were called into the clinic about 9:30pm to help deliver a baby girl.

Over 140 people were blessed with rice, beans, oil, and spaghetti. Our group walked more than seven miles to deliver food to 22 handicapped individuals unable to come to the clinic. While delivering food, we were taking pictures, we were approached by a hobbling young boy. He was badly burned and unable to walk. We learned he was involved in a charcoal making incident that blew up on him leaving burns on his lower leg. Since he was unable to go to the clinic, we paid a motorcycle to transport him. He was treated that day and again two days later. Then, he was able to walk on his own. Just another example of God using us as we were in the right place at the right moment.



*Diane Pelusi with the Baby*



*Little Boy Receiving Burn Treatment*



When the week was over the doctors saw 573 patients including 53 dental patients with four hydrocele and one circumcision surgeries. The clinic certainly makes a difference. Thank you to all those who contribute to the monthly cost of running the clinic. Without you it would be difficult to meet our monthly budget of \$2,300. If you would like to be a part of helping monthly please see George Beck's Message from the Treasurer's article. Thank you for your continued support to make a difference in Haiti.



## Good to See Haiti From a First Timer's Point of View

*by Tina Broeren, Nurse with the VA*

When Pastor Jim asked me to share a little bit about my experience with the Hearts 4 Haiti trip earlier in March, I was excited – and with so many unbelievable stories, it was hard to condense into just a few paragraphs – but I will try.

I admit that I really had no idea why God wanted me in Haiti – but after praying about it, and having many others praying about it on my behalf – I found that all the doors were opening up in front of me, and allowing me to make the trip. I've never been on a mission trip before – and although I knew what the premise was, it was nothing that could have prepared me for the actuality of being there.

I kept repeating that it was surreal – to see how the people of Haiti live in the year 2022 – and upon my return I kept repeating that the Haitian people have faith that could move mountains! While we here in America grumble at our inconveniences, I witnessed everyone from infants ( 6 month) to the elderly (93) waiting, patiently, without complaint, just to see a doctor, and get much needed medical care. They were thankful, appreciative, and most were thanking God that he had sent these helpers.

I clearly saw the Lord at work on the day we “ fed the poor” - as though there were those who were identified as the poor – in an area we would All consider absolute poverty. Many of these were older women, many alone, and all of whom reached out for the bags of food we were offering and saying “Thank God and God is good”

I'm still not exactly sure why God put me in Haiti with this group this year – but I know for certain, that it changed MY heart. I know now how very important it is that WE, as BLESSED Americans continue to reach out to the rest of the world, and continue spreading God's good news. When the people of Haiti can show me just how much faith they have with so little - materialistically - I think at a minimum, I can go in faith to do what I can to show them the love of God, and how much he cares for them.



## Ambulance Needed

*by Pastor Jim Lewis*

Imagine... seeing an accident or an injury and needing an ambulance. But, when help shows up, it's a motorcycle to transport the patient to the hospital. That is what Dr. Maudelin has to deal with every day when he gives care to the local people at Mombin-Crochu and in Cap-Haitien.

Dr. Maudelin has partnered with Inter-American Foundation (IAF), a U.S. government agency that invests in community-led development across Latin America and the Caribbean. IAF has awarded to Dr. Maudelin an amount of \$35,000 toward the purchase of an ambulance. That is half the cost of a heavy duty four wheel drive ambulance. This started in 2021 and is a three year commitment for the other half to be raised. That is where you come in. We are looking to raise \$35,000 to match IAF's contribution. We have \$1,100 so far and Dr. Maudelin is working with other organizations in Haiti to gather the total amount. If you can help in any amount, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you!



**We Have A Lot  
To Celebrate!**

**The 20th Anniversary of Hearts 4 Haiti and 10 Years of Mission Trips**

**Join Us!**

**Friday, September 8, 2023**

**Hearts 4 Haiti Gala**

**Celebration of Our 20 Year Journey**

**Thank You for the Amazing Contributions!**



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| George & Linda Beck   | In Honor of Camden & Elyse Stonebraker   |

## God's Perfect Ways and Timing!

*by Pastor Boyd Smith, West Unity Community Church*



**Praise God,  
He is always in control!**

Romans 8:28 reminds us that “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”. We were reminded of this last year after our March 2021 trip to Haiti. While there, we noted that there was a great need at the clinic and guest house for additional generators so that workers would not have to continually transfer the one small generator between the well for water and electricity for the clinic and the guest house. At one point the dentist was still in the middle of a procedure and the generator was moved and he came running outside yelling, “I still need the electric, don’t take the generator!” (Imagine being his patient!)

When we returned to PA, we made the need for two additional generators known and almost immediately generous folks said that they would support the purchase. Even my own dentist wanted to help with the shipping when I was sharing the story with him! This set the wheels into motion, and I contacted one of our men who works for Cummins for suggestions about the right size generators, etc.

He put me in touch with the right person and two big, (yet completely portable) beautiful Cummins Onan 9500 Watt dual fuel (gas and propane) generators were purchased. That ended up being the easiest part of the project, the hardest part was figuring out how to get them to Mombin-Crochu. After some research, we learned of an organization that sends containers to Haiti from Maine was the only way possible. We shipped the generators to their warehouse. After many months of waiting and contacting them we found out that it still might not be possible for them to get them to Cap Haitian until late 2022! That’s when God intervened and Pastor Jim found out about Missionary Flights International for our March 2022 trip and the DC-3 cargo/passenger planes that even went to Pignon, where we fly into to meet Dr. Maudelin and go on to Mombin.

This set the new process of getting the generators to Haiti in motion. We had a trucking company pick up the generators from Maine and ship them to the MFI warehouse at Fort Pierce, FL. The goal was to physically place the generators on the planes with us when we flew to Haiti, unload them in Pignon, and put them on the pickup trucks heading to the clinic and set them up. Well, by now you are probably seeing that challenges are a normal part of mission work! When we got to Fort Pierce, we found out that somehow our precious generators were already shipped, but to the wrong place, Port-au-Prince!

Fortunately, God was still in control, teaching us that all things do work together for good! MFI was able to hunt the generators down and during the week that we were in Mombin, got them to the Pignon airstrip and we went and picked them up and delivered to the clinic. As usual, God also has the right people on every mission trip. Denny Lindey and Ken Speer are great electricians and took all the needed items for a beautiful hookup to the clinic and guesthouse and did an awesome job! They also had considerable work rewiring many places in the clinic and the guest house, including hurriedly wiring in two new lights for a surgeon who came one day and needed more lights to operate!



## A Message from the Treasurer

Hello, friends.

As of this writing, a sense of normal (or at least a new normal) seems to be returning to our lives. Case in point, H4H was able to send a March mission team to ULS in Mombin-Crochu! It had been a year since a team last travelled. We resumed our travel to the village by utilizing an alternate missionary aviation organization called Missionary Flights International. MFI provides our teams the ability to travel very, very safely while at the same time being able to substantially expand the amount of medical and other supplies we normally deliver with each trip. We are dreaming about how this new arrangement may unlock a new potential for our mission teams and the supplies we need delivered to this remote area of Haiti.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all the generous donors that continue to routinely support H4H and the medical clinic in Mombin. Without interruption, we have been able to maintain our \$2,300 per month support. This level allows the facility to remain open and staffed as necessary to support ongoing free medical care in the village.

Additionally though, because of your generosity we also funded a variety of necessary village projects during this trip including:

- The purchase of additional medicines and supplies for use at the clinic and our mobile clinics.
- The staffing of additional clinic doctors and dentists during the week and the transport of some patients.
- Financing of further water well enhancements to provide consistent quantity and quality of water.
- Funding to complete the construction of the cassava mill building.
- Completion of flooring in the clinic.
- Ongoing child sponsorships and tuitions.
- The purchase of metal roof sheeting for ULS buildings.
- A Feed The Poor program supplying rice, beans and other staples to the very poor.
- All total, you supported over \$22,500, on this trip, for these additional projects! Thank You!

I also wanted to acknowledge that we have received a \$1,000 donation toward the purchase of the ambulance. In the December, 2021 newsletter, ULS's Dr. Maudelin highlighted this need. Every dollar donated to this cause up to \$35,000 will be matched by a grant through InterAmerican Foundation (IAF). This is a worthy cause that you might want to consider supporting.

Finally, I wanted to inform you that H4H is able to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank either one time or recurring for ongoing support. If this option appeals to you, please feel free to contact me at 724-822-4953 so I can assist you with setting this up. We also can process Popmoney, credit cards and paypal payments. Very soon, we hope to get our website updated to streamline these donation options.

Thank you for your support and God Bless,

George Beck



## A Party with a Purpose!

Would you like to have fun with friends AND help Hearts 4 Haiti and as a bonus go home with a beautiful work of art that you created? Hosting a "Mosaic Party" at your home or ours will do just that. We can bring the colored glass and frames and teach you how to create a mosaic that will look beautiful leaning against your windowsill. No experience needed and each work of art is as individual as you are.

We have different projects available for different recommended donation amounts, typically between \$35-\$50/each. BUT, can you imagine that by your relaxing and creating with friends you are changing a life in Haiti?! Thanks to the generous donations of the supplies, your entire donation will go directly to Haiti. A \$50 donation would be enough to purchase a goat for a family and change their economic status tremendously.

What a fun way to participate in bettering the lives of others! We will be starting up classes at our house or you can invite others and have a class at your house.

## Please Contact

Call or text us:

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George: 724-822-4953

**We'd love to meet you!**

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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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*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17  
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.*