



MOUNTAIN TOP MINISTRIES

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Share the Love



**Under God's guidance
we serve and give Him
the glory in all we do!**



MTM is a 501-C-3 Not for Profit Organization



Our Mission

Mountain Top Ministries will share the good news of Jesus Christ with the families in the villages of Gramothe, Dumay and the people of Haiti by providing for their spiritual, physical and academic needs so that they may take ownership of their nation to defeat generations of poverty one prayer, one child, one village at a time...

"My Cup Runneth Over"

Psalm 23

Ever since I was accepted into the School of Nursing at DePaul, University in Chicago I planned on being a *Frontier Nurse* riding by horseback into the Appalachian Mountains to deliver babies and care for some of the poorest of the poor in the US. Well after graduation, life and most likely God's plan took me on a different journey of getting married, working in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at a large academic hospital, raising a family, then entering into corporate healthcare for 22 years before retiring. Although I do not regret any of this for one second, my clinical career could not have been further away from my earliest aspirations of caring for God's most vulnerable. In March of 2018 I embarked on checking off one of my "Bucket List" to do's -- to go on a medical mission trip.

My dear friend, Kate Clark, had made 10 trips to Haiti over the years and when she spoke of her experiences, her love and passion for the Haitian people and specifically the work she was doing at Mountain Top Ministries through an organization in Chicago, Little By Little simply warmed my heart. Kate convinced her fearless leader, Vanda Marsh to take a leap of faith and agreed to my last minute request to join the March 2018 team. Like any new adventure I had my own preconceived ideas about the trip, MTM, the needs of the Haitian people, and what I might do with my clinical skills. Nothing could have prepared me for this life changing experience. I was told I could only bring one small personal carry-on bag and a backpack. What??? No checked bags for hair products, makeup, six pairs of shoes and two outfits per day??? Rude awakening of what was to come. Arriving at the airport at 4:45am, I was greeted by the LBL team of 26 all who were so welcoming and warm. We arranged and rearranged 30 suitcases filled with supplies making sure none were over the weight limit. We checked in as a team and with Kate Clark at my side and Vanda Marsh leading the way I was off on the trip of a lifetime.

The week flew by. I was in utter amazement of the LBL team, MTM especially Willem and Johane but mostly the Haitian people themselves. Witnessing the daily miracles, blessings and the love and appreciation of those who stood in line for hours and even over night at the clinic to be seen by the clinical team. I was humbled and overwhelmed. Riding in the back of Willem's open truck up and down the mountain each day allowed me to see the poverty yet resourcefulness of the people of Gramothe. I was so touched by the waving little children along the way with huge smiles on their faces. The women cooking outdoors, washing clothes in the almost dry river bed, carrying large bundles of crops and/or containers of water for miles was an inspiration. I felt ashamed of the many times I was frustrated or complained about the little inconveniences in my life. Using my God given nursing skills was more fulfilling than I could have ever imagined. We saw over 1,000 patients that week. It was exhausting physically and emotionally and I missed my family but it broke my heart to leave knowing there was so much to do and so many patients that needed care. Once home, I couldn't wait to share my experience with anyone who would listen. Much to my surprise, everyone I spoke to wanted to know more and like me with Kate, I felt they saw the light and passion within me when I shared the many stories of my encounters and the ongoing needs of these people along with the good being done by LBL at MTM.

Fast forward seven months to trip #2 for me, October, 2018. On my first trip I unofficially became the "queen of scabies treatments" however the clinic had run out of Sulphur soap and had a very limited supply of clean washcloths. Something so basic in the treatment of scabies in these infested children was a scarcity. I decided to investigate Sulphur soap options and found a company in CA that would sell cases of soap at a reduced cost. I posted a "Can you support . . ." request on my Facebook page sharing the link for bulk orders as well as a request for new washcloths. The response to the post was overwhelming - - - just one simple ask for help. Friends, family and acquaintances of Kate's and mine provided us with over 100 bars of soap and hundreds of clean new washcloths. In addition we received cash donations in an excess of \$1,800. We were blown away. Not only were we able to treat the children in the clinic we were able to send soap and washcloths home with the parents to continue treatment at home making it much more effective. With the cash donations we purchased cloth diapers, plastic pants, diaper pins and onesies and put little packs together for the newborns and infants. I was so humbled by the generosity of so many as a result of a simple FB post. Just as heartwarming were the smiles and tears of gratitude from the families for which we were able to make just a little difference. A great need, a simple ask can make a huge differenceSusan Frcka



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love," (Mother Teresa)



Kate and Johane making soap packs



Nurses making Diaper packs



Susan with her little friend Natalia



Susan at the Orphanage

From our Director, Willem Charles,

.....regarding the situation in Haiti.

Dear friends and partners of MTM, for the past couple weeks Haiti has been experiencing some very bad days. The currency of the U S dollars has gone up from 70 % to 90 % so you can imagine what that can do to a country that doesn't produce anything. Anybody who is in the position as any of these Haitian that waking up every morning looking at your children go to bed hungry, wake up hungry and go through the day hungry and no hope. The question is what would you do?

In the past 20 years for the first time the students at MTM are asking please Mister Willem don't shut the school down because that is the only plate of food we can get for the day. for the past week I've been taking the risk keeping the cafeteria open so the students can eat. The teachers have not been coming because they can't but praise God for the ladies who work in the kitchen they are mothers too they understand when kids are hungry they come to work every day so the students can find food. The price of food has gone up so high it's almost impossible to buy food to eat. Again as a mother and father or brother and sister you could understand seeing your loved one hungry.

Thank you for your donation and your sponsorship to MTM that make this possible. Without education to anybody it's like your two feet and your two hands are cut off.

Our students are willing to walk for hours just knowing they will find a plate of food even they go through a lot of gun shots and burning tires on their path.

How can I give up?

Willem Charles



**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE
AND A FUTURE."**

JEREMIAH 29:11



One person can make a difference!



When you sponsor a student at MTM you not only provide a quality education but also a hot meal (quite possibly the only meal of their day).

Children should never have to worry about where their next meal will come from. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please contact us.
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MTM TRADE SCHOOL

Wish list – Plumbing Tools

teflon tape	\$1
fittings & piping	\$5
pipe dope	\$5
metal file	\$7
plunger	\$8
glue	\$10
cleaners	\$10
hand hack saws	\$10
10" tongue & Groove pliers	\$15
12" tongue & Groove pliers	\$15
valves	\$15
flashlights	\$15
pvc cutters	\$20
pipe wrench	\$20
auger / snake	\$20
pipe cutter	\$20
vice grips	\$20
hand pipe threader tool die set	\$60
reamer set	\$90

**"God doesn't
CALL the
EQUIPPED; HE
EQUIPS the
CALLED."**

The goal of the MTM trade school is to provide the high school graduates with a means for continuing education

- † to learn a trade
- † improve their chances for employment
- † enhance their quality of lives and
- † improve the community in which they live.



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