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Dear <<First Name>>,

October was another busy month at Olive Tree Projects — our birth numbers stayed strong, with some mothers traveling nearly 40 km to give birth at our clinic. The school year began for families in our support program, and our team marked Breast Cancer Awareness Month by hosting an education session for women in our community. Despite some challenges, our team remains resilient and committed to caring for the mothers and families who depend on us.

Standing Together Through Challenges and 17 Years of Impact

Heavy rains from Hurricane Melissa caused the La Gosseline river to overflow, washing out the main road into Jacmel. Supply trucks will have a very hard time if not be unable — to get through. This will drive up our operating costs as we rely more on solar power, batteries, and limited local supplies.

We're so grateful for the few generous supporters who have already responded to our appeal — your help truly makes a difference. But with limited funding this year, this added crisis puts even more strain on our operations.

To give our team space to focus on urgent needs, we've decided to postpone the launch of our "Celebrate 17 with 17" campaign to later this month.

If you can, please consider making a donation today to help us keep our clinic running and families supported during this challenging time. Your generosity keeps Olive Tree Projects strong — in crisis and in celebration.



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Birth & Patient Registration Update:

- Babies born in October: 21
- New patients: 19

Births don't wait for the Weather

When the hurricane's heavy rains hit Jacmel, our emergency plan was already in motion. Staff worked in 24-hour shifts to reduce travel risks and ensure mothers due to deliver could reach us safely — and the need was certainly there. Four babies were born during the storm's passing. One midwife delivered two of them, while the others on duty each welcomed one baby. Even in the middle of a hurricane, our team stayed ready, calm, and committed to the families counting on us. Pictured on the left is one of those four babies, visiting the clinic for her postpartum appointment.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

On October 14, our team held a lively Breast Cancer Awareness Month activity with 28 participants from our community. To keep the session engaging, we played a fun educational music video — set to the tune of "I Will Survive" - about breast health and how to check for lumps. Our midwives and nurses then led a hands-on demonstration on how to perform self-examinations, spot early warning signs, and answer participants' questions.



Our Family Support Program (FSP) currently supports 14 families. Parents from our Family Support Program visited the clinic's administrative office this month to sign their yearly contracts, ensuring everyone understands the guidelines for continued support. The first school tuition installments have been paid, and with the new school year underway, the children were excited to return to class, eager to keep learning and reconnect with their friends.



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