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A Newsletter for Habitat For Children Ministries

Habitat For Children Ministries Celebrates 20 Years of Commitment to Improve Lives

What better way to begin a new year than with an incredible praise report!

The year of 2025 marks Habitat For Children Ministries' 20th year of providing services to children and families!

We praise God from Whom all blessings flow for our 20th Anniversary!

First and foremost, we thank God for His faithfulness in making this possible by providing the resources, opening the doors, and guiding every step of the way. We are also so grateful for YOU, our amazing supporters, who continue to partner with us in serving Children and families in Haiti.

For the past 20 years, Habitat For Children Ministries has been a beacon of hope and transformation, dedicated to nurturing and empowering the lives of vulnerable children and families. Through our unwavering commitment to providing safe housing, educational opportunities, and essential resources, we have witnessed countless lives changed and communities strengthened. As we celebrate two decades of service, we remain steadfast in our mission to create a brighter future for every child, fostering a world where love, support, and opportunity abound. Thank you to all our supporters, partners, and volunteers who have joined us on this incredible journey; together, we are building a legacy of hope and resilience!



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My name is Cambron Gulno and I work as a doctor at the Habitat Care Center (HCC), a health institution under the umbrella of Habitat For Children Ministries (HFCM), whose legal representative and CEO is Meschac St Amour. I provide general consultations and, in collaboration with a technical team, we take care of emergency cases to the extent that our level of competence allows. For us, it is a very enriching experience to be able to provide health care to people who really need it. I would like to congratulate Meschac St Amour for his motivation, his dedication and for having the idea of creating a community health clinic in an area where people usually must travel miles to access primary health care. I will continue to work closely with him to bring good results to this noble cause in which he is committed.

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I am Fabiola Victor. I work as a nurse at the Habitat Care Center (HCC). I provide comprehensive nursing services in good collaboration with the medical and technical staff on emergency cases at our level. Because it is a very good experience for me to provide health care to people who really need it. I am very pleased to present my congratulations to Meschac St Amour for having had the brilliant idea of setting up a clinic in an area where people are used to traveling miles to find primary health care. And I would also like to compliment him for his investment, his dedication, his appreciable work that he has carried out within our society, more precisely in the field of health. I will continue to work with him in perfect collaboration to bring satisfactory results to the noble cause in which he is involved.



Habitat Care Center Clinic Update

We are excited to provide an update on the clinic that Habitat for Children Ministries opened on June 24th of last year! Since its inception, the clinic has made significant strides in improving the health and well-being of the families and children we serve.

Key Highlights

- 1. The clinic has successfully expanded its range of services, including routine health blood pressure checks, immunizations and nutritional supplements. These services are designed to address the holistic needs of our community.*
- 2. We have seen an increase in community engagement, with families actively participating in health education and Mobile Clinics that we host every two months. These initiatives empower families to take charge of their health and make informed decisions.*
- 3. Our partnerships with local healthcare providers and organizations have strengthened our capacity to deliver quality care. Collaborations have enabled us to offer specialized services, such as eye exams, maternity checkups and pediatric consultations, enhancing our clinic's offerings.*
- 4. We are proud to report that the clinic has successfully removed financial barriers to care, ensuring that essential health services are accessible to those most in need. So far, we are able to provide medical services to those who do not have access to money to pay because of the generosity of our donors.*





Clinic Update Cont.

Pregnant women in Haiti face a multitude of significant challenges that severely impact the health and the well-being of their babies. Limited access to quality healthcare facilities, particularly in rural areas, often leads to inadequate prenatal care and a lack of essential medical support during pregnancy and childbirth.

Many women struggle with malnutrition, exacerbated by poverty and food insecurity, which can result in complications for both the mother and child. Furthermore, the prevalence of unsafe birthing practices and a shortage of trained healthcare professionals contribute to high maternal and infant mortality rates. Social and economic instability, along with the aftermath of natural disasters, further complicate their circumstances, making it difficult for expectant mothers to receive the care and resources they desperately need.

The combination of these factors underscores the urgent need for comprehensive maternal health programs and support systems in Haiti to ensure the safety and health of mothers and their children.

— The Harsh Reality —

In Haiti, we often have to hold back tears when we see how pregnant women and babies are dying, during pregnancy, childbirth, and after childbirth especially in remote areas. The reasons are either that there are no qualified personnel to provide services, or that there are delays in having timely prenatal care and necessary examinations. In the Le Jeune community and other places we visit such as Losmamoune, Labi, Labelón, there are 2 main causes:

1. Women are hemorrhaging and losing a lot blood after giving birth.
- 2: Women have high blood pressure (eclampsia) that creates repeated complications.

The largest hospital in the area in Hinche (the closet to the families that we serve) is consistently full and does not have enough space to receive them. The Habitat For Children Ministries staff would like to help these women get out of the situation where neither they nor their babies die in childbirth. As qualified personnel, our Habitat midwives are available and have the ability to provide the services, but do not have enough means to help them. quality medical equipment and supplies are needed to maintain services 7 days a week. We a currently providing programming three a week n Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We also provide a full clinic with multi-disciplines from all over the countryside on a bi-monthly basis. I myself as a nurse and midwife when needed, work with Habitat staff to reduce the mortality rate, but our means are insufficient.

Our Current Impact

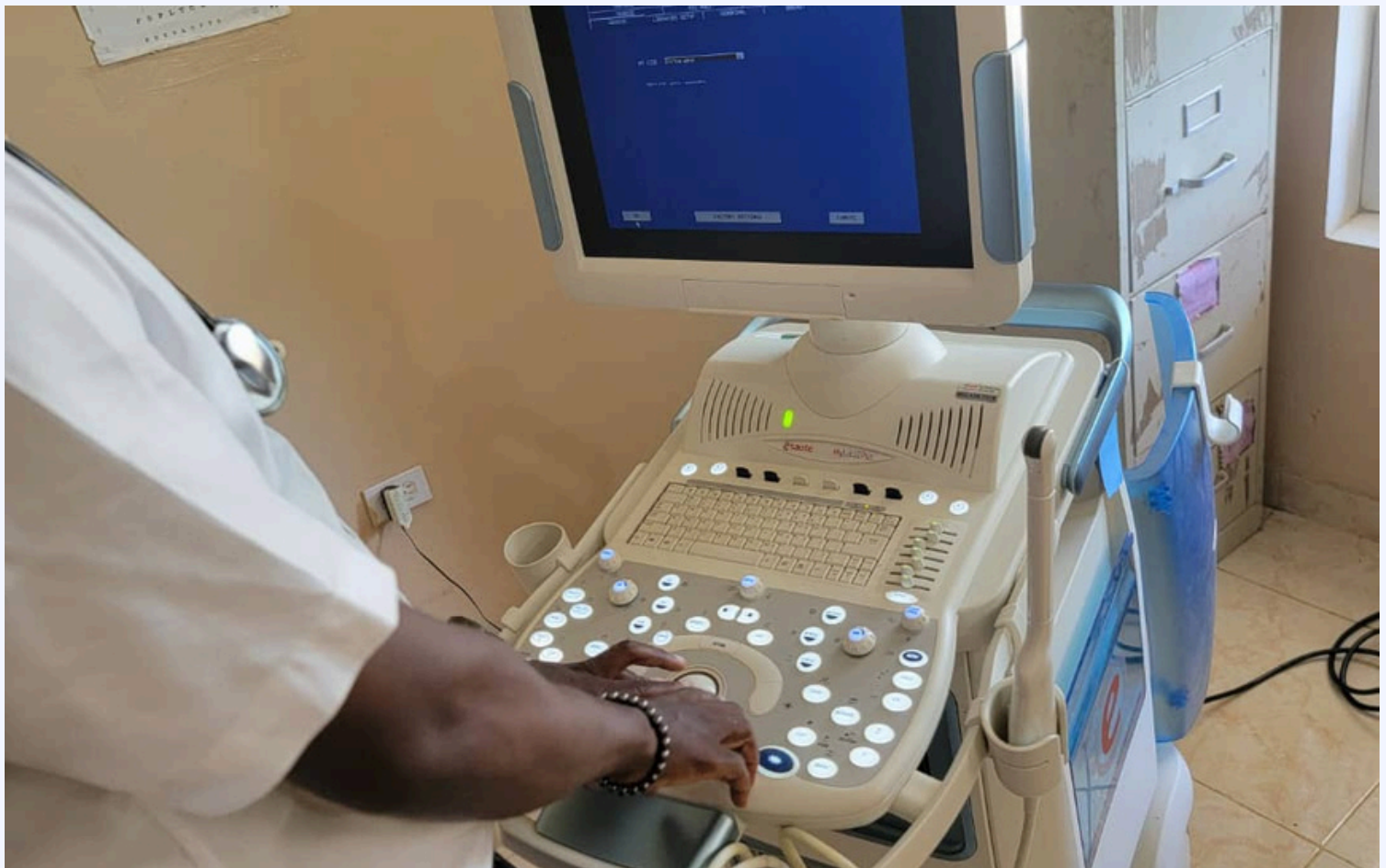
Talking with some community members there is a positive impact on the health effects of the children and families we have served. Regular health screenings have led to early detection of medical issues, and families are reporting improved overall health and well-being.

Looking ahead, we are committed to further enhancing our services and outreach efforts. We plan to introduce additional health service programs and expand our efforts to better support our community's needs.

What's Next

- 1- We are planning to make provisions to open a Dental exam room.
- 2- We are working on establishing a small outpatient surgical room for on-site acute and minor surgeries.
- 3- We are equipping our lab with all necessary instruments to provide all laboratory tests results including radiology.

Thank you for your continued support of Habitat for Children Ministries and our mission to uplift and empower families through accessible healthcare. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and families we serve!



Other Great News Stories



"We are thrilled to announce that as of December 2024,

Grace Lutheran Church of Port St. Lucie, FL

has successfully fully funded our bathroom project for..... !

This accomplishment reflects the incredible generosity and support from their congregation to the Haitian community. With these funds, we not only enhanced the accessibility and comfort of the facilities but we also ensured that church remains a welcoming space for all who enter.

They also sponsored over 100 Christmas gift boxes full of toys and essentials for boys and girls 5-13 years of age.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, and prayed for these projects. Your commitment to our mission and community has made this possible!

Braving the Cold



Meschac St Amour had the opportunity to attend the Minnesota North District Convention from February 23rd to February 28th, followed by the Northern Illinois District Convention on March 7th and 8th. These gatherings provided a valuable platform for networking, sharing insights, and fostering collaboration among mission-minded organizations. Engaging in discussions about our collective mission and exploring new strategies to strengthen our communities. It was both inspiring and motivating! We at HFCM look forward to implementing the ideas and connections made during these conventions as we work together to make a positive impact on our communities.

A Message From Our President

Dear Friends and Family,

As I reflect on the past 20 years of my ministry through Habitat for Children Ministries, I am filled with gratitude and joy. It is hard to believe that two decades have passed since I first answered the call to serve. This journey has been nothing short of transformational, and I am blessed to have walked this path alongside so many incredible individuals.

Throughout these years, I have witnessed the power of faith to change lives, heal hearts, and bring communities together. Each moment spent in service—whether it was spreading God’s word, counseling, or simply being present for someone in need—has deepened my understanding of God’s love and grace. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunities to share in the joys and sorrows of those I have served.



I want to take this moment to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported me along the way. Your encouragement, prayers, and unwavering faith have been a source of strength for me. I am especially grateful to my family, friends, and congregation—your love and support have made this journey possible.

As I look ahead, I am excited about what the future holds. I remain committed to serving, learning, and growing in my faith. I pray that I continue to be a vessel of God’s love and a source of hope to everyone around me.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Praying for many more years of ministry together!

With love and gratitude,

Meschac St Amour