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Our annual one-week trip to the central plateau of Haiti was February 24 through March 2, 2012. All missionaries are pictured on the following pages. This year's group was remarkable in one respect: No one complained about anything. This despite the fact that those staying at the rectory were without running water for three days!

Below is a photo of Kathy Graham. Page two is the article she wrote for The Record newspaper that described our mission trip. Page three shows packing day held at Corpus Christi church. Page four includes unpacking at HOM's St. Pierre clinic and church on Sunday. Page five includes the mobile medical team at work in the villages of Desvarrieux and Trianon. Page six shows the mobile medical team outside the city of Hinche (it was good to see Fr. Faublas again). Page seven shows the fluoride team and the dental team working at St. Pierre clinic. Page eight includes our partners in Mirebalais, Pere Jean Joseph Jeannot and Pere Lévéque Bien-Aimé; schoolchildren; and the new St. Pierre church bell. Thanks to all of our supporters.



Mobile Medical Clinic at Trianon: Kathy Graham R.N. examining a patient.

FAITH WITHOUT BORDERS

Haiti Outreach Mission visit a chance to provide medical aid

By Kathy Graham

Twenty volunteers plus three Haitian translators equals one successful 2012 trip for Haiti Outreach Mission. In late February, our weeklong trip with 14 Detroit-area members included 40 pieces of luggage packed with donated medical supplies, plus carry-on bags packed with our personal belongings. We were joined on the way to Haiti by two medical members from Montana, a minister from Chicago, a Haitian-speaking businesswoman from Pennsylvania and a mother and son (both of whom were registered nurses).

Everyone worked together for two days sorting dental and medical supplies and setting up individual doses of medication for children and adults. The focus was divided into three areas: our volunteer dentist would stay at the clinic in Mirebalais and would work with the Haitian dentist; members of the fluoride team would visit two schools in Mirebalais and two rural schools outside of Mirebalais; and the mobile medical team would travel to the same two rural areas to spend the final day at the clinic in Mirebalais.

In total, 105 patients were seen at the dental clinic in four days. All patients were seen for tooth extractions, some having multiple extractions. In addition to fluoride treatments, all the schoolchildren were treated for intestinal worm infections. A total of 1,508 children and 59 teachers and school personnel received care by the fluoride team.

There were two doctors on the mobile medical team – the Haitian internist from the clinic in Mirebalais and Dominique Monde-Matthews, a Detroit-area pediatrician.



Mothers and patients wait for treatment at St. Andre's Medical Center in Haiti. (Photos by Valerie McNece)

Among those treated was a 1-year-old baby girl who weighed nine pounds. Her mother died giving birth; the girl was being cared for by her aunt. We supplied the aunt with formula, infant vitamins and medications. A 12-year-old boy was seen for a wrist he fractured in a fall the week before we arrived. The wrist was splinted and he was fitted with a sling and given pain medication. He was directed to a neighboring town's hospital for an x-ray and cast. A young woman came to the clinic with a severely swollen and painful index finger, which had been crushed where she worked. The skin was cut open and the wound was drained to prevent the spread of infection. She was given bandages for dressing changes, pain medications and antibiotics. Just

under 500 patients were seen by the medical team.

In addition to the full-time clinic, Haiti Outreach Mission also supports an orphanage in Mirebalais. Our dentist and pediatrician evaluated the 32 children living there. All the children were given fluoride treatments. Those children were treated for infections and skin disorders. Two of our construction volunteers looked over the water purification system the orphanage maintains.

It was a busy week for the medical mission team but such a blessing to be in Mirebalais and to see the improvements at the clinic and at the orphanage.

Kathy Graham is a registered nurse and also a member of St. David's Church, Southfield.



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews treats an infant.

PACKING FOR HOM MISSION TRIP AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



Fr. Don Archambault, pastor of Corpus Christi discussing HOM's mission trip to Haiti with Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews.



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews with Adeline Auguste and packing day hosts Gilda, Monica and Roy Ford.



Eric Hegg with many wonderful pieces of donated luggage.



Marla Smith, Elizabeth Stafford and Len Sackett.



Claude Jacobs and Pat Byrne checking med expiration dates.



Mission 2012 travelers meeting on packing day.

UNPACKING AND ORGANIZING MEDS AT ST. PIERRE CLINIC IN MIREBALAIS



Elizabeth Stafford and Colin Ragan



HOM Nurse Yoldie Esterlin and Cherie Thurner R.N.



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews giving directions to Fluoride team members Diane Royer, Judy Acord-Szczesny and Marla Smith.



Unpacking quilts from Our Lady of Victory Church.



Rev. Carol Mader and Dr. Monica Stafford discuss meds with Dr. Monde-Matthews in the HOM dental clinic.



Vicki Glueckert L.P. N. at Mass Sunday morning with St Louis Church parishioners.



Fr. Lévêque Bien-Aimé

MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC: DESVARRIEUX AND TRIANON



Mobile Medical Desvarrieux: HOM physician Dr. Cadet examines a patient with missionary Kathy Doucet.



Mobile Medical Desvarrieux: Robert Hoffman R.N. stabilizing a wrist that was broken for a week.



Mobile Medical Trianon: Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews and waiting patients



Mobile Medical Trianon: Rev. Steven Good and patient.



Mobile Medical Desvarrieux: One year old baby girl who weighed 9lbs. Her mother died giving birth.

MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC: NEAR HINCHE



Patients wait outside of a school temporarily transformed into a medical clinic.



Tom Maza and John Messina.



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews preparing for patients.



HOM physician
Dr. Cadet at work



Kari Brown and patient.



Cherie Thurner R.N.
working on prescriptions
in the mobile pharmacy.



Sr. Ann Murphy delivering
medications



Fluoride team in action: Translator Vadriss Pierre, Judy Acord-Szczesny, Kari Brown, Colin Ragan, and Rev. Steven Good



Judy Acord-Szczesny and Elizabeth Stafford filling fluoride trays.



In the St. Pierre Clinic Dental Suite: HOM dentist Dr. Anthony.



Mural in the St Blasé Orphanage



Mobile medical team visiting HOM's St. Blasé orphanage



Dr. Monica Stafford examining an orphan at the St. Blasé Orphanage.



A special thanks to our partners in Haiti who make our efforts possible. On the left is Pere Jean Joseph Jeannot and on the right is Pere Lévêque Bien-Aimé.



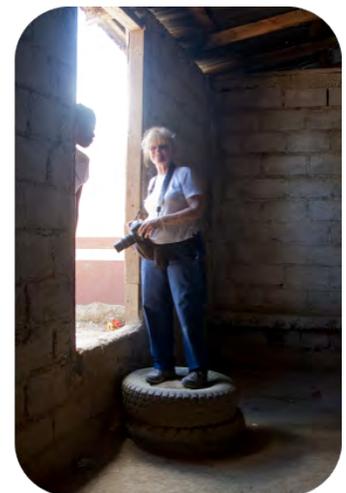
A new church bell for St. Pierre in Mirebalais: Acquired and then shipped by Haiti Outreach Mission.



With their new toothbrushes after eating lunch: The schoolchildren of Desvarrieux.



St. Pierre School classroom, Mirebalais



Valerie McNeece and her camera.

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