

HAITI OUTREACH MISSION

Dear Haiti Outreach Mission Members and Supporters,
Monica Stafford's father, Luther Stafford, passed away in March. He was a member of Corpus Christi and supporter of HOM. We thank his family for many donations to HOM in his name.



Bill Hafner from St. Blasé passed away in May. He went to Haiti on some of the early HOM trips, and helped put the second story on St. Pierre school.



On page two of this newsletter you will see an invitation to the annual Corpus Christi HOM fundraising dinner. Many have donated and indicated they will be unable to attend the dinner. Thus, despite the RSVP date of May 27, there are still spaces for you at the dinner. HOM is part of many generous communities! Pages three through six feature a summary of our mission trip to Haiti in April. Please read Chris Phanord's essay on his first visit to Haiti on page seven. Chris and our even younger missionary, McKinley Garcia, worked on the fluoride team and anywhere else their energies took them. Page eight features McKinley's grandmother's (Marla Smith) fluoride team report. Tom Maza contributes the construction team report on page nine. Aside from arriving in Haiti early to pave the way for us – it seemed they did everything but see patients. Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, MI has been a part of Haiti Outreach Mission for many years. Page ten shows the ways they contribute to our work in Haiti.

Steve Ernst has finished the update of our website. Thanks Steve! He continues to make it dynamic and up to date. Check it out! www.haitioutreachmission.org

And while exploring our web site be sure to read the directions for shopping at Amazon.com. Through using "AmazonSmile" and choosing Haiti Outreach Mission as your charity, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to HOM at no additional cost to you.

Our capital campaign is ongoing. It has contributed to a number of improvements at our Medical and Dental clinic in Mirebalais, Haiti including wall repair, painting, compressor, well construction and Lab-in-a Suitcase.

St. David's was instrumental in making the lab equipment a most valuable addition to the HOM medical clinic.

And a special thanks to our member churches and individuals that collected over-the-counter medicines and the luggage that took all that good stuff to Haiti.

Bill McNeece, Editor



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Annual Corpus Christi Church Fundraising Dinner
Saturday, June 4, 2016

May 4, 2016

Dear Haiti Supporter,

Please join our Social Justice Committee for our famous

Haiti Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, June 4, 2016

6 pm to 10 pm

in the Rainbow Room at Corpus Christi Catholic Church

19800 Pembroke Avenue (at Evergreen Road)

\$60.00 with RSVP or \$65.00 at the door

Cash Bar — Wine and Rhum Punch!

RSVP by May 27, 2016

The Corpus Christi Annual Haiti Dinner continues to support Haiti Outreach Mission's on-going projects in the Mirebalais, Haiti area, including the medical and dental clinic, sponsorship of the children at St. Louis Catholic Church, lunch each school day, and fluoride treatments for students and teachers. Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthew will give an update about the Haiti Outreach Mission trip in April 2016 and answer your questions.

Let's work together and make a difference!

Rev. Donald Archambault, Pastor



Social Justice Committee of Corpus Christi Church

Haiti Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, June 4, 2016, 6 pm - 10 pm

Rainbow Room

19800 Pembroke Ave @ Evergreen Rd)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

- I would like _____ dinner reservations @ \$60 (\$65 at the door)
- I am bringing a guest: _____
- I cannot attend, but would like to donate \$ _____ to the ongoing projects in Haiti

(please make checks payable to Corpus Christi Church - write Haiti Dinner on the memo line)

Attn Social Justice Committee
Corpus Christi Parish
19800 Pembroke Ave
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Haiti Outreach Mission Trip April 8 – 15, 2016

Led by Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews, this year twenty-three people traveled to Haiti from the Detroit, MI area and Billings MT. Three members of the construction team arrived in Port-au-Prince on Tuesday, April 5 to help prepare the way for the rest of us on Friday April 8.

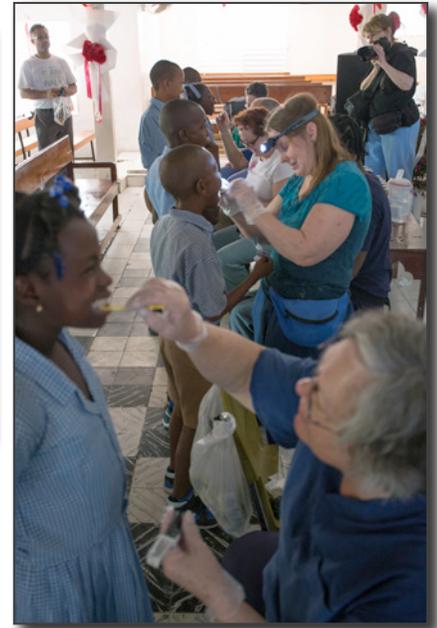
Much was accomplished before our arrival in Haiti. A few trips to Grand Rapids, MI produced the "Lab in a Suitcase" that was immediately put to use at the St. Pierre clinic in Mirebalais as Dr. Beaudelaire Cadet ordered tests including urine analysis, hemoglobins and hematocrits. It was bought with funds raised through our ongoing capital campaign



and church donations. Those funds also paid for a new compressor for the dental suite purchased in Haiti by the construction team. It was set up just in time for all the students sent to the clinic for dental



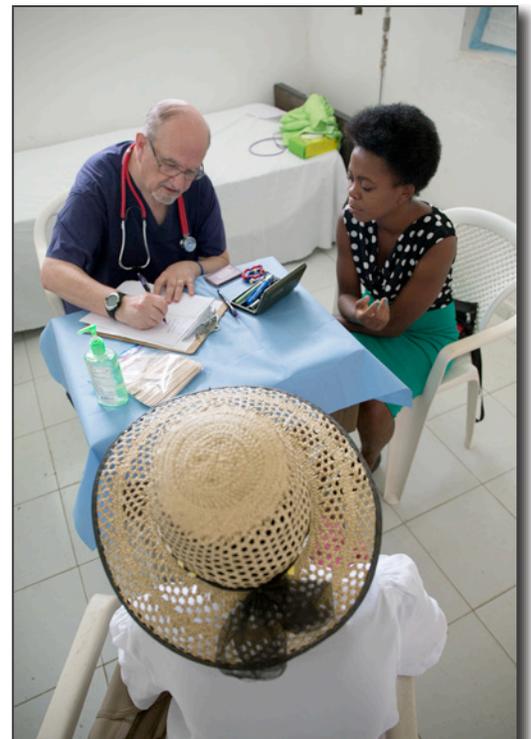
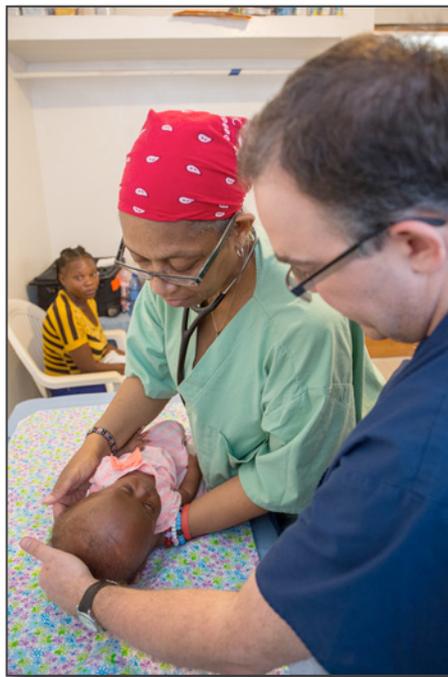
care by our fluoride team. Three dentists, Dr. Monica Stafford, Dr. Anthony Joseph, and Dr. Valliere Lancie were kept very busy!



The fluoride team began their work on Saturday afternoon and went on to visit six schools during the Mission.

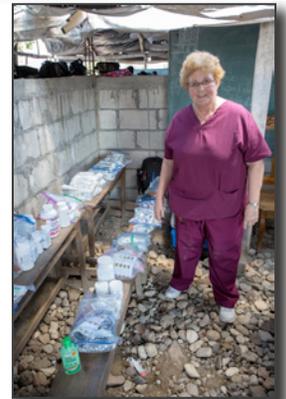


Many patients, both children and adults, came to the clinic to be seen by our nurses and doctors. There seemed to be more sick children this year: Lots of skin and scalp issues.





On Thursday, April 14 we conducted a mobile medical/dental/pharmacy just outside Hinche in an elementary school that is still under construction. It featured a tarp roof and a floor of large loose stones. Classrooms full of students were quickly transformed into spaces for adult patients, child patients, dental patients, pharmacy, and fluoride treatments.





Many of our first-timers were witness to the children being fed a corn-mush dinner. There were no picky eaters. Many continued to lick their plates clean as the plates were taken to be washed so others could eat.



Over the years we have come to view our Haitian partners as family, especially our supporting priests. While most of our time is spent working together we do have fun together. This year HOM organized a baby shower for our nurse/pharmacist/clinic manager, Yoldie Esterlin, and her husband.



One of our translators this year was Golds Mithe Joseph. She was educated at one of the schools we have supported since 2000, St. Pierre Episcopal School. (She especially remembers us because of fluoride treatments!) She then went to college in Wisconsin, and is back in Mirebalais employed by Hands and Hearts With Haiti. And the Haitian dentist that helped us this year, Dr. Valliere Lancie, was also educated at St. Pierre schools. In fact, HOM members supported her as part of our student/classroom sponsorship program.



MY EXPERIENCE ON THE HAITI OUTREACH MISSION TEAM

BY CHRISTOPHER PHANORD

I just returned from a week-long medical and dental mission trip to Mirebalais, Haiti with the Haiti Outreach Mission (HOM). HOM is a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1998. This ecumenical group is dedicated to helping the people of Mirebalais in multiple ways, including a full-time healthcare clinic, dental clinic, water purification system, and various construction and repair projects. The team is an ecumenical group in which volunteers use their various skills and abilities to help those in need. This was my first time going to Haiti, and the experience was unforgettable. I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to be fully emerged in experiencing my Haitian heritage first-hand, while also working on a team that provided dental fluoride treatments to over 1,800 school children and teachers. The people, the culture, the language, the food, the cities were all so beautiful. I enjoyed every moment of my time there, and I hope to go back again on future missions trips. While working with the team, we were able to go to many places in Mirebalais, Hinche, and even visited the waterfall at Saut-d'Eau.

I was on the fluoride team that travelled from school to school administering fluoride treatments at six schools, in four different towns: Mirebalais, Trianon, Desvarrieux, and Hinche. The treatments help strengthen teeth, and protects against cavities and tooth decay. Being greeted by so many school children of all ages in their brightly colored school uniforms at the schools was amazing. I could see how grateful they were for the toothbrushes and fluoride treatments.

Those working in the clinic treated hundreds of patients at both the clinic in Mirebalais, and mobile clinic in Hinche. The many doctors, nurses, dentists,

construction workers, translators, and volunteers on the Haiti Outreach Mission team work so hard and I am so inspired by their dedication.



From left to right: Wally Rydzewski, Tom Maza, and Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews treating patients at the mobile clinic in Hinche, Haiti



I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews, co-founder of Haiti Outreach Mission, for coordinating the trip, keeping everything under control, and making sure all of our goals were accomplished. Dr. Monde-Matthews is literally the heart and soul of Haiti Outreach Mission, and her work is greatly appreciated by so many. She truly is a phenomenal, hardworking woman loved and admired by everyone on the Haiti Outreach Mission team, and all of the people in Haiti she interacted with.

Merci beaucoup to Pere Lévêque Bien-Aimé from St. Louis Catholic Church and Pere Alphonse Jean Philippe from St. Pierre Episcopal Church. They made us feel very welcomed at their rectories, and we really enjoyed the meals. I had such a great experience in Haiti, and I am really glad I had an opportunity to help the Haiti Outreach Mission. One of my favorite moments of the mission trip was being able to take a photo of the beautiful view from the top of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Hinche. To find out more information about Haiti Outreach Mission, please visit their website at www.haitioutreachmission.org



Haiti Outreach Mission

Fluoride Team Report April 20, 2016

Team Members: McKinley Garcia, Maureen Mahar, Sr. Anne Murphy, Amy Mackenzie-Sanders, Christopher Phanord, Fr. Rhodenhiser and Marla Smith

My thanks to the board for putting together such an excellent team! We all worked well together and by the second day ran like a well-oiled machine. I would especially like to thank the construction team for their help on our big days at St. Louis and St. Pierre schools.

This year a semi-disposable toothbrush was tried for the first time. The advantage was that the brushes were much less expensive, weighed less, took less space, the packaging was much easier to open and had a much smaller waste footprint. The disadvantage was that the children didn't get toothpaste and a toothbrush that would last for a while. The dentists can weigh in on the pros and cons.

I was glad we could get to Notre Dame Alta Grace (Desvarrieux) this year as well as identifying children needing to see the dentist. It was good that the director brought some students to see the dentist the next day and fortuitous that there were three dentists and a working compressor. Perhaps next time this might be coordinated so the dentists know some children might be appearing on site.

I forgot to give toothbrushes out to the Pre-K children and we ran out of bracelets for the 12th graders at St. Pierre, who "wanted us to take back the fluoride if they couldn't have bracelets." I was especially disappointed that we had nothing special for the children in Hinche.

In 2014, Carrie took careful, standardized records of class sizes in each location they served. I followed her lead and did the same. The individual class numbers might be useful for tracking in the future. In the attached file you will find a compilation of fluoride data from 2010 to the present with total numbers and individual schools on separate sheets. The total fluoride numbers from previous years may be a little high as I am pretty sure the Pre-K children were included. You may notice that 2010 was the highest year. I believe that was due to the temporary influx of earthquake victims from Port au Prince.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Marla Smith

Schools	2008	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2016
Total seen including Pre-K who do not receive fluoride							
Trianon			102	127	123	151	108
St. Louis-grade			322	298	291	276	316
St. Louis-Mns. Remy						59	62
St. Pierre			923	705	648	685	642
Hinche						218	189
Desvarrieux			324	373	355	0	398
Total seen			1671	1503	1417	1389	1715
Total fluoride treatments administered							
Trianon			102	127	123	105	72
St. Louis-grade			322	298	291	276	269
St. Louis-Mns. Remy						59	62
St. Pierre			923	705	648	597	564
Hinche						218	107
Desvarrieux			324	373	355	0	322
Total fluoride			1671	1503	1417	1255	1396

*estimate includes pre-K so overestimated

Construction Team Report

Tom Maza

The construction team focused their work in 3 areas: the clinic, the water facility at College Mgr. Remy Augustin (formerly the orphanage) and St. Pierre School.

Clinic

When we arrived the uncovered circuit breaker panel had exposed wires and dirt in the box. The city power/generator transfer switch was cracked. A new circuit breaker panel, complete with cover, was installed over the old one. The transfer switch was replaced. A new oil cooled compressor was purchased and installed for the dentist. Some of the wiring for the dental office was modified and the ceiling light in the office was connected to a switch.

Water Facility at College Mgr. Remy Augustin

The wire to the well pump was repaired and a portion of the wire was put in conduit so it would not be damaged when the kids chased out of bounds balls when they played soccer. The pre-treatment water storage tanks were cleaned and chlorinated. All the water filters were changed and we demonstrated how to change the filters. The SteriLight UV system was installed to treat the water just before it is dispensed. The wiring was changed to control the SteriLight system with a switch. Another switch was installed to control both the water pump and the Trojan UV system, which disinfects the water before it reaches the storage tanks on the roof. Additional plumbing was done to simplify the system.

St. Pierre School

We installed new wires and added light switches to 7 classrooms, diagnosed light problems in 2 St. Pierre kindergarten classrooms and diagnosed and replaced an outlet in principal's office.

The completed honey do list included checking the electrical system at the clinic, repairing 3 toilets in the St. Louis rectory and 2 in the St. Pierre rectory and installing a door lock in the St. Louis rectory.

During times without electricity we helped the fluoride team in Mirebalais and helped in the mobile medical/dental/fluoride clinic during our day in Hinche.

Future Project:

A new well is being dug (by hand) at the clinic that will bring water to the underground cistern in front of the clinic. After that is completed an elevated water storage tank will be installed on the roof and water lines and sinks will be installed/reestablished in the medical clinic building and the dental clinic building.



Our Lady of Victory Fundraisers and Contributions to Haiti Outreach Mission

"I had cub scouts in our parish sell seed packets after all masses for two weekends in a row. We sold the kits for \$20. I originally ordered 100 kits but quickly sold out of them. I ordered an additional 60 kits, which we sold all but 13 of them. Over all the fundraiser was a huge success!"

Nancy Tolkacz

The **Stitching Busybodies from Our Lady of Victory in Northville** proposed sending Days for Girls (sanitary) Kits on the (April 2016) upcoming mission trip. It was previously approved to send 10 kits as a pilot program with the possibility of sending more on future trips dependent on their success. These 10 kits will be ready for you to pack for Haiti. Lightweight receiving blankets/exam table covers, boys shorts, and girls dresses will also be ready to pack. (These were distributed to patients in Haiti – editor).



Days for Girls discussion led by Katie Oppenheim, R.N.



Days for Girls is an international program promoting a well developed and heavily field tested reusable sanitary system/products to allow menstruating girls to continue to attend school and hopefully delay early marriage or from being victimized. The system will last 3 ½ years if used as it was meant to be.

Part of the program's success entails a brief education about reproductive health and instruction of how to use the kit. Usually the kits are presented to a group of girls, sometimes with their mothers also present or to a group of girls in an orphanage or school.

What is needed is someone (perhaps a nurse) identified to present this program and a decision as to whom the target group will be. I am sending a mailing folder along with the kits with 3 copies including copies in French, of the simple instructions of how they have successfully handled this all over the world, along with the recent Free Press article about the program.

Their very thorough website is here: www.daysforgirls.org

Also, If the project is successful and if you want to include it on future trips, we would need to know as soon as you decide as the kits are labor intensive (but the project was hugely popular with our group) and how many you might want for a future trip.

Thank you for all you do!
Beth Ajlouni
OLOV Stitching Busybodies



**OUR
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March 14, 2016

Dear Doctor Dominique Matthews and Bill Mc Neece:

Each Lenten Season, our parish supports various local and sometimes international organizations. This year, we decided to take up a collection for Haiti Outreach Mission. Enclosed you will find checks totaling \$880. These checks were donations made separate from our seed kit fundraiser. Thank you for your wonderful work in Haiti. God Bless you and all those attending the April trip!

Sincerely,

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