

# HAITI OUTREACH MISSION

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held  
Sunday November 7, 2021 as a  
**ZOOM** meeting

All interested persons are welcome to attend.  
If you have not received an e-mail about the meeting please  
request the link via [mcnee@umich.edu](mailto:mcnee@umich.edu)

Dear Haiti Outreach Mission Members and Friends,

I cannot find the words that express my feelings about what is happening in my country of birth - Haiti. Please pray for our partners, friends and relatives who suffer in fear and a lack of what we take for granted. Like the ability to get gas to take food to elderly loved ones.



This will be the third year we will not be able to “go home.” Thank God we have great partners in Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel in Mirebalais. God bless them! And despite COVID-19, HOM’s supporters continue to be generous! Merci, merci, merci beaucoup! We can not know what will happen in the next year. We pray things will get better in Haiti for the Haitian people. Then we might be able to visit and work in Haiti. Thanks again for all your prayers and continued support!! God Bless, Merci!!

Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews  
President and Chair Haiti Outreach Mission



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| St. Clare of Assisi | Ann Arbor, Michigan        |
| St. David's         | Southfield, Michigan       |

Since 1998, Haiti Outreach Mission has had many individual donors. But our member churches support through their annual donation of “seed money” and additional fundraising events makes our work in Haiti possible.

## **Zoom Meeting with Fr. Alphonse, Regarding St. Pierre Medical / Dental Clinic and Mirebalais Haiti, June 28, 2021**

Present: Dominique, Bill & Valerie, Mark, Tom, Jan

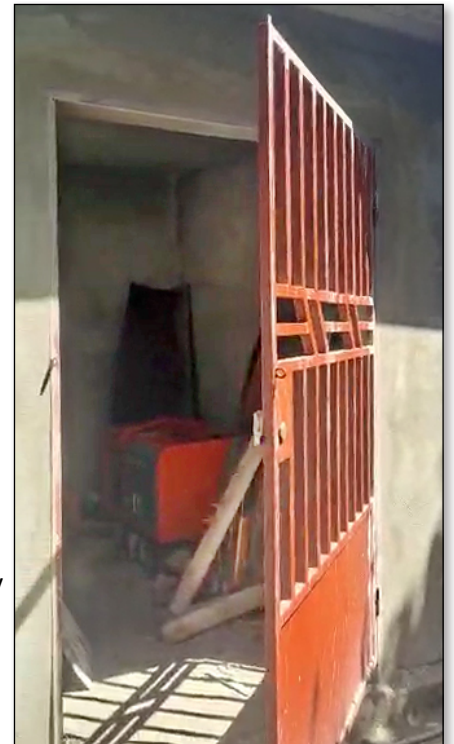
Purpose of this Zoom meeting was to learn more about the current conditions in Mirebalais and how our friends and clinic were faring in these troubled times. We also wanted to discuss with Fr. Alphonse what their current needs were and how we could assist.

### **General**

- Fr. Alphonse that his family and the clinic staff were well. The clinic has soap, bleach and products for disinfection as well as face masks.
- He reported that two priests known to Dominique had died. Father Fritz Lafontant died from COVID-19. (He founded a medical clinic in Cange, Haiti and later was joined by Dr. Paul Farmer and developed Zanmi Lasante) and another from Port au Prince.
- Violence has not been as much of an issue in Mirebalais but there has been some gang activity and reports of people trying to get to Port au Prince have been shot at.
- Re: Rate of Inflation – Current exchange rate is 91.04 Gourdes/US dollar. A gallon of gasoline when it is available is 1000 Gourdes (\$10.98 US). Motorcycle taxis charge 100 Gourdes for a ride = about a dollar US.

### **Generator Building Construction and Clinic Re-organization**

- There will be two rooms as they wanted a one room for the generator and compressor (used in the dental suite) and a room to store extra medications. While we are happy that they have extra medications but expressed concern that the exterior building would be safe for drugs. Father assured us that the room would be locked and the reinforced windows would provide the needed security.
- The power supply boxes have been mounted for the generator and compressor.
- There is adequate room between the new construction and the stairs leading to the second story of the clinic.
- The generator is working well and is used frequently as the local power supply is not stable. A man from the parish is paid to come monthly to do the routine maintenance.
- The pediatrician is currently occupying the room next to the pharmacy which used to be the laboratory. The laboratory is now located in the back room which previously was the first dental room and then medication storage area.



The clinic now has a water supply from the well in the courtyard! The toilet flushes and the bathroom sink and shower work!

The clinic has been helpful to the community by seeing additional patients when the hospital has had strikes or closures.

The clinic charges 50Gds (US 0.55) per visit. If a person is unable to pay, they are seen anyway. Children from Sts. Pierre & Louis are seen free of charge as are the priests and nuns. Children from Desvarrieux are not often seen at the clinic, but when they come, they are not charged for treatment.

### Clinic Employee Compensation

- All employees have been there for at least 5 years except for the pediatrician who has been there for 2 years.
    - **ACTION: HOM EC** agreed to include ALL employees when considering pay increases.
  - Discussion of options: One time bonus payment vs. percentage increase
  - There are currently 15 employees (including the pediatrician). Fr. Alphonse gave their names and job titles to Dominique.
  - We do not know why Dr. Cadet has never received a raise.
  - Fr. Alphonse related that the staff would like to have a paid lunch. He thought it would cost approximately 50 Gds/day/person.  $\{(50 \times 5 \times 15) / 91\} = \$41/\text{week}$
  - Currently the staff take a 20-minute break and usually purchase their lunch at a nearby market or the Micah food project in the courtyard.
    - **ACTION: HOM EC** agreed to review our budget and see what we were able to do.
- Fr. Alphonse requests that we not forget him in considering funding. Gas for his missions and cost of living is very high.

- **ACTION: HOM EC** suggested that we consider a donation to his Discretionary Fund. He was agreeable to this suggestion and we said that we would consider the budget and what we could afford.

### Medications

The medications that we sent were wonderful and badly needed. They would love to have another shipment but traveling to Port au Prince is not an option and very unsafe at the current time.

We suggested that Father see if there was a way that we could have medications delivered to the hospital in Mirebalais under his or Dr. Cadet's name. He will check out that possibility.

They are currently buying some medications in Mirebalais and some are brought in from The Dominican Republic.

Fr. Alphonse ended the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by,  
Janet Ernst and Bill McNece



Item #	Row-Bin	NDC	Description	Lot#	Expires	Quantity	UOM	Box#	Palet #
0202	AW1-3M	51376-0765-03	Azithromycin 250mg tabs FOR EXPORT ONLY	E9007C	10/31/21	1.00	250		
0350	AW3-1M	51376-0111-10	Mabendazole 100mg chewable tab FOR EXPORT ON	N271	12/31/21	1.00	1M		
0054T	AW4-1M	51376-0123-10	Omeprazole 20mg tabs, FOR EXPORT ONLY	MTE19040	01/31/23	1.00	1M		
0675	AW5-1M	51376-0764-10	Azithromycin for o/s 200mg/5ml pwd- 15ml FOR	RLC05C3	11/30/21	1.00	10		
4417	AW5-1M	51376-0140-10	Ibuprofen 200mg, tabs- FOR EXPORT ONLY	M208	02/28/22	2.00	1M		
0289	AW5-2M	51376-0745-05	Tinidazole 500mg tabs FOR EXPORT ONLY	PIB19A	09/31/21	1.00	500		
1100	AW7-1M	51376-0851-11	Sabutamol (Albuterol) inhalat ion aerosol 0.	190054	06/30/22	10.00	1		
0748	AW8-2M	51376-0340-05	Clotrimazole 100mg vaginal insert(tabs)-6 ta	HE19F41	05/31/22	20.00	6		
0750U	AW8-3M	51376-0342-10	Clotrimazole 500mg vaginal tab NO APPLICATOR	HE19G33	06/30/22	5.00	10		
4657D	AW8-3M	51376-0802-05	Sabutamol 4mg tab/ (scored) FOR EXPORT ONLY	8ML99A	11/30/21	2.00	300		
1103	BW1-2M	51376-0805-01	Sabutamol (Albuterol)sulfate syrup 2mg/5ml,1	A915	12/31/21	2.00	1		
4634D	BW4-1M	51376-0321-05	Albendazole 400mg chewable tab FOR EXPORT ONL	L489	08/31/21	1.00	500		
2006	BW4-2M	51376-0341-12	Clotrimazole 1% antifungal cream 20gm FOR EXP	F120	04/30/22	2.00	12		
0240	BW5-2M	51376-0779-50	Amoxicillin 500mg,clavulanate potassium 125m	2080005	09/31/22	2.00	50		
3794	BW5-2M	51376-0345-10	Gentamidine sulfate 0.3%- ophthalmic solution	5J783	09/30/21	1.00	10		
0655C	BW6-1M	51376-0777-40	Amoxicillin for o/s 250mg/5ml, 100ml FOR EXPO	19243004	05/31/22	1.00	40		
3199	BW7-1M	51376-0259-05	Prenatal vitamin: (Same content as 51376-023	910006A	10/31/21	4.00	300		
0550	BW7-1M	51376-0776-40	Amoxicillin for o/s 125mg/5ml pwd-100ml FOR	18204018	11/30/21	1.00	40		
1008J	CW2-2M	67877-0220-01	Cephalexin 250mg caps	19142353	04/30/22	5.00	100		
1835U	CW3-1M	00904-3232-92	Calcium 600mg tabs.	1911530	04/30/22	6.00	150		
3430	CW3-1M	00904-1315-46	Stimulax sublingual 200mg chewable tabs [LIK	1224000	01/31/22	10.00	30		
4205U	CW6-1M	65862-0535-13	Amoxicillin 600mg, clavulanate potassium 42.9	1016020000	02/28/22	10.00	EA		
1008J	CW6-3M	67877-0545-88	Cephalexin for o/s 250mg/5ml, 100ml	19144343	09/31/21	10.00	EA		
1611U	CW7-2M	00527-3932-37	Prednisone 5mg tabs	PS200401D1	02/28/22	2.00	100		
4631U	CW8-3M	67877-0219-05	Cephalexin 500mg caps	8145741	10/31/21	1.00	300		
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1751	DW2-3M	67777-0224-02	Hydrocortisone cream 1% foil packet	90372	08/31/22	1.00	144		
2735	DW4-2M	00713-0269-31	Bacitracin zinc, neomycin sulf ate, polymyxin	LS08051	07/31/21	10.00	EA		
3314	DW5-1M	03004-6786-20	Acetaminophen eiler 160mg /5ml/4 fl.oz. (118	9H400943	07/31/21	20.00	EA		
3931	DW6-1M	69230-0308-11	Ibuprofen o/s 100mg/5ml- 4oz	20C240	05/31/22	10.00	1		



# FOOD PROGRAMS

Dear all from HOM,  
Good morning!

This email is to thank you for your two ways donation. I want to let you know that this time as Christmas was at hand, I did not buy food. I made the decision to give directly the money to the people of the parish, and I chose the Christmas day.

We distributed envelopes with 500 gourdes to everyone who participated to the feast at the Eucharist. They were surprised to receive the money and some of them made the decision to contribute when they are able to support others. After the distribution to the ladies and men at church, in the afternoon I went to some vendors and motorcycle taxis drivers around the rectory and I did the same thing for them.

A) Gift From the Heart  
Money received from HOM: US 2000 for Gift from the heart @ 65 Gourdes for US 1 = 130 000 Gourdes

Distribution of money for Christmas

At church: 220 people @ 500 gourdes to one person = 110 000 Gourdes

In the streets: 40 people @ 500 gourdes to one person = 20 000 Gourdes

Fr. Romel

Funds were sent to Fr. Romel and Fr. Alphonse for food at Christmas time.



Fr. Romel distributing money / St. Louis Church



Fr. Alphonse / St. Pierre / bought food and had parishioners prepare and serve





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September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Dear McNeece  
Dear Guva Michel

I apologize for the delay of transmitting this report because I was too busy with the patronal feast, August 16 to August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for the money, you Guva and HOM sent so "Le Don Du Coeur" (LDDC) can feed 500 families from the parish. The last distribution was August 7. I gave kits to 500 families and I helped some of the poorest parishes.

Through this feeding week at a very difficult moment for my people, we showed the presence of the Church for those who are suffering and we showed our fraternal solidarity to them. Thanks to God and thanks to you, we really supported our vulnerable families in the parish. You count a lot for me and for the mother Church. I do not find words to translate or to explain how I appreciate your solidarity and your generosity. The only thing I can do is to pray for you so God can bless you.

The political situation in Haiti is becoming worse. Many families in Mirebalais are really in need. Most of them are not natives of Mirebalais. They are people who flee the misery of the countryside in search of a better being in Mirebalais. They struggle day after day to live and keep their families alive. After one month, people are still coming to ask for food kits but we done.

My dream is to extend, one day, this feeding program to the rest of the country. *Solidarity inside and outside is required so that everyone can eat one's fill. Let's give a hand to warm the hearts of the needy. Let's go for the greater glory of God, for the dignity and joy of Humans!*

**The action costed: \$ 15 477, 04**  
HOM's donation: \$ 2 000, 00  
Parish contribution: \$ 477, 04  
Guva Michel's donation: \$ 13 000, 00

In Christ our Lord,

Father Romel EUSTACHE  
Pastor of saint Louis Parish

**Report of the subsidy received for the nutritional support of 500 families in Mirebalais**

Description	Gourdes	US
600 bags of rice, 12, 5 kg @ 1 250,00 Gourdes	750 000, 00	8 823, 52
55 bags of black beans @ 1700,00 Gourdes	93 500, 00	1 100, 00
60 cases of oil Mazola @ 2 700, 00 Gourdes	162 000, 00	1 905, 88
125 cases of Spaghetti @ 850, 00 Gourdes	106 250, 00	1 250, 00
125 cases of Macaroni @ 650, 00 Gourdes	81 250, 00	955, 88
70 cases of sardines @ 1 500,00 Gourdes	105 000, 00	1 235, 29
Gaz for transportation and driver for Belladère	15 000, 00	176, 47
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 313 000, 00</b>	<b>15 477, 04</b>

1 Dollar = 85 Gourdes

HOM's donation: .....\$ 2 000, 00  
Parish contribution: .....\$ 477, 04  
Guva Michel's donation: .....\$ 13 000, 00

Guva and HOM, once again I want to express my gratitude to you for this great donation and for this relentless desire to help me strengthen the weakest among the weak of my parish.

Thank you so much! God alone knows how to reward you. The only thing I know is that "God loves those who give joyfully and to sow widely, we harvest widely" (2 Cor 9, 6-7).

Thank you so much!

Be happy to find in the following page some pictures of our purchases in the Dominican Republic and the preparation of the kits by the parish Caritas team.

Father Romel EUSTACHE  
Pastor of Saint Louis Parish



Purchasing food in the Dominican Republic



Since the last HOM Newsletter we have sent St. Pierre and St. Louie \$2000.00 each at Christmas, Easter, and in July for food.

Storing and sorting the food at St. Louie

# Fundraising

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL and/or PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOM 2021 Wine: BID SHEET

All bids are due by **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 19**

**E-Mail to:** Susan Evett [sevett@internet2.edu](mailto:sevett@internet2.edu) – all cases include a \$60/full case donation for HOM and a variety of local outreach programs (BDPP, Alpha House, etc.).

RED WINES	Price	# CASES	Total cost
Boen, Tri Appellation Pinot Noir (6-pack)	\$100		
Tedeschi Valpolicella (Italy)	\$190		
Corte Fiore Appassimento (Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, Italy)	\$180		
Silk & Spice (Portugal)	\$160		
La Kiuxa 20 Rouge de Valée Valle D'Aosta	\$200		
Henri Gaillard 20 Rose Cotes de Provence	\$180		
WHITE WINES			
La Segreta (Grillo, Sicilia)	\$175		
Domaine de Pouy Blanc, Cotes de Gascogne	\$160		
Yalumba Viognier (Australia)	\$155		
Zacharias Assyrtiko	\$170		
Banville La Capranera Falanghina	\$155		
Haut Lagarde Sauvignon Blanc	\$170		
MIXED CASES			
Full Mixed Case (6 red + 6 white)	\$190		
Red Mixed Case (2 each of red options)	\$190		
White Mixed Case (2 each of white options)	\$190		
TOTAL			

Pickup available September 25, 26, and by appointment (additional dates available as needed). To arrange other pickup times, contact Mary Lu Barth at [barthm@comcast.net](mailto:barthm@comcast.net). For 'premium' cases, please see page 2 – many of this year's wines are not available in stores since they are only sold to restaurants!

**St. Clare** in Ann Arbor raises money for HOM with an annual wine sale. First they have a wine tasting event. The participants pay and choose the wines that will be sold by the case.



The Knights of Columbus at **St. Blasé** in Sterling Hts, MI continues to be a most reliable source of funds. Additionally, a number of church members remain very generous as they donate through our website via PayPal.

On August 14, 2021 a powerful earthquake struck Haiti. **Our Lady of Victory** in Northville, MI responded with special collections for two weeks. Church members were very generous.

**St. David's** in Southfield, MI cancelled their annual Comedy Castle fundraiser due to Covid -19. HOM members from three churches came together and created a most successful virtual "Help for Haiti Fundraiser" on February 20, 2021





COVID-19 caused the postponement of **Corpus Christi's** in Detroit, MI planned Haiti fundraiser. Finally, on September 18, 2021 there was a wonderful turnout for the Diamond Jack Detroit River Cruise.

You may donate to Haiti Outreach Mission by sending a check to our business address:

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You may also donate through our website, [haitioutreachmission.org](http://haitioutreachmission.org) via credit or debit cards or with PayPal. Thank You!

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# Water St. Louis



Water St. Louis located at Msgr. Remy Augustin School (the former St. Blasé orphanage) in Mirebalais.



## Transformer for Water St. Louis Purification System



All materials had been bought in US

Transformer with accessories: US 1470

1 Pole to install the transformer: US 350

Total paid in US : 1 820

Balance: US 180 @ 65 Gourdes for US 1= 11 700 Gourdes

Connexion fees paid to Haiti Electricity: 25 000 Gourdes

Contribution of the parish: 13 300 Gourdes

Once again, thank you so much to the whole HOM members for your support.

Sincerely and with a lot gratitude!

Fr Romel EUSTACHE

Pastor of Saint Louis, Mirebalais

Due to unreliable power in Mirebalais, Fr. Romel requested a transformer for the water purification system. He sent these photos on February 19, 2021.



## Detroit Catholic

### Skyrocketing prices, roaming gangs complicate local outreach to hard-hit Haiti

DANIEL MELOY  
AUG 30, 2021 LOCAL



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews, president of the Haiti Outreach Mission, provides care to an infant at the mission's medical and dental clinic in Mirebalais, Haiti. Following the political upheaval stemming from the assassination of the Haitian president and a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck the country's southwest peninsula on Aug. 14, the mission is still providing care with the help of Michigan-based parishes. (Courtesy of Valerie McNeesse)

### Southfield-based group can't send missionaries to Caribbean nation, hit by political upheaval and natural disaster, but can send aid



Haiti Outreach Mission volunteers Valerine McNeece, Sabrina Charles and Marla Smith are pictured at the mobile medical and dental clinic operated by Haiti Outreach Mission in Hinche, Haiti. Haiti Outreach Mission hasn't been able to send volunteers from the United States to Haiti since 2018. (Courtesy of Bill McNeesse)

While the earthquake didn't directly hit Mirebalais, it's possible refugees from the area will go to Mirebalais, overwhelming the hospital, which in turn will send more people to the Haiti Outreach Mission clinic.

Haiti Outreach Mission continues to financially support the clinic, Dr. Monde-Matthews said, raising \$70,000 to \$100,000 a year to buy supplies and support on-the-ground operations.

**SOUTHFIELD** — It's been a rough year for Haiti — a country that's had its share of rough years.

Following the shocking assassination of its president, [Jovenel Moïse](#), on July 7, the small, impoverished Caribbean nation experienced a 7.2-magnitude earthquake centered on the country's southwest peninsula on Aug. 14.

Amidst the country's hardships, the Haiti Outreach Mission, a Southfield-based charitable organization that operates out of Mirebalais, a town that's an hour-and-a-half drive northwest of the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince, is continuing to collect donations from parishes and individuals.

Though the earthquake did not have the same impact at the 2010 quake that struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital and main population center, the aftereffects will be felt throughout the country, including in Mirebalais, said Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews, a member of Corpus Christi Parish in Detroit and Southfield-based pediatrician who helped found the mission more than two decades ago.

"The major impact is going to be people migrating from the area that was affected toward Port-au-Prince and toward Mirebalais, where we work," Dr. Monde-Matthews, president of Haiti Outreach Mission. "The hospital Partners in Health (a Boston-based nonprofit) has in Mirebalais may be overflowed with patients as well."

Partners in Health, a nonprofit health care organization founded by Dr. Paul Farmer, has done extensive work in Haiti since 1987. The organization's hospital is the primary care facility in Mirebalais and the Centre Department of Haiti, with the Haiti Outreach Mission operating a 15-person staffed clinic in town.

"We are still supporting our mission by sending money so the clinic can operate," Dr. Monde-Matthews said. "So there has been no stoppage in operations."

The issue, Dr. Monde-Matthews said, has been getting that money where it needs to go — particularly to the two priests who work with the clinic, who haven't had an easy time getting to the bank.

"There were some issues with gangs," Dr. Monde-Matthews said. "With so much happening, it is hard for people to go about their routine, because they don't know what's going to happen."

The assassination of President Moïse has added to the instability in Haiti, with rogue gangs patrolling highways and making travel between towns in Haiti a challenge.

"I've been in contact with Fr. Rommel, a Catholic priest on the ground there. About once a month we communicate," said Bill McNeesse, vice president of Haiti Outreach Mission. "They are still trying to figure out how many people were killed or injured in the earthquake, but I'm happy to report it's not at the level of the 2010 earthquake, because the area that was hit was not as heavily populated."

McNeesse serves on the executive committee of Haiti Outreach Mission, which coordinates with six churches — Corpus Christi in Detroit, St. Blaise in Sterling Heights, Our Lady of Victory in Northville, St. David Episcopal in Southfield, St. Clare Episcopal in Ann Arbor and St. Bernard in Billings, Mont. — to raise money to support the mission.



Mass is celebrated at St. Louis Parish in Mirebalais, Haiti. St. Louis is one of two partner churches Haiti Outreach Mission works with in Mirebalais. In August, the parish suspended Mass following an attack on the neighboring police station. (Courtesy of Valerie McNeese)

Haiti now. The clinic staff, especially the dentists and physicians, haven't gotten a raise in some 10 years, so recently we decided to give them a raise to help them keep up with everything that's gone so high."



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews sees patients at the Haiti Outreach Mission's mobile medical and dental in Hinche, Haiti. Haiti Outreach Mission is expecting more patients will come to the mobile clinic and the organization's permanent clinic in Mirebalais with refugees fleeing the destruction of the earthquake that hit the country this month. (Courtesy of Valerie McNeese)

Normally, the nonprofit organizes one mission trip a year, sending volunteers to assist with the clinic. But travel restrictions and COVID-19 have barred the organization from sending a delegation to Haiti since 2018.

In lieu of a physical trip, the organization has been gathering donations to assist the mission, which is dealing with an increased caseload and rising prices; recent instability and disasters have decreased resources and increased prices.

"We sent the Catholic priest \$2,000 so he could buy food, but the problem is, Port-au-Prince has gotten too dangerous with what's going on politically, so he has had to travel to the Dominican Republic to buy food," McNeese said. "It's better to give money for them to buy food locally, as opposed to sending them food, which tends to suppress the rice market in Haiti. Since Port-au-Prince is getting dangerous, he has to drive an hour to the Dominican Republic to get rice and beans."

The dual crises of political upheaval in the wake of the assassination and the migration of people from the site of the earthquake has led to an increased scarcity and higher costs of goods needed to run the Haiti Outreach Mission clinic.

The mission works with Broken Arrow, Okla.-based Blessings International to make bulk purchases of the medical equipment for the clinic, and the cash deposits to Haiti Outreach Mission's bank accounts help procure more local supplies. But roadblocks, roaming gangs and breakdowns in social structures have made everything more expensive in a country that was already economically depressed.

"The needs will always be financial, because recently there has been such an increase," Dr. Monde-Matthews said. "Everything has become so expensive in

On the ground in Mirebalais, the situation is less tense than in the capital or the countryside, but in early August, the town experienced an attack on its police station as gang members tried to spring members from jail.

The Catholic church in Mirebalais is a half block from the police station, and Mass was suspended for three weeks.

"They just began having Mass again on (Aug. 15)," McNeese said. "Clearly there are major concerns about the political stability and the infrastructure; there has been for three years."

The political upheaval has also weakened the infrastructure in the country, which has experienced sporadic power outages, spurring the need for the Haiti Outreach Mission to acquire more generators.

"We just received some pictures from priests who are having trouble with their generator now, because they are seven or eight years old and have been in use so much," Dr. Monde-Matthews said. "That would be something to add the list of things we need."





Haiti has been through much turmoil in the past three to four years, Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews said, and while the financial support Haiti Outreach Mission receives from parishioners across the United States is vital, prayer always has been — and always will be — just as vital. (Courtesy of Valerie McNeese)

But above all the items Haiti Mission Outreach needs — from generators and antibiotics, to bandages and dental supplies — there's one supply that can't be held up by customs or stolen by street gangs: prayer.

"The one thing I would like to add for people is, please send us your prayers," Dr. Monde-Matthews said. "Haiti always needs prayers. I can't begin to tell

people about that. They have been hit so many times, by so many things. If anything, please keep Haiti in your prayers. I just feel so powerless sometimes, but I know if we have their prayers, we can do something."

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