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M E D I C A L A I D T O H A I T I Helping Haitians Heal Haitians

A Working Mission

Dear Friends,

At the risk of repeating myself, MATH's Projects in Haiti are growing, despite the fact that we have not been able to send US-based medical missions there for quite some time. In other words, our goal - and mission - of *Helping Haitians Heal Haitians* is working!

When we established MATH, over 13 years ago, we recognized that while sending medical missions to Haiti was helpful, what was really needed was to provide Haitians with the means to deliver a continuum of care. Care that could be delivered whether we were there, or not. With your support, MATH operates in a most efficient manner by sending funds, equipment and supplies directly to Haitian healthcare providers with no middlemen or bureaucratic involvement.

Thank you for what you're making possible.

Rick Thibadeau, President & Founder of MATH



On The Ground in Haiti Update

COVID-19: (<https://covid19.who.int/region/amro/country/ht>)

In Haiti, from January 2020 to November 2021, there have been 23,960 confirmed cases of with 671 deaths, reported to WHO. As of October 2021, a total of 123,502 vaccine doses have been administered.

Earthquake: Rebuilding efforts continue in the Les Cayes and Jérémie areas. The childhood home of Pierre Antoine in Dame-Marie, that houses MATH mission teams, is undergoing repair for recently discovered damage from the earthquake.



Political Unrest: Gangs continue to pose threats to Haitian citizens and mission teams, particularly in the Martissant and Croix-des-Bouquets areas of Port-au-Prince. MATH will resume trips only when safety can be assured. MATH continues to provide resources for medical and surgical services, including collaborative medical seminars through Zoom to stay connected with colleagues.

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of each dollar received goes directly to our mission

YOUR donations to MATH sustain the momentum of this good work and giving hope through healthcare

IN MY OWN WORDS



Victoria L. Veltri, JD LLM | BOD Member

I first heard of MATH from board member Maggie Levasseur, RN, while we were working together to help a patient at St. Francis Hospital access needed health care.

We connected deeply on the issue of the current healthcare system and Maggie let me know about the extreme difficulties getting COVID testing supplies and vaccinations to Haiti. I thought I knew about the devastation in Haiti from repeated earthquakes and government unrest reported on network newscasts and by several friends who serve on boards of other organizations that provide help to the country. But I truly had no idea of the magnitude of disparities in health care access between the "have" and "have-nots" in Haiti.

What drew me to the board, besides Maggie's kind invitation to serve, was the MATH mission of Haitian people helping Haitians, and the idea that I could contribute in some fashion through my history of advocacy for health care for people here in Connecticut.

The need in Haiti is even greater. Our lenses need to be opened beyond the small worlds of our daily lives, and we can bring our skills to something larger than ourselves in our daily work. I look forward to serving with a group of dedicated volunteers to assist people who are on the ground in Haiti, directly serving their fellow Haitians. The need is great, and the need deserves the attention of all of us.

MATH is again registered.



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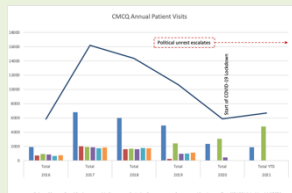
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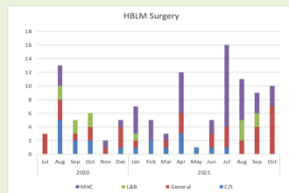
MATH partners continue to expand and improve health care services



Partnership with
Hôpital Bellevue-La-Montagne (HBLM) /
Centre Medico-Chirurgical du Quartier (CMCQ)



Patient Visits



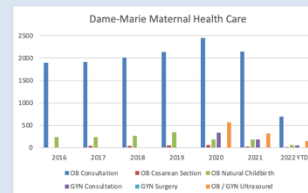
Surgery



Congratulation to Dr. Wilkens Gilbert and staff of HBLM
on achieving the highest accreditation for medical care in Haiti
from Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP).



Partnership with
Hôpital de la Communauté Dame-Marienne
(HCDM)



Maternal Health Care Services



Opening of Cervical Cancer Screening and
Treatment Rooms in May 2022

MATH partners are taking steps to increase water capacity and improve water quality for their facilities and their communities.

"Safe and sufficient water facilitates the practice of hygiene, which is a key measure to prevent not only diarrheal diseases, but acute respiratory infections and numerous neglected tropical diseases." <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/drinking-water>

Manual digging by the community of two 10,000-liter reservoirs to collect rainwater was the first task in the construction of HBLM in Marliques, circa 2017.

In response to a recommendation by MSPP during accreditation and to minimize the need to have water delivered in the dry summer months, a new reservoir is nearing completion which will increase overall capacity to ~250,000 liters.

The next phase is to drill a well.



In Dame-Marie, villagers rely on community wells to refill their containers daily for drinking, cooking, and hygiene needs.



A new well was drilled on hospital grounds in 2021, and a second well is now being drilled in the village-proper thanks to the generosity of the Bourque and Lagnese families.

The next phase is installation of filtering treatment equipment.



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2022 Calendar

Events

Autumn's Palette, Watch for date
Craft Festival & Marketplace, 12-13 Nov 2022

Mission Trips

Resumption of trips is unknown currently.
Prepare to go by submitting your volunteer applications at
<https://medicalaidtohaiti.org/volunteers/forms/>

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