

# SOUTH FLORIDA HAITI PROJECT

October 9-14, 2017

## Healthcare Mission



Through God's grace and the support of many donors, 490 adults and children were treated by an outstanding dedicated team of 14 Haitian medical professionals with 2 American support members. Four doctors (Internist, OB/GYN, Pediatrician, & Orthopedist), 4 RNs, Dentist, Lab Tech, and 3 nursing students showed tremendous skill and overflowing compassion in caring for their fellow Haitians.

### Some Treatment Results...

- 69 for Hypertension
  - 63 for Gastritis & Gastric issues
  - 49 for Vaginal infections
  - 31 for Urinary Tract Infections
  - 7 for Diabetes
  - 6 pregnant women
  - 31 for parasites
  - 27 for flu
  - 10 for Peptic Ulcer Disease
  - 16 for upper respiratory infections
  - 3 for malaria
  - 7 for anemia
- AND more...



### Over 1755 Prescriptions Given...

Over \$4000 worth of medications were taken from the US with all prescription medications purchased through Blessings International at a discounted rate for mission use.



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## Serving the people of Bondeau and Martel...

Each day clinic begins with a hymn of praise, prayer, and then teaching about basic personal healthcare by one of the extremely skilled nursing students from FSIL, an Episcopal nursing school in Leogane. We are so grateful to have them as a partner.



People walk for miles and wait sometimes for hours to be seen and receive medications. Each person donates 2 goudes (approx. \$1) which is collected for community health emergencies providing money for transportation to the closest hospital.



### Dentist Treats 73 Patients In Two Days

Doing 68 extractions and 3 fillings, there was no time for cleanings, only the most necessary procedures. Each dental patient received a toothbrush, toothpaste and a prescription for ibuprofen and if needed, antibiotics.



### Dr. Sobie Richeme Treats Severe Diabetic

With glucose level at 554, saline was administered by IV for several hours and the next day her glucose level was 124!



## You Make A Difference! Your Donations Make Healthcare Possible

Each Healthcare Mission costs approximately \$8500 including medications, supplies, staff costs, room & board for Haitian staff. Haitian medical professionals are financially subsidized. The American team each pays their own way completely (flight, room & board, meals, etc) at an approximate cost of \$850 each. Underwriting for Americans could allow some that have the heart to participate, but not the financial ability, to be team members.



### Funding Healthcare Missions

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of donors that made the October 2017 mission possible. Healthcare Missions are not funded by the South Florida Haiti Project budget as those resources are focused foremost on education. Healthcare became officially part of the SFHP Strategic Agenda in June 2017 with the understanding that funding must be developed. Great news is that the October 2017 mission was fully funded and with the award of a tremendous grant from Daughters of The King Self Denial Fund, there are funds to put towards the April Healthcare Mission scheduled for 2018! Ongoing funding will be needed to maintain necessary healthcare to Bondeau every six months.

### Mirlande's Story...

A 16 year old girl who had been recently hospitalized in a coma due to her out-of-control diabetes, was seen at our Bondeau clinic. Three of our physicians collaborated to treat her agreeing that she had become septic and had advanced gangrene in both her hands.

Our mission physicians debrided the wounds and prescribed antibiotics and pain killers. They admitted her to St. Croix Hospital in Leogane. While she did have her right index finger amputated, both her hands were saved along with her life. She stabilized and was released on 10-23-17.

Our Haitian Medical Director, Dr Richeme, went to the hospital for her release and then instructed our school nurse for wound care and ongoing diabetic treatment. Mirlande continues to recover and South Florida Haiti Project is exploring options for her future where she can receive appropriate medical care.





## Dr. Rudolph Richeme Haitian Medical Director

Born and raised in Port au Prince, Dr. Rudy has a deep commitment to using his tremendous skills and gifts to help Haitians. A respected Orthopedic surgeon, he and his brother (also a physician) run a clinic in Port au Prince. His many professional contacts and dedication to serve the people of Haiti, enable our missions to have outstanding Haitian team members.



## Alfliolita Montana, RN School Nurse

Joining the staff of Bon Samaritan School on October 1st, Alfilolita is a delightful, important addition for healthcare in Bondeau. Her responsibilities include teaching basic personal healthcare to the children as well as follow up for those with chronic illness treated during our Healthcare clinics enabling prescriptions to be refilled. Her position is funded by South Florida Haiti Project.



## South Florida Haiti Project Healthcare Coordinating Team

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**Upcoming  
2018  
Healthcare  
Missions**

**April 9-14  
October 1-6**

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