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## Collaborating with Rural Haiti by Connecting Communities to

*Healthcare | Education*

*Clean Water | Employment*



Dear Friends,

November 2020

Hope is the belief that things can change.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a collective uncertainty and an unknown future for all of us:

- over 225,000 deaths in the U.S. alone, the richest and most powerful country in the world;
- an overwhelming bombardment of information we need to sift through daily in the hope of determining what is real and what is not;
- a spotlight on the inequities in society, with the greatest toll being taken on the most vulnerable and marginalized.

It's no wonder this crisis has created a cloud of fear and despair over so many.

In Haiti, there are many ongoing crises. President Moïse rules by decree, while simultaneously being investigated for corruption. The economy is in decline with an increasingly unstable currency, fueled by socio-political violence as gangs fight for control of the streets. Food insecurity is rising, following two hurricanes this year. Of course, COVID-19 is there as well, with few resources available to mount an effective response.

Despite these obstacles, Healing Art Missions' (HAM) dedicated Haitian staff continues to make a difference every day at the Dumay Primary Care Clinic, the Charles Solomon School in Port-de-Paix, and in the mountain community of Demier. Our doctors, nurses, medical technicians, teachers, clean water technicians, and support staff – essential workers all – continue to tirelessly serve their communities. Dr. Jacques, Medical Director, began resourcing PPE in February, educating our staff and then the community about how to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, and setting up hand washing stations throughout the community and especially at schools. HAM staff and patients are required to wear masks on clinic grounds. HAM's Operations Manager, Charles, had local tailors sew washable cloth face masks for all the students and their families, as well as teachers, so they could have a mask mandate on HAM school grounds. These are people making a difference in their communities. These are the communities with which HAM collaborates.

As supporters, you are a member of the HAM community. We have always believed connecting communities to collaborate in rural Haiti is fundamental to our work. The impact of these collaborative efforts makes a difference: access to healthcare, education, clean water, and employment. You are making a difference.

In her 2009 article in *Psychology Today*, "Why Choose Hope?", Professor of Psychology, Barbara Fredrickson argues that, "Hope literally opens us up. It removes the blinders of fear and despair and allows us to see the big picture." She reasons this because, "deep within the core of hope is the belief that things can change."

Things can change! Over the past 21 years, we have witnessed positive change in the Haitian communities with whom HAM has collaborated. This change would not have happened without your support and your belief that things can change. We all need hope more than ever at this moment. Thank you for being part of the HAM community. Thank you for your HOPE.

Most sincerely yours,

Tracee Laing, M.D. Founding Director



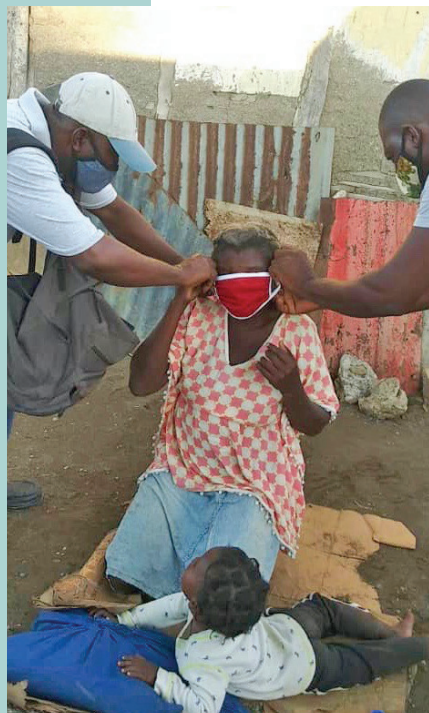
## Centre de Santé Communautaire de Dumay (Center for Community Health in Dumay)

- 32** Staff employed
- 7459** Primary care patient visits
- 129** Patients unable to pay who were seen free
- 519** General surgical procedures performed
- 2754** Patients given vaccinations
- 6244** Laboratory tests performed
- 858** Family planning visits, with patients receiving condoms, depo-provera, & birth control pills
- 497** Eye exams performed, with 150 visits to manage Glaucoma, and 60 Cataract patients identified for future treatment
- 67** Pairs of glasses distributed
- 1113** Visits to the Safe Birthing program, with 49 healthy babies delivered
- 18** PAP tests completed
- 12** House-bound patients, suffering from strokes and other chronic debilitating diseases, seen during quarterly home visits
- 78** Cholera patients treated with emergency oral hydration & IV fluids

**13,326 total patient visits at Centre de Sante de Dumay**

**\$58,745 in medical supplies purchased**

**\$24,825 in medical supplies donated by Direct Relief International, Ohio Save a Hero, "Days for Girls" volunteers, Operation Blessings International, the Haitian Ministry of Health, and Hernia Repair For the Underserved (HRFU)**



## Charles Salomon School Port-de-Paix

- 23** Teachers employed
- 10** Support staff employed
- 326** Children educated in preschool through 9th grade, in this poor neighborhood
- 27** Adults served in the literacy program with two levels of classes

**All 12 ninth graders passed the government graduation exam!**

*School was closed much of the 2019-2020 school year due to both political violence and the COVID pandemic, but our staff continued to serve the school community.*

# 2020 Annual Report to Donors and Friends

## Accomplishments: October 2019 to September 2020

Serving Haiti since 1999

### Clean Water Programs

5 Technicians Employed

#### Gift of Water (GoW)

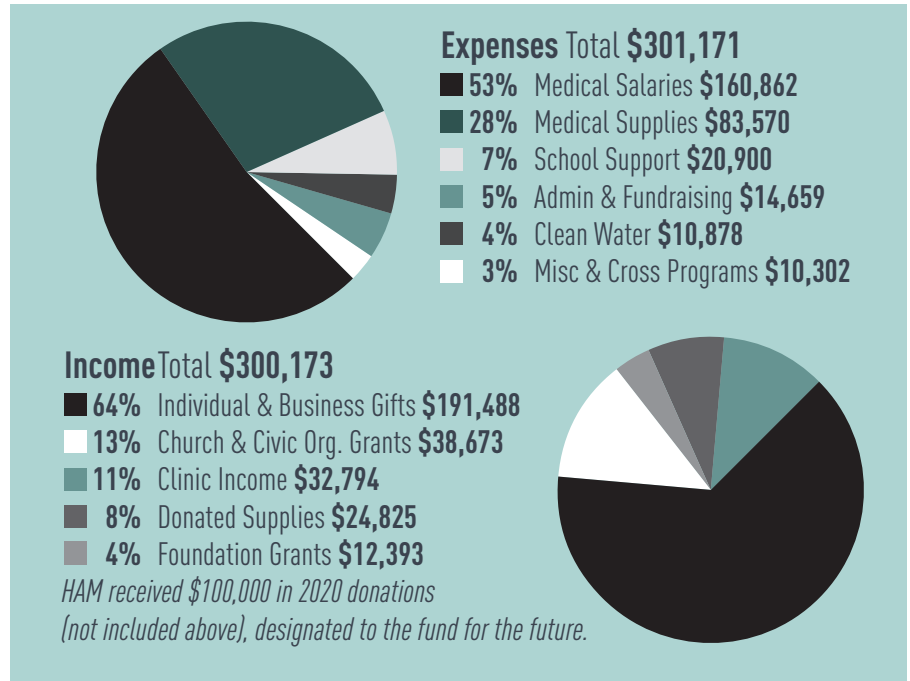
Point of use 5-gallon charcoal and chlorine purification systems installed in homes

- 950+** Working GoW filtration systems serviced within the Dumay community as far as 6 miles from Centre de Santé
- 100** Systems serviced in Demier
- 11395** Visits made by technicians for system evaluation and repairs

#### Living Waters for the World (LWW)

Large volume ozonation purification system filters water to fill 5-gallon bottles on-site in dedicated facility at Centre de Santé

- 15560** Gallons of water sold at 15 gdes/5 gal. bottle (\$.25 USD) in the community of Dumay
- 2715** Gallons distributed free of charge to schools in the community of Dumay
- 1965** Gallons used at the Centre de Santé de Dumay



### Demier Community Support

- 2 Community Health Technicians Employed
- 2 Trained water technicians educate about clean water and disease prevention, while servicing 100 Gift of Water systems
- 1 Community health worker in the community administers vaccinations and basic public health services

**Due to COVID and civil unrest, we were unable to visit Demier in 2020, but our team was supported and able to complete our mission.**

**Small Programs** APDD, Croix-des-Bouquets based social justice organization partners with communities like Dumay, to help fight crime and improve community safety. We support them by paying their office rent yearly. Consultation fees are paid for specialized patient care not available at our Dumay Clinic. Clothing and blankets are distributed to children in need. We support Haitian artists by purchasing their art for sale in the USA. "Days for Girls" menstruation supplies are distributed to young women in Dumay, and in Port-de-Paix.

**COVID Response** Reusable masks and face shields were supplied to the Dumay Clinic and to St. Damien's Children's hospital from Ohio Save a Hero volunteers. PPE was imported to Haiti for our Dumay clinic. The Charles Salomon School staff managed the production and distribution of 670 masks for the school community and set up hand washing and education centers in the community. A feeding program was organized for the school children who did not receive school lunch during the COVID shutdown. The Dumay clinic set up hand washing and education centers throughout Dumay, and especially near schools. Dr. Jacques regularly attends Haitian Ministry of health and NGO organizational meetings relating to COVID response in Haiti.

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### Support and Contributions

Hundreds of individuals like you have faithfully supported HAM over the past 21 years by contributing their talent and treasure. Without your support, our partners in Haiti would struggle to obtain healthcare, clean water and affordable education.

#### Supporting Organizations and Churches

Amazon Smile; Battelle Always Giving, OH; Blessings International, OK; Boston Foundation, MA; Calvary UTD Methodist Church, Lakewood, OH; Casey Family Programs, WA; Children's Practicing Physicians, Columbus, OH; Coelo Company, Corvallis, OR; Community Foundation of W. N. Carolina; Community Foundation of Richmond, VA; David's United Church of Christ, Canal Winchester, OH; Direct

Relief International, Santa Barbara, CA; First Community Church, Columbus, OH; First Congregational Church, Hudson, OH; First Presbyterian Church, Granville, OH; GFWC Rotunda Woman's Club, FL; Global Eyes Media, Santa Cruz, CA; Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC; Haitian Ministry of Health, Haiti; Hernia Repair for the Underserved, Omaha, NE; JCC Consulting, Inc., Granville, OH; Keystone Congregational Church, Seattle,

WA; Kiwanis Club of Granville, OH; Larson Legacy Fund, Happy Valley, OR; Lighthouse Christian Church, Drummond Isle, MI; Lions Club of Heath, OH; Network for Good, MD; Readers Garden, Granville, OH; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Granville, OH; Shell Oil Foundation, USA; SoHum Foundation, Portland, OR; Three Brothers Winery, Geneva, NY; TisBest, WA; United Church of Granville, OH; United Way of Central Ohio; Whitaker Foundation, WA



*Funding HAM's Haitian operations is the simplest and most direct way to make an impact in Haiti. We are a grass-roots funded non-profit organization supported by hundreds of individuals and dozens of churches and community organizations.*

*We are committed to ensuring funds raised are spent directly in support of the Haitian people through access to healthcare, education, clean drinking water and employment.*



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