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Dear Friends,

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I haven't set foot on Haitian soil in 22 months. Having traveled to Haiti four times annually for over twenty years, I find this hiatus since January 2020 personally difficult. Besides missing Haitian friends and coworkers, I haven't been able to work at the Dumay Clinic, or to visit the Charles Salomon School or Demier to show support for our communities and for the Healing Art Missions (HAM) staff. The reasons for my absence are twofold: the Covid-19 pandemic and escalating sociopolitical violence that would put me and others - including staff - at risk of kidnapping and assault.

For Haitians, the year has been worse than usual. A 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14th left an estimated 2,200 people dead and 12,000 injured, with many more missing; a tropical storm followed, triggering flooding and landslides. Just a month earlier, on July 7th, the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse released a shockwave of sociopolitical chaos and surging kidnappings, with a reported 117 people taken hostage in September alone, up from 31 in July. That's the tip of the iceberg, since many kidnappings go unreported. U.S. news media finally awakened to the violence in Haiti only last month when 17 missionaries, most from here in Ohio, were kidnapped. In reality, kidnapping and bloodshed happen daily to Haitians all over the country.

And yet I remain optimistic about HAM's work in Haiti. Despite these challenges, our Haitian staff labor tirelessly to run HAM's programs, providing communities with health care, education, clean water and employment. Over the past year and a half, our staff, under the dedicated leadership of Haitian Director, Dr. Jacques, have proven they don't need the U.S. leadership team in Haiti to succeed. In fact, in our absence, staff have overseen the construction of new facilities at the Dumay Clinic to support our growing safe birthing program, and the number of surgeries at the clinic has increased substantially. Because Dr. Jacques has begun training University Hospital surgical residents in Dumay, they and their patients can use HAM's operating room and its reliable solar power (at a time when fuel to generate electricity is extremely scarce), simultaneously avoiding the most violent areas of downtown Port-au-Prince. In addition, HAM has organized a robust response to the August 14th earthquake. We obtained a large grant to fund salaries and supplies and deployed an all Haitian staff of orthopedic surgery, wound care, and safe birthing teams to cities closest to the epicenter - all spearheaded by Dr. Jacques. We've built on knowledge gained after the 2010 earthquake, hiring Haitian medical professionals to design and carry out the disaster response.

In the U.S., our leadership team remains in constant touch with Haitian staff via email, WhatsApp, and ZOOM. It's essential we stay on top of changes on the ground, maintaining both programmatic transparency and financial accountability and ensuring our staff has resources to serve their communities. This program expansion requires increased revenue. A year ago, we hired a part time grant writer and already have successfully garnered foundation support, as the Expense and Income graphs in the accompanying Annual Report demonstrate. Such funding has been crucial to our expansive earthquake response.

The challenges facing the Haitian people mount daily, making it more important than ever to support those on the ground laboring to provide health care, education and clean water in the communities HAM serves. We are honored to partner with HAM's dedicated Haitian staff as they persevere. I hope you'll read the accompanying report and join with me and others in HAM's family, renewing our commitment to the Haitian people.

Most sincerely yours,

Tracee Laing, M.D. Founding Director



## Earthquake Response

A 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti's southern peninsula on the 14th of August, 2021 killing over 2,200 people and injuring over 12,200. HAM Haitian Medical Director, Dr. Jean Jacques, immediately began contacting local hospitals and surgical colleagues to mount a medical response. In conjunction, the HAM team in the U.S. obtained a grant of \$131,000 from **Together Rising**, and through Dr. Jacques, organized a collaboration with the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP), Association of Surgeons at Haiti State Univ. Hospital in Port-au-Prince, and seven major hospitals in the most damaged areas. HAM funded and oversees the planning, supplying, and deployment of Haitian medical teams for this three-month emergency response. To date, the coordinated care effort Dr. Jacques has orchestrated has completed 248 surgeries, with follow-up care for 68 patients with complicated wounds, plus the delivery of 62 newborns and provision of 158 pre and post-natal visits. Working strategically, Dr. Jacques directly involved local health providers in the response, and he reached out to the local Voodoo practitioner Doc La, whose prominent role in the Nippes community, utilizing remedies handed down through generations, made him a key resource. Dr. Jacques worked with Doc La to secure care for those who needed surgical treatment.



### Staff of 27

- 6 surgeons
- 10 surgical residents
- 3 anesthesia specialist
- 4 nurses
- 1 midwife
- 3 administrators

### 248 Surgeries

- 62 Midwife Assisted Deliveries



*Special thanks to our partners in HAM's Earthquake Emergency Response Project, without whom the project would not have been successful:*

*MSPP, Nippes, Dr. Jacques Laroche; Staff at Hospital Sainte Therese, Nippes; Notre Dame SA Hospital Les Cayes, Dr. Shilove Viard and staff; General Hopital Les Cayes, Hospital Immacule Conception Les Cayes, Finca Lumiere Hospital, Dr. Shilly Saint Louis Orthopedic coordinator of the project ; Dr. Saint Fort Mackenson, general surgeon & writer; Dr. Romulus Edner Beethoven, HAM resident ambassador; Dr. Louis Frank Telemaque, information team.*



# 2021 Annual Report to Donors and Friends

## Accomplishments: October 2020 to September 2021

### Centre de Sante de Dumay

The Dumay Clinic continues operations despite the fact that the area is under the control of the 400 Mowazo gang. The gang has not interfered with clinic operations, recognizing its value in their violent profession. Nonetheless, HAM's doctors and medical supplies must travel from Port-au-Prince, where multiple gangs compete for territorial control. For example, the bridge crossing the River Grise which allows access to Dumay when the river is high, is often a site of gang gun battles. At such moments, HAM's truck must ford the river at a safer location. During one of these forced fords in October, the truck was swept away into deep water. Everyone escaped, but the truck had to be salvaged and towed for major repairs. This is just one example of the difficulties of working in a virtual war zone. However, because the Dumay clinic is completely solar powered, it has fared better during the current fuel shortage than those hospitals which depend on generators for electricity and have been forced to close. **Staff of 37 Total patient visits = 14,103 labs performed = 8,613 patients vaccinated = 2,504**



### Surgery Program

Use of the surgical suite at the Dumay Clinic has increased greatly because Dr. Jacques now uses our facilities to train surgical residents from University Hospital, because the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince is often closed down due to the lack of power and violence. **719 procedures**



### Dumay Clean Water Program

The large volume filtration system used for bottling and selling clean water in Dumay, was forced to shut down for six months while the water building itself was rebuilt due to safety issues. Construction took longer than anticipated because of transportation challenges created by gang held areas. The point-of-use clean water systems were less affected by the construction, so they continue to supply access to clean drinking water in individual homes.

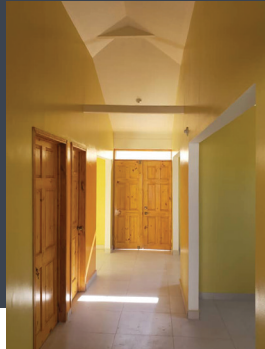
**Staff of 3 gallons sold = 5,045 gallons given to schools = 1,735 gallons used at clinic = 330 home systems serviced = 950**

**Safe Birthing Program** Construction is nearly complete on the new exam and delivery rooms in Dumay, as well as sleeping quarters for the growing Safe Birthing Program. Getting materials and supplies to the clinic remains a challenge given the dangers of transporting goods through multiple gang-controlled zones. Nonetheless, we have expanded from 2 to 4 midwives to better cover 24/7 care.



Darlene, our pharmacy tech., with her healthy boy!

**Patient visits in Dumay = 1,471**  
family planning = 902  
deliveries in Dumay = 42  
deliveries in Nippes = 62



**Eye Clinic** Active operation of the Eye Clinic has been temporarily suspended because, Charles, HAM's eye technician, must travel by bus on routes that are often shuttered because of passenger killings, kidnappings, and robberies, in addition to bus burnings. Such violence means we have also lost the services of our Haitian ophthalmologist and we have been unable to recruit a replacement due to the dangers of traveling from Port-au-Prince. We continue basic eye care through our primary care staff. **298 patient visits**



### Demier Clean Water and Health Program

The Demier area was mostly unaffected by the earthquake despite its relatively close proximity to the epicenter. HAM healthcare programs have continued unobstructed with two HAM staff members vaccinating children and pregnant women and offering basic first aid and public health. Demier is also adding another 25 point of use water filtration systems to bring the community total to 125. **Staff of 2**

### Charles Salomon School

The school follows Haitian government educational rules, which dictated a late school opening on Sept 21st and frequent closings due to ongoing and escalating violence. However, because the school is solar powered, community members continue to more safely recharge their phones there and meet after dark.

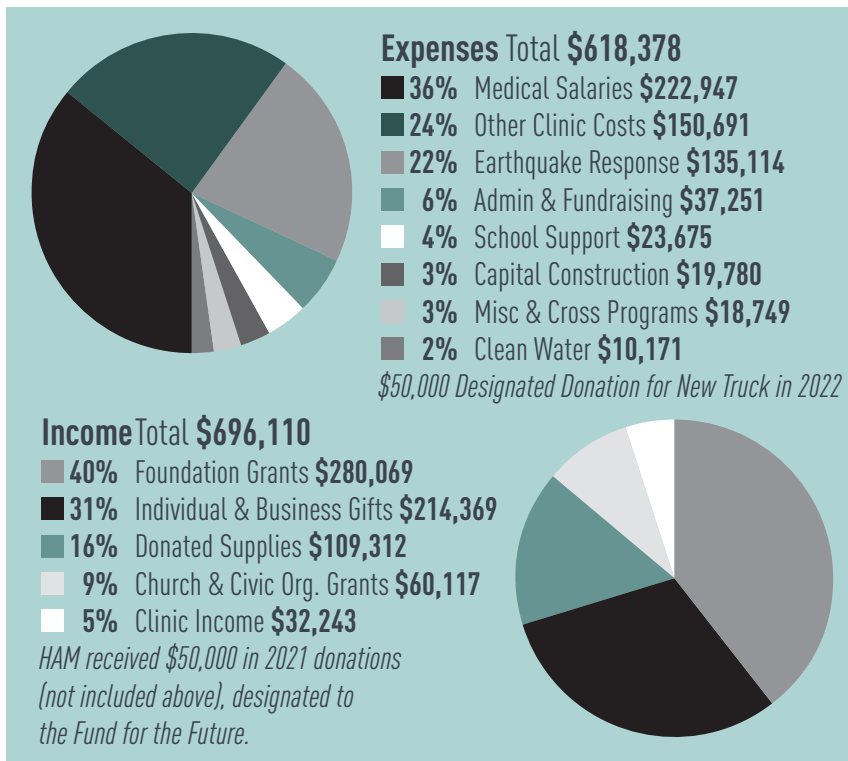
**Staff of 35**  
students pre-k to 9 = 368  
students adult literacy = 57



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*Resources required to meet the needs of our partner communities continue to grow and expand, as do ongoing operational and supply expenses. It remains too dangerous for U.S. leadership to travel to Haiti at this time, though providing transparency and accountability for operations in country remain critical. In response to the need for increased funding, HAM has hired a part time grant writer whose success is illustrated on our Foundation income line. However, it has become clear that, for sustainability reasons, HAM needs to transition from an all-volunteer org., to one managed by a paid Executive Director (ED), to oversee U.S. operations and development. With a generous donation from SoHum, the HAM Board has begun working with the Benefactor Group of Columbus, OH, and we are excited to begin the search for an ED in early 2022.*



### 2020/2021 Supporting/Collaborating organizations:

Amazon Smile; Battelle Always Giving, OH; Blessings International, OK; Boston Foundation, MA; Calvary UTD Methodist Church, Lakewood, OH; Casey Family Programs, Seattle, WA; Children's Practicing Physicians, Columbus, OH; CERPTS, Newark, OH; D.A. Davidson and Co.; 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; Haitian Ministry of Health MSPP, Haiti; Hernia Repair for the Underserved, Omaha, NE; JCC Consulting, Inc., Granville, OH; John and Susan Dewan Foundation, Chicago, IL; Kendal of Granville Residents Assoc., OH; Larson Legacy, Portland, OR; Lighthouse Christian Church, Drummond Isle, MI; Lions Club of Heath, OH; McClelland Fund, Nelsonville, OH; Network for Good, MD; Rotary Club of South Sacramento, CA; SoHum Foundation, Portland, OR; TisBest, WA; Together Rising, Falls Church, VA; United Church of Granville, OH; United Way of Central Ohio; Whitaker Foundation, WA

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