



# HEALING ART MISSIONS



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**Collaborating with Rural Haiti  
 by Connecting Communities to  
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*From left-to-right: Joël Saint-Cyr (midwife), Durone Nadege (nurse), Dr. Aurelien Novinsky (surgical resident), Yvelande Rosier (nurse), Dr. David Ednel Antoine (orthopedic resident), Dr. Patricia Jean-Baptiste (anesthesiologist), Dr. Jean Fritz Jacques.*

Dear Friends,

November 2023

We want to thank you for your support and for continuing to hold the people of Haiti in your heart during the country's ongoing struggles. Over these past months, you may have found yourself wondering if Haiti may be hopeless, or questioning how Haiti can recover from the current insecurity and instability. These are concerns we all share. **However, we write today to ask you to keep the faith.**

It's true, this past year has been particularly challenging—yet, what a year it has been! We have had successes in ways we could not have imagined. We don't know what the future holds but, for now, Healing Art Missions is not only still working in Haiti, we are flourishing while many similar organizations are discontinuing services or closing altogether.

Since our last Annual Report, Healing Art Missions has:

- Fully transitioned from a place-based medical provider to a Mobile Medical Team.
- Established partnerships with other nonprofit organizations in Haiti to increase collaboration, information sharing, and to help us secure medications and supplies that are difficult to obtain on our own.
- Provided a high-quality education to 358 children.
- Purchased 50 new water filtration systems and 30 repair kits for the community of Demier.
- Employed 56 Haitians at a time when unemployment in Haiti is at 14.8%.

We are all watching the news and know that the people of Haiti are suffering right now. None of us can fix that at a macro level, but at a micro level, **Healing Art Missions is making a difference.**

On the pages that follow, you will see statistics about the number of people we have helped. Behind each of those numbers is a life that was changed because Healing Art Missions refuses to give up on the people of Haiti. Thank you for not giving up either and for continuing to stand with the Haitian people.

Most sincerely yours,

Connie Skingel, Executive Director

Tracee Laing, M.D., Founding Director

P.S. Thank you for your continued support. We will put your gift to work immediately to ensure Haitians have access to the basic human needs of healthcare, education, clean water, and employment.



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## Charles Salomon School

It was a very challenging year for the students, parents, teachers, and administrators at the Charles Salomon Primary School. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the start of school was delayed until January, so they had to make up for a lot of lost time. The teachers are extraordinary, however, and did just that! All 25 of the school's returning students who were scheduled to take standardized tests passed with flying colors.

The Charles Salomon Primary School continues to serve children in Port-de-Paix who may not attend school otherwise. Classes are based on grade level, not age, so no student gets left behind.

**Students pre-k to 9 = 358**

**Staff Of 33**



## Demier Clean Water and Health Program

This past year Healing Art Missions invested in 50 new 5-gallon water filtration systems and 30 repair kits for the community of Demier. Ferdinand and Calixte Juste are HAM employees who live in Demier and maintain the water systems, train the community on their use, and to provide basic health services, such as vaccinations.

*Calixte (standing left) and Ferdinand (standing right) Juste lead a water filtration system training for the women of Demier.*

**Serving Haiti since 1999**



# 2023 Annual Report to Donors and Friends

## Accomplishments: October 2022 to September 2023

### Mobile Medical Team

Healing Art Missions' Mobile Medical Team serves the communities of Miragoâne and Port Salut in Haiti's southern peninsula. The team is comprised of two surgeons, two orthopedists, an anesthesiology resident, a nurse anesthetist, two general/emergency physicians, two midwives, a surgical nurse, and a pharmacist.

In Miragoâne: The Mobile Medical Team provides 100% of all orthopedic care and anesthesia and 80% of all general surgery.

In Port Salut: Haiti's Ministry of Public Health has requested that the Team provide 100% of all pediatric surgeries and all complex adult surgeries, due to their high rates of positive outcomes.

**From October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023, HAM provided the following services in the Southern Peninsula:**

Orthopedic consultations: 1,126

Orthopedic surgeries: 64

Surgical consultations: 1,292

General surgeries: 797



*Robert Civil and his sister, Jirone Civil, pose with Dr. Jean Fritz Jacques after Robert's successful compartment syndrome surgery.*

### Safe Birthing



*New mom, Samantha Juste, and her beautiful baby girl.*

**Prenatal consultations: 535**  
**Midwife-assisted deliveries: 294**

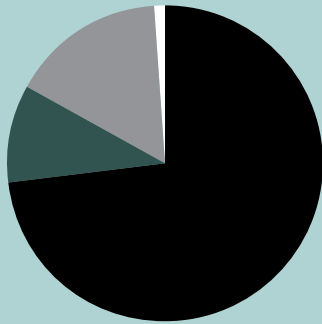
### Profile: Nurse Nadege

Duroné Nadège has been working at Healing Art Missions for one year and, in that time, she has become an indispensable asset to the HAM team. In her role as Head Nurse, she is the backbone of the Operating Room. She prepares supplies, sterilizes equipment, and is responsible for scheduling.

Nurse Nadège enjoys the work she does and says she enjoys helping. She shares that "Everything the Mobile Medical Team in Haiti does is possible because of the support

of the people who finance Healing Art Missions. There can't be intervention without equipment or specialists. The patients are always grateful for HAM's service, but today I wish to express my gratitude to HAM's supporters: Thank you for this magnificent initiative to send important services to the people of Haiti. Just thank you. I can't thank you enough."

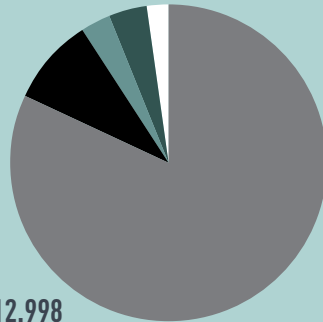




**Income Total \$315,383**  
■ 74% Individual & Business \$233,343  
■ 10% Church & Civic Orgs \$31,068  
■ 16% Foundation Grants \$49,174  
■ 1% Art Sales & Other \$1,799

**Expenses Total \$311,256**

■ 82% Healthcare \$254,944  
■ 9% Education \$28,300  
■ 3% Clean Water \$8,370  
■ 4% Admin & Fundraising \$12,998  
■ 2% Misc Expenses \$6,644



**Fund for our Future Investment Account**

Interest Income	\$607
Individual Donations	\$50,000
Sale of Securities	\$42,000
US Consultant & Payroll Expenses	\$92,697
Capital Purchases	\$33,050

**Supporting and Collaborating Organizations:**

Calvary United Methodist Church , Lakewood, OH  
Children’s Practicing Pediatricians, Columbus, OH  
David’s United Church of Christ, Canal Winchester, OH  
John & Susan Dewan Foundation, Chicago, IL  
First Community Church, Columbus, OH  
First Congregational Church , Hudson, OH  
First Presbyterian Church , Granville, OH  
Girl Scouts of Ohio Troop 7615, Granville, OH  
J.J. Haines Foundation , Easton, MD  
Haitian Ministry of Public Health , Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Hare Electric Inc., Rocky River, OH  
Keystone Congregational Church, Seattle, WA  
Lighthouse Christian Church, Drummond Island, MI  
Lions Club, Heath, Newark, OH  
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Granville, OH  
St. Martin’s-in-the-Field Episcopal Church, Easton, MD  
Rotary Foundation of Granville, Granville, OH  
Rotary Club of Snoqualmie Valley, North Bend, WA  
Ruffing Montessori School , Cleveland Heights, OH  
So Hum Foundation, Portland, OR  
United Church of Granville, Granville, OH  
United Way of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH  
Whitaker Foundation, Snoqualmie, WA

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**Training Residents**

This past year, 85% of Haitian healthcare facilities reported staff shortages due to professionals leaving Haiti. Many of these facilities had to reduce services, or close their doors entirely, as a result. Healing Art Missions has been working to address this issue. We recognize that Haiti will need a sufficient number of qualified healthcare providers to address the country’s needs in the future, and that the current “brain drain” in Haiti is going to create long-term ripple effects. Since it is not safe to send our physicians into Port-au-Prince to conduct trainings, and since we do not have a clinic in that region to offer hands-on education, we have begun bringing medical residents into the southern peninsula with our Mobile Medical Team.

For two weeks each month, a resident works side-by-side with Dr. Jacques and the other physicians, nurses, and midwives who provide care. Not only are these students gaining important skills and fulfilling their training requirements, but they are also filling important gaps in medical care as specialty physicians become increasingly scarce in Haiti’s rural regions. It is our hope that this program will help medical residents visualize themselves as part of the solution to Haiti’s problems and demonstrate that it is possible to remain in Haiti and practice medicine.

Thanks to a generous grant from the So Hum Foundation, we will be able to continue this work in the coming year.

*Dr. Jacques and surgical medical resident, Dr. Aurelien Novinsky, review an x-ray with a patient.*

