



# Haiti 2021 FDR Medical Outreach



A big thank you to all who prayed and supported us as we ministered in Haiti. We wanted to share with you a little of what transpired.

We spent the weeks prior to departure packing and repacking the suitcases, trying our best to get them as full as possible without going overweight. The suitcases were filled to the brim with 1500 donated masks, water filters, medication and anything else that we could possibly need. Thank You all and thank you FDR for the generous donations without you we would not have been able to make the sizable impact that we did .



## Here is a rundown of what happened.

**January 16:** After a 12+ hour journey, we finally arrived in Haiti! We spent the rest of the afternoon sorting, organizing and unpacking the medical supplies. It is true “many hands make the work light”. We were all ready and organized for opening day!

**January 17** Sunday morning we went to Pastor Bellande’s church. Afterward, since we will be having the clinic on the church grounds the next day, we met with the church volunteers who will be working with us and planned the clinic layout and workflow. We had the best group of volunteers working for us. We could not have done anything without their hard work and dedication.

**January 18:** It was busy first day for us at the clinic. Each morning we would open up the clinic with Praise and Worship and with a few testimonies. The Lord was present! The clinic is located in a partially built church and we are very grateful for the ventilation. For the Haitian weather is hot, dry and relentless! We were able to minister and treat over a 100 patients.



My most FAVORITE thing to do was to pray for each patient. I loved to see their faces transform. You could see God touching their hearts inside and out! We had the local pastors and congregation with us ministering to the people around.

Thank the Lord no one with Covid-19 symptoms presented itself at the clinic. Most of the illnesses that day have been high blood pressure, STD’s, UTI’s, female problems ,and diabetes . In addition to the doctors and medical staff on the team we had three amazing local dentists They had

quite the innovated set up to treat the patients in remote settings! Every day, we have been buying more medicines from \$100-\$300. Our team has been awesome to chip in with all the extra cost.

**January 21:** This day we saw a lot of unknown skin “issues”. We continue to rely on the Lord for wisdom because we were perplexed on what we can do with some of these ailments. In many cases no treatment could be found and all we could do is offer them prayer and let God take over! We are very limited on the kinds of medicines we bring, so we concentrate in treating the treatable. It’s frustrating when people are suffering and our hands are tied.

I had the privilege to do some wellness checks for a bunch of orphans. The girls were so beautiful and were dressed in their Sunday best. The biggest problems I encountered were scabies, worms and malnutrition. The little girl on the left was actually 13 years old and weighed about 45 pounds. She seem to be happy but so very thin. Hopefully, with a good worming, vitamins and a follow up with a nutritionist she will be on the road to recovery.



The guest house we were staying at is run by a Catholic mission. We all appreciated not having to cook after a long day at the clinic. We were very well looked after. We were surrounded by 12 foot walls of concrete and have guards at night to protect us. There are many people who are unemployed or underpaid . The crime is prevalent here and many people are desperate to survive. Everyone has been effected with economic hardship one way or another. Juloveney, our Haitian pharmacist, nurse, nutritionist, and valuable team member had his house broken into on the way home from the clinic. His computer and personal items were stolen including all his school work and business dealings. Please pray that he will be able to replace these items. He came to work a little discouraged but managed to put on a smile in spite of the devastation. I had my fanny pack with my drivers license, credit card and about 80 dollars stolen. I know, I should have been wearing it like all of my team members. I was thinking that it was safe. Thankfully Keith was carrying my passport! I will be keeping a close eye on my fanny pack from now on!



**January 22-23** Thursday and Friday we moved the clinic to a new location of a tent alongside a Brazilian ran international school. Despite the remoteness of the area, we were not aware of how busy it would be. We saw at least 125 patients. We were able to treat and deworm all the students. Our new Brazilian friends who ran the school did an amazing job clearing and cleaning out an area underneath tent for the clinic. They also gave up a classroom for the dentists to do their free clinic. The dentists that volunteered saw over 40 patents each day, and mostly did extractions and cleaning .

I am amazed on how smooth it went. A big Thank You to all who supported us. With your support we were able to bless the Haitian volunteers for all the hard work that they did for us. I wish you could have seen their faces when they received their blessings . It was like a Christmas!





One of my last patients really gave me a dose in reality of what we face physically and spiritually. We don't see blatant witchcraft or voodoo ailments in the US. In Haiti and in other countries witchcraft is evident and common. A 12 year old boy arrives at the clinic having a hard time walking. He gets assessed by the triage team and sent over to me. At first, I thought something was wrong mentally but quickly assumed that it was spiritual. The boy acted strange and there was a real darkness about him. The boy was resisting the

interpreter who was trying to help him to sit up so I can examine his legs I thought he was resisting because it was the beginning of a seizure. However, this was not the case. I proceeded to pull up his pant leg and behold most of his shin was an open wound smelling of rotting flesh. For once I was thankful I was wearing a mask. it smelt so BAD! My interpreter saw a piece of fabric around his ankle and adamantly explained that this illness was a result of the curse and he would die. Despite that, I am still in "nurse mode " and want to do anything and everything I could possible could to help this suffering boy. I washed and dressed the wound as best as i could. What it really needed aggressive debridement in a hospital and IV antibiotics but when we are in the field we do what we can. We cut off the talisman fabric and gave him some injections, antibiotics, and the most important of all prayed for the curse would be lifted. I believe it was!



I remember the story about the boy who would throw himself into the fire and the parents were desperate for their son to be healed . They took him to Jesus and He was set free of the tormenting demons Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross we are able be set free! Every Haitian believes in the evil power. Most of them have been affected some way by voodoo until they give their lives to Christ. You see cuts and marks on many of the sick. I am so grateful that we can serve these people and show them that there is freedom from fear and curses.

At the end of the clinic we were able to go to a Hotel where there were beautiful sandy beaches to debrief with our team. Our Haitian doctor Christina and Nurse Juloveney was able to join us. I now understand why old people go south for the winter! My bones were warmed and my feet buffed from the beautiful water !

Prior to coming to Haiti, we were all tested for Covid-19 and were cleared for travel. Here in Haiti we haven't seen any Covid-19 symptoms on anyone. Despite that, we are all taking precautions. However while in Haiti the US issued a requirement for all passengers entering the US to have a Covid-19 test done starting January 26. Since our departure date is set for the 26<sup>th</sup> we were having a difficult time finding lab that was approved by the US and had the supplies needed to do a test. We changed our flight to leave one day early in order to get back



into the US on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We were able to get the last four seats on the flight back to Miami on the 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge blessing for most of our team members who had to return to work as after passing yet again another Covid-19 test.

Our local missionaries Matt and Anna are phenomenal! This last week couldn't have run better without their help. Friday, Anna and the kids helped us at new clinic site. Anna, the seasoned pro, having previously served in Cambodia really connected well with the patients and staff at the school. With the help of her daughter who is only 9

years old, they teach English as a second language at the school. A familiar face in the community really helps put many of the patients at ease. Matt the "gentle giant", was always 2 steps ahead of us always figuring out what we needed before we even asked. Their insight and relationships in the community was invaluable. I truly wish we could bring them both on all of our future medical missions. Without them coordinating on the ground in Haiti this medical trip would have been impossible. We are also so thankful for our beautiful Haitian doctor and our Haitian Pharmacist! They were a great resource when the unusual would come up.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. I can't wait until are able to go again!

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for the those who have committed themselves to Christ during the outreaches and those who have heard the good news to surrender their lives to Christ.
- Please continue to pray for the doors to be open for ministry.
- Pray for more medical professionals to join our team.
- Pray for funding for our medical supplies.
- Pray for our Emissary work in the South Pacific that doors will be open for discipleship and training of leaders.



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