

2010 Report to Donors and Friends

Healing Art Missions

*We exist to support those in need around the world, especially in the areas of health, nutrition, education, and housing.
Our work is committed to fostering the dignity of the individual,
respecting the ways of the community and reflecting the strength of a loving God.*

At 4:53 PM on January 12, 2010, a 7.0 earthquake shook Port-au-Prince, killing over 230,000, injuring 300,000 and leaving over 1 million homeless (Haitian government estimates). By almost any account, this was one of the worst natural disasters in history and a turning point for Haiti. It was also a defining moment for the work of Healing Art Missions.

It took 12 days for our first team to reach Haiti. We quickly realized that HAM's expertise and resources would be best used in strengthening primary health care in the communities where we were established. We concentrated on our newly acquired clinic building in Dumay, just 25 miles from the quake's epicenter. The security wall had collapsed, but the clinic building itself was undamaged.

Thanks to generous contributions following the earthquake, we have been able to create a stable foundation for the clinic to effectively serve a growing population of over 15,000 people. We have built a strong medical staff and infrastructure, developed local, cost effective medication supply lines, rebuilt the security wall around the clinic, and installed solar arrays to supply electricity for the clinic. In 2011, we plan to complete the necessary infrastructure, expand laboratory services, construct on-site housing for visiting medical volunteers, and develop a sustainable growth plan that will allow us to meet the on-going needs of the Dumay community.

The recent outbreak of cholera underlines the importance of our work in Haiti, and your partnership with HAM. When we received word that cholera had reached Dumay, we immediately made the commitment to open the clinic 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a staff of nurses and aides to treat anyone infected with the disease. The additional cost to HAM of running the cholera program is \$2,000 a month, a tiny amount by U.S. standards but a potentially serious drain on HAM's resources. The continuing success of HAM depends on our partnership with you, and we hope you will continue to invest in this life saving work.

Accomplishments

Medical Missions: In the aftermath of the earthquake, we traveled to Haiti with medical personnel in January, February, March, and April. Team members included Leslie Mihalov, Evelyne Poelzing, Paul Hammond and Tracee Laing. We volunteered in tent camps, at St. Damien's pediatric hospital, and in orphanages. In April, Keith and Bruce Hare designed a solar electric system to power the Dumay clinic, and worked with Haitian crews to install it. In Aug.- Sept., Paul and Tracee volunteered with "All Hands Volunteers" in Leogane, seeing patients in an orphanage and helping with composting latrine and bio-san filter projects near the epicenter of the earthquake. We did not record the exact numbers treated, but believe the numbers are between 500 and 1000. We are grateful to our friend Carolyn Veit who graciously allowed us to stay in her home each and every trip. Our former Haiti home, "St. Joseph's Home for Boys," collapsed in the earthquake.

Center de Santa Communautaire de Dumay (Center for Community Health in Dumay): Within three weeks of the earthquake, the Dumay clinic was open and seeing patients five days a week. Though the clinic itself was undamaged by the earthquake, it was not yet staffed and operating full time. HAM immediately appointed Dr. Jean Fritz Jacques as the clinic's medical director and recruited a staff of doctors, nurses, pharmacy technicians, and others so the facility could operate five days a week. We worked to find sources of medications and supplies within Haiti and set up an inventory system to maintain appropriate stocks at the clinic. There was no electricity at the clinic when we acquired it, but the solar system now supplies all the power needs for the clinic. We are now able to maintain a refrigerator to store vaccines and perishable medications, as well as expand the laboratory to perform more medical testing on location. The earthquake destroyed most of the security wall around the clinic compound, so we have been building a new cement wall to earthquake standards to secure our investment in equipment and medications, as well as to provide the necessary level of personal security for our visiting volunteers who work and will eventually stay there overnight. Currently, the clinic is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide treatment for victims of the cholera epidemic that has now reached Dumay. There will be nurses and aides around the clock to treat anyone infected with the disease. We are also working with the Haitian Government, the World Health Organization, and major NGO's such as Direct Relief International to provide additional isolation tents, cots, IV stands, chlorine, medications and supplies necessary anticipating the epidemic expand significantly in Dumay and neighboring communities.

At the Dumay clinic, 9342 medically ill patients have been treated, 2819 people have been vaccinated, and 373 minor surgical procedures have been performed so far this year; 38% have been children, and 55% have been female. Surgical procedures have included dressing changes with debridement, fracture setting, draining of abscesses, hernias, circumcisions, and other minor procedures. A total of 12,534 have been served.

Primary Care for the Elderly This program continues at Hospital Haiti Medicare, focusing on the primary medical needs of those 50 years and older living in poverty. Dr. Joey Prosper, director of this hospital in Delmas, sees 240 elderly patients each month and supplies them with the medication and treatments they need to treat chronic disease, principally Diabetes and Hypertension. Most patients have been 40 to 70 years old, but the average age of patients with severe hypertension dropped significantly following the Jan. 12th earthquake. Hospital Haiti Medicare is in a very poor area of Port-au-Prince that was badly damaged in the earthquake.

Hope for the Children of Haiti School Since 2009, HAM funds teachers' salaries at this school, founded in 2008 by one of HAM's most dedicated and trustworthy employees, Jn. Herald Charles. After the earthquake, the Haitian Government shut all schools for several months. Opening the 2010-2011 school year, the government changed education standards, requiring teachers to obtain a higher level of accreditation. Teachers' salaries, and our expenses, will increase. Education is a priority for HAM and we believe most children attending this school will have no other educational options if it closes. Therefore, we shall do our best to fund the teachers' salaries within our fundraising limitations.

Employment In a country with 80% of the people in poverty, it is imperative that HAM employ Haitians as much as we can. In the Dumay clinic, we employ 18 (cleaning, security, and administrative staff, and medical technicians, nurses and doctors). The school employs 15 (teachers, secretary, administrator and teachers aids). In the aftermath of the earthquake, we employed 80 people for construction and clean-up work.

Support and Contributions

Volunteers: No one working for HAM in the U.S. is paid, all our work is done by volunteers. So many supporters donate time and talent throughout the year: stores sell to us at cost, people with talents or skills help with fund raising and other special projects, medical experts of different specialties help with supplies and information, physicians consult with us on our clinic patients, and many, many others. Board members meet regularly to plan projects, work on funding and take on administrative tasks and costs. Over 100 volunteers, including musicians, artists, advertisers and auctioneers, produced the two "Art from the Heart" Haitian art auctions – the 13th annual in Granville and the 4th annual in Asheville. Six volunteers took time away from work and family to pay all their own expenses for their trips to work under the difficult conditions in Haiti: Tracee Laing, Leslie Mihalov, Evelyne Poelzing, Bruce Hare, Keith Hare and Paul Hammond.

Grants and Fundraisers: This year included, Children's Practicing Pediatritians, Columbus, OH; JCC, Inc., Granville, OH; First Presbyterian Church, Granville, OH; Welsh Hills School, Granville, OH; Women Who Give, Granville, OH; Worthington (OH) Presbyterian Church Alternative Christmas Market; Denison University, Granville, OH; Licking Memorial Hospital; Nationwide Children's Hospital; faire la cuisine, Granville, OH; Mail's Specialties, Newark, OH; Art shows at: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Granville, OH, and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC; many more churches, Kiwanis clubs, Rotary clubs, Lions clubs, Girl Scout Troops, and businesses.

2010 Summary Financial Report

Income (1/1/10 - 11/20/10)

Grants	21,900.00
Art Sales	17,646.00
Earthquake response	52,772.77
Individual Donations	69,499.34
Group Donations	13,410.97

Expenses (1/1/10 – 11/20/10)

Dumay Clinic Salaries	50,364.75
Dumay Clinic Reconstruction	46,000.00
Dumay Clinic Solar Power	20,955.11
Other Dumay Clinic expenses	5,179.66
Medications	16,601.75
Hope for the Children of Haiti School	7,763.00
Eldercare Program	6,000.00
Medical Team Support in Haiti	2,578.78
Emergency / Charity in Haiti	206.25
Internet Access for Haitian staff	1,362.66
Purchase of Art in Haiti and Auction Expenses in U.S.	2,944.26
Administrative/Bank Charges	973.26

Total: 175,229.08

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