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2015 Annual Report



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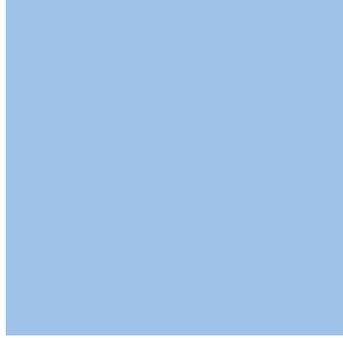
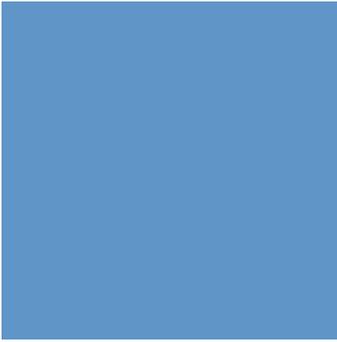
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About Us

Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization registered in the State of Florida that is dedicated to providing comprehensive health and development services, and building capacity in Haiti. Project Medishare's work saves lives & forms the foundation upon which larger social change is built.



Letter from Executive Director

For more than 20 years, Project Medishare has been providing life saving health care services to the people of Haiti. Thanks to our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and donors, throughout 2015 we were able to continue our goal of improving the health and well-being of Haitians most in need.

In the Central Plateau, our community health programs reached some of Haiti's most vulnerable – pregnant women and children. Through our clinics, we educated and treated the general population on a variety of illnesses and diseases. We constructed homes to help ensure families have a safe place to live for years to come.

Once again, Project Medishare led the way during crisis in Haiti. When deportees from the Dominican Republic crossed into Haiti near Lahoye, our team acted quickly to provide them with immediate support and services.

In response to a community need, we piloted a school lunch program, making sure children receive the nourishment

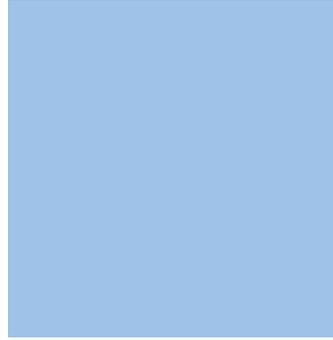
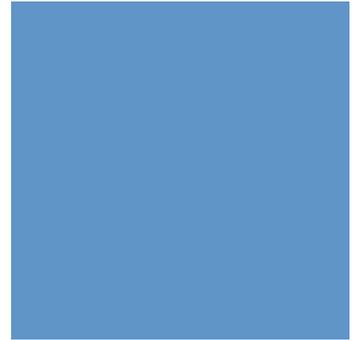
they need to be happy and healthy at school and at home. Since September, we have fed over 400 children a day in two schools. As an ongoing drought and devaluing of Haiti's currency impact food security in the region, we hope to expand the program into more schools.

In Port-au-Prince, our amazing medical volunteers continue to selflessly help support Hospital Bernard Mevs with staffing, specialty surgeries, training and education. Our pediatric residency program entered into its second year, and now includes 18 residents. And our wound care program, which began after the 2010 earthquake, is thriving.

I'm proud of what our team has accomplished this year, and look forward to continuing (and growing) the life-changing work that we do.

Yours truly,

Renee Lewis
Executive Director



Community Health & Development

Improving access to quality health services for rural Haitians

Most Haitians reside in rural communities that lack access to basic healthcare, clean water and sanitation. Often the poorest of the poor, they are vulnerable to disease, chronic illness, malnutrition and early death – especially women and children.

Through health outreach, education and clinic services, Project Medishare's team of over 100 Haitian doctors, nurses, health agents and staff works to improve the well-being and quality of life of people in the Central Plateau.

In 2015, our community health and development programs, which included home visits, mobile clinics, pre-natal care, vaccinations, hygiene training, family planning and more, reached more than 70,000 people in the communities of Lahoye, Thomonde and Marmont. With improved access to health information and services, many in these communities believe they are healthier due to Project Medishare's efforts.

2015 Impact

- Organized 1,230 rally posts
- Conducted 12,649 home visits, reaching 29,577 individuals
- Referred 276 pregnant women to our health facilities
- Vaccinated 8,495 infants
- Distributed 1,285 oral rehydration salt packages
- Reached 35,436 women and 6,773 men with family planning



Delivering Life-Saving Vaccines to At-Risk Populations

For the past three years, Benita Borgerly has been delivering life-saving vaccinations to women and children at Project Medishare's Marmont Health Clinic. She vaccinates an average of four people a day, including children from birth to 11 months, pregnant women and women ages 15-49. While giving vaccines, Benita educates patients on the essential role immunization plays in preventing certain diseases and illnesses.

"I love when people come to congratulate me for my job because with the vaccine their wife and kids are not sick after being vaccinated. I consider my job as very important to the community because vaccination is a vital key to prevent people from getting sick."

Working at the Marmont Health Clinic has helped Benita in her personal life. With a stable income, she's able to give back to her community, but more importantly, she's able to take care of herself and her family.

"Things are much better for me now," she says. "I support my family with the job I am doing. I pay school for my two orphan nieces, and I own a piece of land to grow food."



Caring for Deportees from the Dominican Republic

In June 2015, the Dominican Republic began deporting Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent due to an immigration ruling. Shortly after the deportations began, Project Medishare's health agents in Lahoye reported an influx of deportees in the area.

Among those deportees were 24-year-old Janise and her 2-year-old son. Janise was deported from Santo Domingo with no money and just the clothes on her back. A truck filled with other deportees dropped her at the border, and at six months pregnant, she walked more than 12 hours to reach Lahoye.

Like Janise, many of the deportees that arrived in Lahoye have origins or family in the area. Project Medishare's team registered those arriving in the community, and held small group discussions to understand their urgent needs. Health screenings were performed by a doctor at the clinic, and more than 200 emergency hygiene kits were distributed.

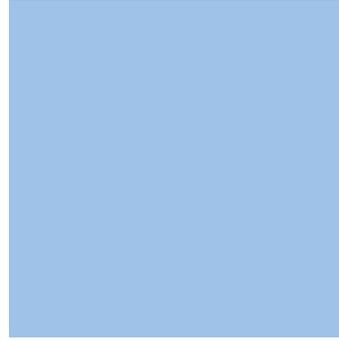
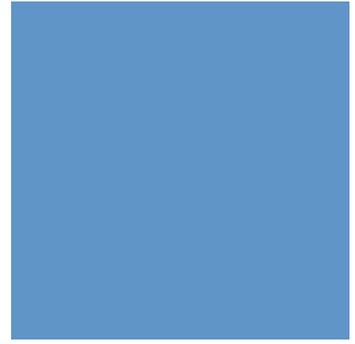
Nourishing Haiti's Future

Many parents in Haiti struggle to provide their children with a healthy, well-balanced meal every day. Without food and the proper nutrition, a child's physical growth, brain development and overall health are severely limited. Providing children with a daily, nutritious meal during the school day can not only reduce malnutrition, but can also improve school attendance and overall health, preparing them for a bright future.

Project Medishare, with the support of the MAX Corporation, piloted a lunch program in two schools in the communities of Thomonde and Lahoye. Since launching last October, nearly 500 students ages 3-17 have received lunch while at school – a total of 46 meals served so far. The food, which includes fresh fruits and vegetables, is purchased locally, and prepared by women in the community using environmentally friendly clean cook stoves.

To monitor the health of the children in the program, doctors conducted screenings, providing deworming and other medications where needed.





Orphans & Vulnerable Children

Planting seeds of hope for vulnerable families

Lack of education and limited economic opportunities greatly contribute to rural poverty in Haiti. Without access to financial income and other resources, it is difficult for parents and caretakers to break this cycle, and build healthy, strong families.

Through its Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) program, Project Medishare helped 387 children receive an education by providing them with school supplies and uniforms, and paying their school fees for the year. In addition, the children received healthcare at our clinics in Marmont and Lahoye, along with mental and spiritual counseling.

Parents and caretakers of the children also received support. At monthly parent club meetings, our staff discussed topics such as nutrition, hygiene, sexually transmitted diseases and child trafficking. Parents and caretakers also attended training where they learned ways to earn a living despite their limited resources. Following the training, 42 parents were enrolled in a crafting program in which they make handmade dolls, backpacks and storage boxes. Another 45 parents started small businesses.

2015 Impact

- 70% of students advanced to a higher grade level
- 179 children and 87 parents in the program received healthcare
- 176 home and school visits by health promoters
- 235 parents and caregivers received job training



Helping Kids Stay in School

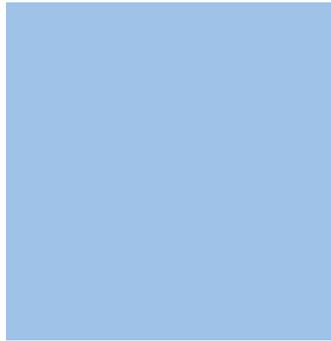
Mikerlange Joseph, 11, lives in the village of Lahoye with her aunt and four cousins. Both of her parents died – her mother after giving birth and her father in 2013. Her aunt, a single mother, is doing her best to provide Mikerlange with a good childhood.

To earn money to support her family, Mikerlange’s aunt grows crops on a small plot of land near her house, and sells whatever the family doesn’t eat. She was able to support her family this way, but the struggle to meet their basic needs and pay school fees for all five children eventually became too much. Mikerlange stopped going to school.

With the help of Project Medishare’s OVC program, Mikerlange was able to return to school. An aspiring secretary, she performs well in school, scoring an 8 or 9 (out of 10) on her exams. Mikerlange has been enrolled in the program for three years. She enjoys school and the opportunities that an education will provide for her in the future.

“I feel good at school and love to be there to play with other kids also,” Mikerlange says. Her aunt is also happy she’s back in school.

“This is a very good thing for me because Mikerlange is very intelligent and I was sad when she was not able to keep going to school because I could not pay for her. Mikerlange is happy and I am also happy that she considers me her mother.”



Medical Training & Education

Creating lasting change in Haiti's health care system

Since its founding, Project Medishare has been committed to building a sustainable health care system in Haiti. In collaboration with medical volunteers and university partners, we provide Haitian healthcare leaders with education and advanced training across a variety of areas such as breast cancer awareness, wound care and pediatrics. Last year, more than 1,000 volunteers provided medical training, education and assistance to Haitian medical professionals.

Throughout 2015, our support of Hospital Bernard Mevs continued. As Haiti's leading trauma and critical care facility, the hospital provides lifesaving care to hundreds of patients daily.

Developing Haiti's Next Generation of Pediatricians

Currently, there are only 400 pediatricians in Haiti. There are nearly 4 million children in the country. With so few trained pediatricians, many children do not receive the care they need, resulting in high mortality rates caused by preventable illnesses.

In 2013, Project Medishare in partnership with Saint Damien Pediatric Hospital and Notre Dame University Medical School in Haiti, launched a pediatric residency program at Hospital Bernard Mevs. The three-year program trains six to eight residents each year, allowing them to become specialists in the care of children ages 0 to 17.

The residents receive a specialized curriculum that includes the treatment and care of critically ill pediatric patients, along with prevention strategies for pediatric health and safety. The curriculum is adapted from the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital residency program, and it's one of a few pediatric residency programs approved by the Haitian Ministry of Health.

Serving Rural Communities

Haiti's pediatricians primarily practice in the capital. As part of the program, residents must complete a rotation at Project Medishare's rural clinics in the Central Plateau.

Dr. Joelle Denis was the first resident to rotate to the Central Plateau. On her first day, she examined 35 children, checking for signs of malnutrition and common childhood infections. A few children were referred to Project Medishare's clinic for follow-up.

The rotation has allowed Dr. Denis to learn the challenges of working in remote areas, and how to design and

assess programs in Haiti's rural departments. Once she graduates from the program, she will be trained both in trauma care and community health, assuring she is well-equipped to treat a wide range of conditions in a country with so few pediatricians.

Giving Back to Haiti

Dr. Toni Eyssallenne was born to Haitian parents in New York. She has been a passionate advocate for Haiti throughout her life, doing what she could to make a difference.

She was a pediatric resident at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami when the January 12, 2010 earthquake hit Haiti. Within hours, she joined Project Medishare's co-founder, Dr. Barth Green, on the ground, treating those injured by the devastating quake.

After completing her residency, Dr. Eyssallenne went back to Haiti, this time as the Chief Medical Officer for Hospital Bernard Mevs. Board certified in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, she often found herself providing advice and on-the-job training to her Haitian colleagues. She recognized a need for a formal pediatric residency program.

It did not take long for that to become a reality. Under Dr. Eyssallenne's leadership, residents are building their skills and gaining valuable experience in pediatrics.

Even with the success of the program so far, Dr. Eyssallenne is not patting herself on the back just yet. Instead, she continues to explore ways to improve the program and expand the number of residents. And she likely will not stop until all of Haiti's youngest, most vulnerable citizens have access to quality healthcare.

Current Programs

Project Medishare operates programs and provides comprehensive medical services at Hospital Bernard Mevs in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince, and in rural communities in the Central Plateau. Below is a list of programs and services we support in Haiti. Please visit our website at www.projectmedishare.org for more information.

Hospital Bernard Mevs

Volunteer Program
Wound Care Program
Pediatric Residency Program
Neurosurgery Residency Program
Lab and Radiology Training/Equipment
Specialty Surgeries
Ophthalmology Equipment/Training
Training and Education Center
Cancer Awareness Program
Amputee Soccer Team

Central Plateau

Community Health Program
Marmont Health Clinic and Maternity Center
Lahoye Health Clinic
HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program
School Health Program
Pilot School Feeding Program
Emergency Response
Chlorine Plant
Akamil Factory
Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program
Volunteer Program

Volunteers

Project Medishare relies heavily on volunteers to provide medical care to Haitians, and assist in the training and education of Haitian doctors, nurses and other medical staff. Since the January 12, 2010 earthquake, more than 7,000 medical professionals have volunteered with us in Haiti.

Through partnerships with universities, medical and student volunteers work alongside our teams in the Central Plateau. We currently have partnerships with the following universities:

- University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine
- Emory University School of Medicine
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- George Washington University School of Medicine and School of Public Health
- The University of Tennessee
- Touro University
- Rice University
- Merrimack College
- Medical University of South Carolina
- The University of Texas Health and Science Center at San Antonio
- University of Louisville
- Cleveland Clinic



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