



Healing Haiti today because we believe in her tomorrow

April 2022 Newsletter



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Announcements

On behalf of the Executive Committee of AHDH, we take, once more, an immense pleasure to share with you our latest mission report, AHDH's **Winter 2022 Medical & Educational Mission Report**, which took place from **February 25, 2022, to March 9, 2022**. It was our 79th mission since 1986.

It was a difficult decision to implement, but after almost a year of being paralyzed by unimaginable odds, from Covid to political instability, we had a successful mission with 12 volunteers.

- ✓ The eye team, led by Dr. Anika Michael, performed 47 eye surgeries & treated over 400 patients with 275 glasses distributed.
- ✓ We were able to use our Outpatient Clinic, although still incomplete, for space with much success.
- ✓ All the equipment & medical supplies made it to La Vallee.

Upcoming Events

June 24 - July 9, 2022

80th Medical Mission Trip

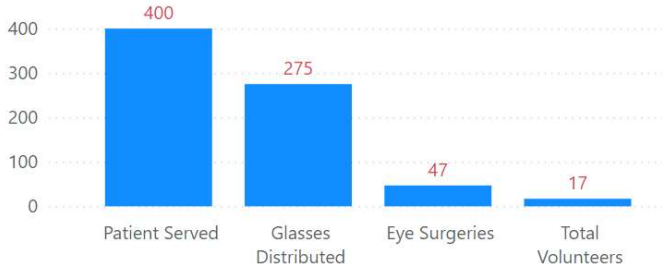
Volunteers, if interested, please get in touch with Dr. Charles Rene at chasrene46@bellsouth.net ASAP or AHDHHaiti.org@gmail.com. We already have some solicitations, but we will try to accommodate as many as possible under the current circumstances.

Some preliminary info we obtained:

There will be no flight to take us to PAP at an accommodating time for our charter PAP-JML (Jacmel), except from FLL (Fort Lauderdale), whereby we will have to spend the night of 6/23/2022. While in Haiti, there will be no problem flying back by AA to Miami.

The Eye Team

The bulk of services provided in this mission was in the ophthalmology division. With your help, we purchased enough supplies to serve over 400 patients through the clinic.



Although the number of volunteers was limited, we made a significant impact by performing 47 surgeries: 44 for cataracts and 3 for pterygiums.

With your help, The Eye Team raised \$59K & will broaden our mission scope and help more Haitians regain their sight.



Anika M., MD



& Shakespeare S., MD



The crowd, as usual, was at the Rendez-Vous...



& so were our team and operating staff



Haiti Medical Missions – Teamwork

While the mission was not easy, we are grateful that we could continue doing the work we started 35 years ago after almost a year. Despite both the ongoing pandemic and current socio-politic climate, we managed to have a small yet mighty team of 12 volunteers lead in providing medical services to help improve the lives of the Haitian people.



The untiring leader of our ophthalmology program Anika M. (*orange top*), no less untiring colleague, on her right, Ritza E., MD, with their entire support team, Shakespeare S., MD (*second from left*), and currently interning with us from Fonds des Blancs, two *optometrists (brown bottom and rainbow top)*, besides Yvrose V. (*1st from left*) and Nicole V.M., MD, (*brown top*). Also, Dr. Rene (*far right*), Mike B (*Behind Dr. Anika M.*), and Carl V (*photographer, therefore not pictured*).

Appreciated Additional Support

Huge thank you to everyone who supported our scholarship program for future cadres. During this mission, we were proud to be assisted by 3 of our 14 registered nurse graduates from Université Notre Dame, Jacmel Campus.



Jeanne D., RN. Université Notre Dame Graduate



Ob-Gyn Clinic, Imaging (Ultrasound) & NST Team

It was a thrill to, once more, provide care for our patients in the spacious brand-new **Outpatient Clinics of Hospital St Joseph / Cliniques Externes de l'Hopital St. Joseph**, as we had finally adequate space for both consultations, imaging, and treatment handy.

We offered consultations to about 30 Ob-Gyn patients (*Pregnancies, follow up for Pelvic Organs Prolapse/pessary, fibroids /anemia, hermaphroditism, congenital vaginal septum, etc.*) assisted by 3 of our 14 Graduated RNs, while Pelvic & Abdominal ultrasound were right there.

For those familiar with our missions, it will be no surprise that I will mention the presence of Archangel-Volunteer, Mike B. (*see volunteer photo page 1, 2nd row, behind Dr. Anika M.*) and his long-standing contribution to our missions over the last 20 plus years.

We also had the opportunity to assist two Interns doing their one-year-long Social Services in EKG, ultrasonography, etc., which was quite far from meeting our objectives.



Patients waiting within our new spacious outpatient clinic

Outpatient Clinics (OPC) status

Though the socio-political issues in Haiti have worsened in the past couple of years, we have had successful missions to serve the Haitian people. It is still challenging to get from Port-Au-Prince to La Vallee through ground transportation.

We pray the circumstances will encourage us to bring a near entire team, 15-20 volunteers (*Vs. 25-30, usually*) for our summer 2022 mission.



The Outpatient Clinic is still under construction, with Electrical & plumbing underway.



EXTRAORDINARY HOMAGE/SURPRISE TO AHDH FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNE (COUNTY) OF LA VALLEE

Now we would like to share with you an extraordinary, unbelievable surprise organized by the 2 main Community Organizations AHDH has had the privilege to bring its untiring support to, over the last 35 years, in our efforts to assume its responsibilities to our mother land: Up to 5 minutes before this photo, we had no clue:



Left, Mrs. Vanite B-L, President(CODEM), on the right, Prof. Benoit P., President(CODEVA)

CODEVA (Coude A Coude pour le Développement Valléen) :

The first organization we were referred to in June 1987, and we met, what we come to call the **7 giants** of La Vallée, who against all adversities, from the dictator of then, built independently their Dispensaire-Hopital and public high school: Sis.

Josephat (a nun, as president, a lesser threat in the eyes of a dictator), “Prof.” Aubies and Leon Frank (*brothers*), “Prof.” Arthur and Anicet Lauture (*brothers*), Mr. Prosper Duré and Mr. Phillipe Jules, a “dynamo”, which we didn’t have a chance to meet at that time, as he was very busy, as a chosen representative of the Community Organization Movements for the whole country, with the preparations of our very first attempt to have free and fair elections in the history of Haiti, which was bloodily disrupted by the army (*as usual at the order of foreign interests*), which forced him to go in hiding and then to leave the country. (*The La Vallée Public high school is named after him*), where he will die not too long afterward, from surgical complications.

We had time to enjoy their guidance, their wisdom, as one by one, most of them in their late 90’s and early 100’s, returned to their original home, to that other corner of the majestic universe,—except one, “Prof” Leon F., *below, first on right.*

Honneur et Respect , Prof. Leon



Thank God the AHDH devoted team was present to survive such a surprise:



Left to right: Nicole V.M, MD, Pediatrics; Charles R.; Sandra B-R, RN, Head of OR; Anika M. MD, Director of Ophthalmol program; Michael B. Prof. of Ultrasonic, Baton Rouge, LA

Then on behalf of AHDH, we had the honor of receiving the expressions of the affections from the CODEVA:

Lt to rt: V.P., Mr. Ivrance J.; Mrs. Marie Rose P., Secretary; Mr. Joseph P., Treasurer, Charles R., AHDH's Tres., Mr. Jean-Baptiste G., MC, Pres. Benoit P. and Mr. B.



Then, from CODEM (*Comité de Developpemt de Muzac*), a well-structured group, we have more recently joined forces within their extraordinary efforts to dig two dozens of water wells and reservoirs:



Left to Right: Founder Mrs. Vanite B-L; Mr. Geteau J-B, Pres. Mr. Ange L.; Frantzo L., MD

Then both CODEM and CODEVA got together to acclaim one of the main pillars of AHDH's mission, Mme. Sandra B-R, RN, for her 30 years of services to our beloved La Vallée:



Gallery of Photos

Below are two pillars of our mission for decades: from left: Ritza E, MD, ophthalmologist, and Luxo P., surgeon



The La Vallee community at large, where each one has pitched in one way or another: Front row, from left, Theodore P., Engineer, in charge of the construction, his wife (Antonica, behind him); 2nd row: 2nd from right: Gerard P. whom we haven't even met yet, he was still residing in Maryland, before starting using his retirement home for our mission, with wife, Anne-Marie P., on his right.



More community pillars: Babite B. Medical records, behind him Roger B., past CODEVA's President, and center-right top: Marie-Paule B-G, RN.



Then, when we thought we were at the end of our surprises, another big one was unveiled:



In this picture, a very precious presence, an excellent friend from high school (60 years ago), Mr. Knox P., (2nd from right) residing in Montreal and Lomond (when in Haiti), is a pleasant surprise.



Then a most elegant surprise:

Our youth is more than ready to fly high with art.



Special Letter to Our Mission Support Angels (MSA)

Some of our MSA's who can't make it for the mission but dedicate so much effort to its success...medical supplies and equipment, financial support for our meal voucher program, CRNA's (*nurse anesthetist*) stipends. We take great pleasure (and pride) in your friendship.

We know you had to sacrifice a lot to be with us –vacation, family obligations, financial resources, you name it - but it is so heartwarming to see that you chose the **Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable** - enhancing a little bit more solidarity across our minor fragile blue planet.

There are no words to thank you.

And I am sure you all know **THEY** are taking ample note of your acts (**James 2:20 and Mat. 25:14 on**), and Their blessings will be visiting you – but most of the time in very subtle ways.

Top Medical Missions fundraisers from our online initiative:

	Disciples-N-Action	Raised \$19,474
	Michelle Isidore Gu...	Raised \$5,768
	Offline Fundraising	Raised \$4,454
	Anisa Shomo	Raised \$4,357
	Sophie Duval-Austin	Raised \$3,983
	Francois Payen	Raised \$3,485

Ways to Support:

- Please visit our website
- <https://www.ahdhhaiti.org/donation/>
- ZELLE Donation to our official email address:
AHDHHaiti.org@gmail.com
- Checks payable to:
Association Haitienne de Development Humain
149 W. Lakeview Dr., Laplace, LA 70068
- <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/association-haitienne-de-development-humain-inc/haiti-medical-mission-spring-2021-fundraising>
- Text "AHDHHaiti" to 443-21 to donate
- Venmo: @AHDHHaiti509

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Fundraising

These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you are in good spirits and health! As you know, COVID-19 continues to be a problem around the world. Please continue to play your role in supporting AHDH because your support saves lives.

The Fundraising Team, led by Dr. Shomo, has raised \$47,942 of the \$50,000 goal for the Haiti Medical Mission – Spring Fundraising initiative. We have seven people fundraising on behalf of AHDH, & we have received 217 donations.

Your Impact

- Your \$25 provides prescription drugs, like High Blood Pressure Rx, for three months, for two people.
- Your \$50 provides a well-care visit & medication for three months for two people.
- Your \$250 provides surgery for hernia or cataracts with follow-up for four people.

Special Thanks to our Partners

- ✓ Dr. Charles Rene, Dr. Nicole Vincent Michael, Dr. Anika Michael, for their help coordinating this mission
- ✓ Rickie & Ronda J support students at Notre Dame University, Jacmel, Haiti, raised about \$20K
- ✓ Disciple-N-Action led by Rickie & Ronda J, Dr. Duval & Dr. Michelle for joining our fundraising initiatives
- ✓ Thanks to Dr. Anshu Chandra's team, who traveled from Fond-Des-Blancs to join our mission for the second time. They generously donated their time and skills to the Eye Clinic for the first half of the mission.
- ✓ Thanks to Carl Vincent for the pictures & videos



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"Now to him who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory throughout all generations."