

Haiti Foundation of Hope June 2015 Team Report

Haiti Foundation of Hope continues to celebrate 10 years of ministry, and it is exciting as the medical teams to continue to see new 'happenings' in this remote area of Haiti.



The 'good news' about these happenings is:



A new cooking stove was introduced this week, called the InStove. It is much more efficient and economical. If each student brings a small stick to school weekly, it would save tremendously on fuel costs. In this photo we are doing a test between the traditional '3-rock method' and the InStove. There is much enthusiasm regarding this stove.



One of the main functions of the medical clinic is to 'share knowledge' with the Haitian staff of the Clinic of Hope. This was the first time Dr. Avril presented to us. It was a case-study on tuberculosis.

For many years we've been asking the Haitian women to make something for us to buy - imagine the money they could make with 4 medical teams/year! This year we were delighted to see that they have started making crafts - the first being jewelry. Their joy and creative energy was something to behold, as we opened our purses - shopping to help with their start-up costs.



We were encouraged as we met with many of the microloan participants and heard what they are doing with their loans. There is more information on the website: www.haitifoundationofhope.org



The medical team saw more than 700 patients, and we feel that the patients who come have more complex problems. One case stands out: Joseph a 2 ½ month child, who came to the clinic weighing less than his birthweight. Our pediatric teams felt this was a



possible life-threatening intestinal obstruction. Although it is surgically correctable, the father refused to allow us to send his son to the university hospital for evaluation. Our hearts are heavy and we continue to pray for Joseph and his family.

The greatest need in Terre Blanche today, is for RAIN. The farmers are now on their second planting of the season (the first one was lost due to drought.) Usually in June the millet crops are shoulder-high, but this years they are about 2-3 inches. If there is no rain soon, this planting will also be lost. If the crops survive, harvest will be in late November, or December. Please join us in praying for rain and healthy crop growth!



Terre Blanche June 2014



Terre Blanche June 2015

Thank you again for the many ways you have participated in this team. We felt your prayers and appreciated your donations. Many patients received the gift of beans & rice along with their medications. Our team stayed healthy and energized. We came from many different parts of our country, and joined together to work as one team with our Haitian partners!



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