



HAITI FOUNDATION OF HOPE

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MISSION STATEMENT

Haiti Foundation of Hope is a Christian organization addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the impoverished and underserved rural communities of northern Haiti.



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CLINIC OF HOPE

The newly built medical clinic in Terre Blanche has seen nearly 2,000 patients come through its doors since it opened in February.

Already two teams from the United States have worked at the clinic, which has been named Dispensaire Communautaire l'Esperance or Clinic of Hope.

The first team to arrive pulled into the compound and found Haitian workers busy with last minutes projects: painting the stairwell, hanging doors, screwing in light bulbs, and sweeping and mopping. On the first floor – the clinic – people were hanging decorations in preparation for the dedication ceremony. On the second floor – the dormitory – people were setting up dining room chairs and unpacking kitchen supplies.

The dedication ceremony held Feb. 25 was attended by hundreds of people including community members, construction workers, Free Methodist pastors, other dignitaries, Haiti Foundation of Hope board members and the visiting team. There was singing, prayer, Bible messages, tears and laughter. A violinist performed, kids sang special music and a brass band played both inside and outside.

Some people spoke about how the community of Terre Blanche has been transformed. In a village where there was once nothing, there is now a growing church, a school with more than 550 students, a community well and now the medical clinic.

During the following four and a half days, the medical team saw hundreds of patients. Some had the universal complaints of headaches, stomach aches and backaches. Others had suffered strokes or had terminal cancer. And some were treated for malaria, pneumonia and other infections. There were many pregnant women and one healthy baby girl was born during the night.

A young man with filariasis came in with a swollen leg and foot. A little boy with



a congenital heart defect was seen by a pediatrician but nothing could be done to save the boy's life. A middle-age woman with a chronic illness – possibly caused by a parasite – spent the week in the clinic's intensive care unit but was sent home when the team had to leave. Her prognosis was not good.

There were so many people who came to the clinic and were helped. People were cared for by doctors and nurses. Some patients received reading glasses and pregnant women were given ultrasounds. Everyone was given medications and a portion of beans and rice. Many of those who walked out the door of the clinic left with hope.

Haiti Foundation of Hope is committed to the ongoing work at the Clinic of Hope. Haitian medical personnel will staff the facility year round while medical and dental teams from the United States will continue to travel there.



The clinic at Terre Blanche is built, but funds are still needed to furnish the building and to complete the security wall, a guard house and an outside depot.



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HFH HIGHLIGHTS

WEBSITE

Haiti Foundation of Hope has made it to the Internet. You can now find us at www.haitifoundationofhope.org, a site where you can stay up to date with the work we are doing in northern Haiti. You can view pictures, read stories, download a team application and learn more about the foundation.

CONTACT INFO

Haiti Foundation of Hope has all new contact information:

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TEAMS

Two medical teams traveled to Haiti in February and March and treated nearly 2,000 patients at the newly constructed medical clinic in Terre Blanche.

Dates for the fall medical team have been set for Oct. 18-28. Teams are tentatively planned for next February, as well as summer and fall 2008.

HOW TO HELP

SCHOOL CHILDREN - \$15 each month will provide food, a uniform and books for a primary school child; \$100 each month will support a teacher.

CLINIC - The clinic building is completed, but donations are still needed to help furnish the facility. There are plans to construct an outside depot, a guard house and complete the security wall around the compound. Funds are also needed to pay a clinic administrator, a full-time nurse, guards and cleaning crews.

WOMEN'S TRADE SCHOOL - Donations will help women who are learning job skills to improve their families' lives.

PRAY - Remember those living and working in Haiti; traveling teams; safety for Pastor Delamy and his family as they go to school, work and travel in Haiti; the ongoing work at the new Clinic of Hope; and the community of Terre Blanche.

JOIN US - Apply to travel to Haiti on an upcoming team. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed.

INSTRUMENTS - Haiti Foundation of Hope is looking for musical instruments for children to learn to play. Anyone who would like to donate a working instrument can contact the foundation.

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Meet Levelle, the first baby born in the new clinic at Terre Blanche, Haiti. Levelle was born around 2 a.m. Feb. 28. She and her mom were happy and healthy.