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Giving shelter in the storm

A medical team sees God's love acted out



MANY OF US are familiar with the Bible verse telling us to tend to the sick, and give food, shelter and clothing to those in need. We saw this acted out on a trip to Terre Blanche, Haiti, along with other members of a recent medical team.

We were in Haiti the week before tropical storm Noel hit. It rained every day, and often at night. The Clinic of Hope in Terre Blanche exists to provide ongoing medical care to the "poorest of the poor." Many walk for several days to get to the clinic. There are no hotels or other shelter in the area so people usually sit outside waiting to get in to the clinic.

One evening as the rains started, Pastor Delamy knew he had to act quickly. He opened the small church, which is on the same compound as the clinic, and invited people in for the night. His wife, Madame Elvire, organized a cooking team to feed about 250 people, all waiting to be seen by doctors the next day.

Our medical team went to see the situation. People were laying on the floor and benches, packed into the church. Nothing was comfortable – there were no beds, sheets, towels, or inside bathrooms. We greeted people and they expressed gratitude for



what was being done for them. There was little light in the church, but we had no difficulty seeing their smiles and the joy in their faces.

As we went to sleep that night, we listened to the people in the church, singing hymns of praise to the Lord.

We thank the Lord we've seen the reality of his command to give shelter and supper to those in need.

Written by two members of the October 2007 medical team.



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This holiday season consider sharing the gift of hope in Haiti



MADAME JOSEPH came to the Clinic of Hope in Terre Blanche with two problems: She was grieving the loss of her 12-year-old daughter who recently died

for unknown reasons, and she was losing her toes.

Madame Joseph has diabetes with extremely high blood sugar. With a condition like this, it is only a matter of time before patients lose circulation to their eyes, kidneys and skin. The toes are often the first part of the skin to die and that is what was happening to her.

Her treatment in Haiti is inadequate. She needs insulin, a medicine that requires refrigeration but there is no electricity in Terre Blanche. The alternative is pills, which is not satisfactory but the only choice.

Unfortunately, the staff and volunteers at the Clinic of Hope see many patients like Madame Joseph: thin with poor nutrition

and extremely high blood sugar.

A volunteer medical team cared for her toes the best they could, but then asked her to go to a hospital. She wept more and said she had no money. With the Lord's prior provision, someone had sent money with the team for a "special need." The team shared this gift and reminded her of God's love.

With the help of others, Haiti Foundation of Hope was recently able to purchase a solar-powered refrigerator specifically designed for medicines. The refrigerator is expected to make its way to Terre Blanche around the first of the year.

Your help is making a difference. Thank you.



Ways you can help:

- **Beans and rice:** The foundation funds a program to distribute beans and rice to the neediest families in the community.
- **Reading glasses:** Patients receive new reading glasses at the clinic.
- **Clinic salaries per month:** Chaplain \$135, nurse \$156, visiting nurse \$65.
- **Teacher salaries:** Any amount will help.
- **Monthly student scholarships:** \$15 to help a primary school student, \$25 to help a secondary school student.
- **Furnishings for the new secondary school:** Eight doors (\$50 each), 200 desks (\$40 each), five blackboards (\$100 each), five teacher desks and chairs (\$150 each set), five file cabinets (\$150 each).
- **Musical instruments:** Band instruments such as flutes, clarinets, trumpets or other brass for children to learn to play.
- **Pray:** For those working and living in Haiti.

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