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# WITNESSES TO HOPE

Christmas is a season of hope and there is no better place to see hope than at the clinic in Terre Blanche.

Recently, a mother came to the Clinic of Hope with two children, one of which was hydrocephalic (the child had swelling on the brain). The woman's husband had kicked her and the children out of the home when he learned of the child's condition. The woman was left with no resources.

Fortunately, not only was there competent medical staff at the clinic but M. Antoine Dominique was there. He is a social worker, a Christian, and a wealth of information. He was able to provide the woman and children help beyond medical care.

M. Dominique is one of several Haitian professionals assigned to the Clinic of Hope by the government's ministry of health, which has recognized the outstanding work at the clinic. The location has been chosen for a tuberculosis clinic and an HIV diagnosis and treatment center. This includes social services, which are difficult to find in Haiti.

This is particularly exciting, as both tuberculosis and HIV are common illnesses among the



poor. These Haitian employees are paid through the government but are under the supervision of the Clinic of Hope.

M. Dominique also provided help to a young man suffering from tuberculosis. He was carried into the clinic the first day that a visiting medical team was there. His blood sugar level was high but with treatment it came down and he started to look healthier.

One of the physicians on the team mentioned that the man might be depressed. M. Dominique was called in and he offered to meet with the young man regularly.

There is limited help like this in Haiti so we feel fortunate to have this expertise and resource in Terre Blanche.

Before the end of the week, the young man walked into the clinic to thank the staff for his care and he was smiling. We see hope for him.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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### YOU CAN HELP THE CLINIC

Would you consider supporting the Clinic of Hope staff by making a one-time donation or a monthly contribution? Your donation will help provide salaries for the medical staff who are not paid by the government. These professionals are sharing hope every day. To give, go online to haitifoundationofhope.org. Thank you for sharing hope this holiday season.



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# with our Gift Catalog

Our new gift catalog is here. You can view gifts and make purchases online at **haitifoundationofhope.org**. You can make purchases in memory or in honor of someone. It's also a great way to make a year-end donation.

Gifts include school uniforms, lunches and books for students. You can also help support teachers, the medical clinic, the women's trade school, community health and other programs.

## **Hurricane Update**

Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in October and destroyed most of the crops and gardens in Terre Blanche. Food is a struggle now more than ever. With your donations, food has been distributed to those most in need and young children are receiving an extra meal at school. We continue to assess the situation and provide help. Thank you for giving.



### **Holiday Shoppers**

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