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## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

In February of 2016, Darlene brought her newborn baby, Bienca, to the Clinic of Hope.

Bienca had been born prematurely and was not eating well or gaining weight. She was severely malnourished and her body was working too hard to try to survive.

Thanks to visiting medical teams in February and March of last year, Bienca was able to receive acute medical care and medicine to help her body fight more efficiently.

Once her health stabilized, it was time to start the long uphill battle of feeding and growing this little girl. In Haiti, that is no small task. It would take a village.

**Three years ago, over 50 percent of children under the age of 2 in this community were moderately to severely malnourished.** Babies like Bienca were dying from malnutrition and lack of medical care. **The Clinic of Hope was ready to respond.**

For Bienca, the help came in many ways: Fredeline, a nurse at the clinic, helped Darlene with breast feeding; and when Bienca was old enough, she was enrolled in the Medika Mamba program (which provides malnourished children with fortified peanut butter).

For families like Bienca's, there are other community programs that help parents learn about healthy habits for their children.



**Through the multi-faceted support from the Clinic of Hope and its nutrition programs, the current rate of moderate to severe malnutrition has dropped to 18 percent!**

Thanks to the Clinic of Hope and the community health program, the "village" of Terre Blanche is now in the business of saving lives like those of Bienca, who is now a thriving 1-year-old, on the verge of walking and talking up a storm. Praise God!

**To our supporters: Thank you! Your contributions are literally saving lives!**

**To our soon-to-be-supporters: Let's work on getting that 18 percent down to 0!**



### MISSION STATEMENT

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Would you consider supporting the Clinic of Hope and the Community Health Program in Terre Blanche and the surrounding areas?

The staff and volunteers work tirelessly to treat patients and encourage healthy habits.

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## Moments Like These

In February, I was blessed to work in the eye clinic as we evaluated and cared for those with eye concerns. We were especially looking for those with cataracts to be considered for Friday surgery by a Haitian ophthalmologist who would be coming from Port-au-Prince.

On Thursday, a young woman, carrying her 1-month-old daughter, led her 57-year-old father into the Clinic of Hope – three generations. M. Derilus was blind because of cataracts and had come hoping the ophthalmologist would be able to give him sight. He was evaluated and cleared for surgery.

After surgery and while in recovery, M. Derilus held his granddaughter and softly hummed her to sleep. Watching this bond between grandfather and granddaughter touched my heart.

On the day after surgery, when the bandages were removed, M. Derilus saw his precious 1-month-old granddaughter for the first time. His smile lit up the room and there was much rejoicing. “It is moments like these that we do this work,” the surgeon said.

I couldn't agree more.

*By Ann Petersen, HFH board and team member*



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