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HOPE ENOUGH FOR ALL



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Here at Haiti Foundation of Hope, I feel like I'm part of a family. The solidarity espoused by Haitian and American leadership is remarkable.

My first visit was in February of 2008: curious about what was going on in Terre Blanche, I had come to visit for two days but ended up staying a full week translating for a medical team.

When it became possible to join another team this summer, I leaped at the opportunity. My first-year medical school training was itching for context and clinical application, and, boy, did I get my fair share!

The experience deepened my sense of vocation and reminded me why I am privileged to be in medical school. It's tiring, but hearing Ji-ji quietly tell mom, "li gou," or



Ji-ji and her parents (above) talk with Peter at the Clinic of Hope earlier this summer. Ji-ji was at the clinic receiving treatment for cholera. By the end of the week she was well on her way to a full recovery (left).

"it tastes good," while receiving a 5 mL/min oral rehydration treatment for cholera ... well, it made me smile.

Haiti Foundation of Hope quotes, "Lespwafè viv," a Haitian proverb that loosely translates, "Hope gives life." In God's economy, hope is a valuable currency. It appreciates much, and though easily shared it is not easily spent.

I go to Terre Blanche to be and to hold God's hands. I go to heal and be healed, to be reminded that beneath my seeming self-sufficiency, I guard spiritual vulnerabilities not unlike the physical hardships of my Haitian brothers and sisters. In Terre Blanche, peoples' names sound different and safe because God, who is love, is at work. Truly I tell you, there is hope enough for us all.

By Peter Daniel, June 2011 team

MORE TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 1,200 patients
- More than 5,000 prescriptions
- Rice and beans to every patient
- Patients treated with respect
- Staff discussions on medical topics
- Fifteen women graduated from the women's trade school
- Vacation Bible school



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Women's Trade School

A graduate of the women's trade school rides home with her new treadle sewing machine and another woman smiles for a picture. After recently passing a national exam, 15 women graduated from the three-year trade school in Terre Blanche. The school offers an opportunity for women to learn skills such as sewing, cooking, childhood development, nutrition, health and etiquette.

Vacation Bible School



Kids participate in a vacation Bible school drama of Jesus' disciples fishing. The VBS was held during the summer and led by Haitians and Americans. About 400 kids attended each day.

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Graduates of the women's trade school line up for a ceremony to celebrate their accomplishment.