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A CHANCE TO DREAM

The opportunity to go to school in Terre Blanche, Haiti, means an opportunity to dream.

For one teenage student that means studying math and science so he can become a doctor.

His classmate enjoys learning languages – French, English and Spanish in addition to Creole – and wants to teach what he knows to others. He’s also interested in becoming an engineer. Another student wants to be a nurse. They all want to go to university.

These were some of dreams expressed by secondary students earlier this year during an English study session with members of a visiting medical team.

These students are some of the 900 children who attend school in Terre Blanche, which has preschool classes through 10th grade. The students live not just in Terre Blanche but in places like Dubedou, Finel and Tete Canal. For some, it can take an hour to walk to school.

In between talking about their futures, the students studying English talked about the importance of an education and their school. They mentioned lunches – every student is given a lunch and for some it’s their only meal of the day – and how good it is to be located on the same compound as a medical clinic. If someone is sick, the staff sends the student to get medical care.

The students say that there are so many good things about their school that if they start talking about it, they won’t be able to stop.



Picture: Ninth grade students practice speaking and listening to English with members of a visiting medical team.

GIVING HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION

For many of the students at the school in Terre Blanche, the cost of education is beyond the reach of their families. The opportunity for them to continue studying and dreaming is only possible with financial support from people like you. To find out more about how you can help, go online to www.haitifoundationofhope.org.

Video

To view a video of the hope that education offers at the school in Terre Blanche, go to www.haitifoundationofhope.org and click on “videos.”



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Medical Team Sees Healthier Kids

Bonjour everyone!

This is a letter of appreciation for your support of our recent medical team sent to the Clinic of Hope in Terre Blanche, Haiti.

Our trip (in June) was characterized by seeing sicker patients, but was also a wonderful display of healthier children. After the earthquake in January more complicated cases have been coming to us from greater distances. This is challenging us to find the best means to give care with limited resources. At the same time, we give thanks for the healthy children in our midst who attend the Terre Blanche school.

The Medika Mamba (fortified medical peanut butter) program is magnificent! We are identifying more young children with severe malnutrition, and by using Medika Mamba with follow up care, we are seeing amazing recoveries from this potentially lethal children's condition. Greater than 95 percent

of malnourished children survive with this treatment.

Also, we were able to treat some complicated cases, such as our clinic administrator. He has insulin-dependent diabetes which is challenging to manage with limited resources. Almost at the same time that our team arrived, he developed severe unstable hypotension with loss of consciousness.

Fortunately our doctors and nurses managed his complicated case superbly during the week we were there! By the time we left his blood pressure was normal and we were able to discontinue his IV solutions, which allowed him to return to work in the clinic. We are amazed at God's timing as the workers in the clinic were convinced he would have died if the team had not there.

By Dr. Joe Markee, HFH board member

A young girl receives life-saving Medika Mamba to treat malnutrition.



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