



Medical Training Continues

Due to unrest in Haiti earlier this year, Haiti Foundation of Hope canceled its February and March medical teams. However, several Americans traveled to Terre Blanche in March to assist in hosting the ninth annual medical conference. Here is their story:

Imagine a small village in remote Haiti where homes are mostly mud huts. There is no electricity and clean water is found only at community wells. The road to the village is rocky and unpaved.

Imagine that for the past two weeks the country has been on lock-down with violent demonstrations. Fuel is in short supply and travel is difficult, to say the least.

However, on the day of the conference, we walked into the Terre Blanche church (where the conference was held) and were amazed to see the many Haitian professionals who had traveled to attend the training.

There were more than 250 people, many of them doctors and nurses, and more than half of them were student nurses. People came from as far away as Port-au-Prince, a trip that takes several hours.

Participants were introduced to the Clinic of Hope and referrals to the clinic were made. All of this provided a sense of pride for the clinic staff. Some participants asked to volunteer at the clinic.

Unlike in the United States, continuing medical education in Haiti

is extremely limited. The conference included both Haitian and American presenters.

Dr. Emmanuel Mercier, the Medical Director at the Clinic of Hope, talked about tuberculosis, which is timely because the clinic will soon be opening a TB center.

After the conference, Dr. Mercier wrote, "With the medical conference many health professionals had the opportunity to meet each other and discuss together the latest achievements. The new protocols we have learned will help us to improve



Conference staff greet participants with a smile at the registration table.

the care of the patients. ... Not only Haitian professionals benefited from this conference, but also other foreign participants."

We join our Haitians partners in celebrating this ongoing ministry!

Written by Linda Markee



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YOU CAN HELP

The tenth annual medical conference is planned for February 15, 2020.

Your tax-deductible donation can help provide lecture materials, meals, and travel expenses for participants.

The cost per person is \$20. Would you consider sponsoring one, two or more Haitian medical professionals? Donate online today.

MANY WAYS TO HELP

In addition to supporting future medical training, here are other ways you can help in Haiti:

Education – A one-time or monthly donation will encourage students and teachers at the school in Terre Blanche. Just \$25 will ensure 100 students have a school lunch for a day.

Beans and Rice – Just \$50 will purchase a bag of rice or beans, which will be distributed to those most in need.

Clinic of Hope – Your donation will support the staff at the clinic so that patients continue to receive care throughout the year.

Community Health – Local volunteers educate neighbors about health and also refer people to the clinic when they see people in need.



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