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## Medical Team Helps Leogane Haitians...

Greetings,

I was blessed to be a part of a medical team from Mountain Home, Arkansas that visited in December. Our team had three medical clinics. The first was held at Hope Rising, the next day at Jean Marc's orphanage and the last up on the mountain in a little community called Babay. Our team consisted of a surgeon, a nurse, and three techs in the pharmacy and our pharmacist. We also brought reader glasses to give as needed. Several helped with crowd control and baby holding! We had translators who were terrific! We were able to minister to about 200 Haitians from age 3 weeks to an 83 year old. Problems ranged from hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, gout, and colds and aches and pains.

We saw an 11 year old girl on the mountain that had a colostomy since birth and had just returned from Israel where she'd had heart surgery. She was living without electricity or water in her home.

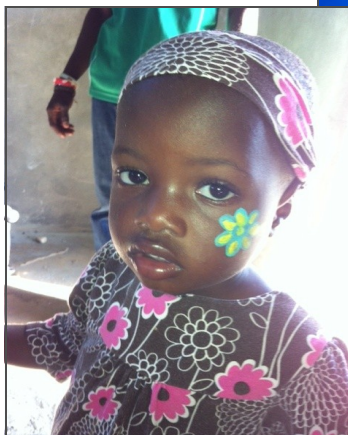
Care was given mainly to people experiencing aches and pains who live incredibly hard lives in an incredibly hard place. Tylenol, vitamins and worm medications go a long way in providing relief. We served with the knowledge that only God could provide for all of their needs. Our evangelism team presented the gospel to every patient. We had twelve accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Anyone who has been to Haiti knows the work will go on for years, until Jesus returns. It's always a blessing to be able to see God at work. Our hope and prayer is that the younger generation will come to know Jesus and change Haiti forever.

It was such a joy to see all the different ministries in Haiti working together as the body of Christ! *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" 2 Corinthians 4:7*

Blessings,

*Dr. John Spore*



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*"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" James 1:27*



## MK Corner...."Gardening with Papaw"

The Smithson kids experienced a wonderful treat in February. Their grandpa, better known as paps or papaw, joined a team of men from Lavaca, AR to help with the new mission home and team home being built. The biggest excitement for Dean was his papaw tilling and planting a garden...right up Dean's alley! The garden consists of okra, squash, radishes, lettuce, green beans, carrots and corn. Good eats ahead! Of course, Joel was out there helping as well. Kaylea has been busy decorating her room. All the kids are very grateful and excited about having their own rooms.



## 2014 HRCH Fundraiser Contest Is On...

Hope you will take the challenge and sign up for the HRCH 2014 Fundraiser Contest. Check the HRCH Facebook page for information. Let's make this year even more of a success than last year!

Hello HRCH Supporters!

I am excited about this season of life for HRCH. Much has happened since our last update. First, the Smithson Family...They were able to move in to their new home on HRCH property just as we were wrapping up last quarter's newsletter. Now, all of the finishes and fixtures are installed and operating! It is an incredible structure that not only serves their needs for a family home, but also doubles for HRCH team housing while our newest construction project, the Hope Team House, is underway. The next structure will be the church plant on HRCH property. The Lord has provided a pastor and a people group who need the Gospel and our response is to get the church funded and constructed as quickly as possible. Our final adventure will be the construction of our Hope Pods, the homes for the orphans that God places in our care. This will be a very detailed process. We are getting closer to finally caring for orphans, and we need your monthly financial support to make it possible. Without faithful monthly support from our donors, it will be incredibly difficult to adequately care for the least of these. For the dozens of our supporters who already support us monthly, I can't say thank you enough. For those waiting to jump in, now is the time!

Finally, we recently received great news from the IRS. After over 2 years of waiting for our Tax-Exempt status to be approved, I received the letter I've been dreaming about. Hope Rising Children's Home is now a 501(c)(3) organization and your gifts made directly to Hope Rising Children's Home are now tax deductible. If you currently support HRCH by giving through a local church, you can continue to do that, but it is no longer necessary for tax purposes. Thank you again for your prayers and encouragement.

Blessings,

Matt Ward

## 2013 HRCH Fundraiser's...A Big Success

Several groups and individuals accepted the challenge to host a fundraiser for the Hope Rising building fund last year. We had Natalie Ewing from Greenwood, AR donating a percentage of her Mary Kay sales for the month of December. Grace Baptist in Belleville, AR raised money towards the wall through their Vacation Bible School. Stephanie Rogers, a former team member from Fordyce, AR gave a percentage of her shoe sales business. Coach Stuart Creamer from Danville, AR sponsored the first "Hoops 4 Haiti" night however, this event had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Money was raised through t-shirt sales for the event. Angela Millard, author of the children's book Jay and Happy, donated a % of her sales. David Blankenship from Eureka Springs designed and sold Hope Rising picture frames with a portion of the sales going to HRCH. David has served in Haiti and has a huge heart for the people. First Baptist youth in Alma, AR hosted two fundraisers. The first took place at Let's Eat restaurant where the youth took orders and served with a percentage of the proceeds going to HRCH. The second fundraiser was taking Christmas orders for Chevron letters. Again, a percentage of the sales went to HRCH. A benefit concert was given in Booneville, AR by the bands Paxis and Jimmy Dodson & The Covenant Band. All proceeds went to the building fund and this fundraiser took 1<sup>st</sup> place.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to everyone that participated.



## 2014 Team Dates

Currently, the only dates available are June 16-22

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