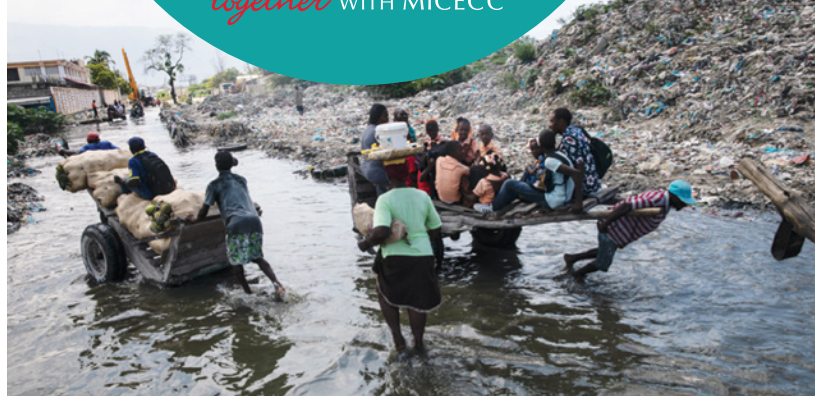


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ADJUSTING TO NEW CHALLENGES IN HAITI



Recent flooding in Cité Soleil. Our campus can be seen in the upper left. (Photo credit: AP, reprinted with permission)

The past year in Haiti was like no other. For a country that already struggles with so much hardship, 2021 brought the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, another devastating earthquake, skyrocketing costs, fuel shortages, and rising insecurity. During HOM’s last Board meeting, Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline Dorleans put it plainly: “This is the darkest time in Haiti that I have experienced during my lifetime.”

These challenges have meant the continued suspension of team travel to Haiti. Many of you have asked when teams can return to Haiti, and HOM Founding Director Leon Dorleans has stated that his “crystal ball is broken” as to when that return can happen. Volunteer safety and security is our absolute highest concern, and we rely on Leon and other Haitian leaders to provide the best assessment of the circumstances on the ground in Haiti. Unfortunately, we anticipate that HOM will not be able to welcome mission teams again until national elections are held, a new president is elected, and there is a prolonged period of stability in Haiti.

Despite these challenges, we see God at work in our ministry in bountiful ways. Our Haitian colleagues have been unflinching in their commitment to keeping students in school, to providing spiritual care and support, and to delivering vital health care. Here are just a few of the ways that our programs continue to make a difference:

• **Churches:** Due to security concerns in Cité Soleil, one of the Sunday services was moved to the Terre Noire church. A

smaller service still takes place in Cité Soleil each week. Weekly church attendance is strong as our Haitian brothers and sisters remain steadfast in their faith in our merciful God.

- **Schools:** Also due to security concerns, the Cité Soleil students now attend school at Terre Noire. Jacky and her staff creatively adjusted the daily schedule, which allows Cité Soleil students to attend classes in the mornings and Terre Noire students to attend classes in the afternoons.
- **Clinic:** The clinic continues to operate out of the Terre Noire campus, in the building formerly used by Family Health Ministries. With recent fuel shortages, the clinic moved to an abbreviated schedule, seeing and treating patients three days per week.
- **Construction:** As you will read in this newsletter, our construction crew continues to be able to meet our needs by constructing a classroom building at Baryè Fè and initial buildings on the Espwa Campus.

We all miss Haiti – serving together on construction sites or in the medical clinic, hearing the students sing each morning before school and seeing their shy waves at American friends, visiting sponsored students, and praying together with our Haitian brothers and sisters. While Leon’s crystal ball for a return date may not be working right now, what remains unchanged is our shared belief and commitment in a better tomorrow for Haiti. We are so grateful for the dedication of our Haitian colleagues and for your continued prayers. Together, we will not give up on Haiti!

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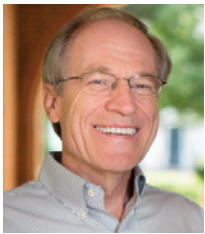
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A MESSAGE FROM WICK SMITH – HOM BOARD CHAIR

After three years of dedicated service as HOM's first Executive Director, Gary Fulton announced his retirement, effective November 30, 2021. During his tenure Gary strengthened our operational infrastructure, expanded and developed new partnerships, and oversaw the launch of successful new initiatives in economic development and health care. We are deeply grateful for Gary's leadership and service to the people of Haiti and pleased that he will continue to serve the Ministry as a volunteer.

The HOM Board has unanimously approved Caroline Chambre Hammock as our new Executive Director, effective January 1, 2022. Caroline is no stranger to HOM as she has served the Ministry since 2018 in a variety of roles, including grant writing, communications, special projects and most recently, as Associate Director. We are very pleased to welcome Caroline, a non profit leader with extensive domestic and international experience, most recently as Executive Director of Moore Place, a center for the homeless in Charlotte. Caroline has a heart for servant leadership that brings together people from different cultures and backgrounds to serve God and each other. We are very excited to have her on board during these challenging times.

HOM has come a long way from its roots some 30 years ago. We look forward to great things in following God's plan for our organization and the people of Haiti. Please see messages from Gary and Caroline below.



It has been a privilege to serve as the Executive Director of Haiti Outreach Ministries the past three years. As you know from my previous letters and from the news,

much of the time that I have served in this role the situation in Haiti has been even more difficult than usual. From September of 2019 until now there have been very few opportunities to travel to Haiti due to the sociopolitical unrest and COVID. The last seven months have been particularly hard as Haiti has faced increased insecurity, hunger, and hardship.

But our ministry continues to be strong and fruitful. Our Board of Directors is

providing visionary, committed, and practical leadership. The staff in Haiti, along with consultation with us in the U.S., are keeping the ministry vital.

- Children are being educated and receive nutritious meals during school
- Patients are being treated by our medical and dental staff
- Our churches are worshipping
- Construction on the new Espwa vocational campus is underway
- The first masonry class in partnership with Extollo was successful and more classes are planned
- The MASTAS community health initiative in Repatriote is underway in partnership with Curamericas

- Construction of new classrooms at the Baryè Fè Secondary School continues

All of this speaks to the possibility of a brighter future and a new day for the people we serve in Haiti. Thank you for your support and prayers that make all of this possible.

I am excited that Caroline has accepted the Executive Director position. She brings tremendous insight and energy to this role. I look forward to continued growth under her leadership.

The future for Haiti and for Haiti Outreach Ministries are promising and full of potential because we know God is at work, Bondye ap travay!

Gratefully,

Gary
Gary Fulton



In the fall, I watched a pair of birds building their nest in the tree in my front yard. They landed on other nearby trees and bushes, examined an array of branches and

stems, and then chose one that seemed to meet their specifications, breaking it off and taking it to the nest. It was slow, methodical work. One branch at a time. To my untrained eye, the branches all seemed the same, but the birds seemed to know exactly what was needed in terms of size, shape, and dimension. Watching them work, I marveled at their

persistence and patience - and in their finished product.

The French have a proverb which says: "Petit à petit, l'oiseau fait son nid." Or "Little by little, the bird makes its nest."

Our ministry in Haiti is a lot like those birds. Right now, the work can feel particularly slow and painstaking as Haiti grapples with uncertainty and instability. We are impatient for things to "fit" together now just as we want them.

But take a step back and - as you'll read in this newsletter - our work is making an impact in many powerful ways. In 2021, over 2,500 youth & adult students were educated, 10,000 patients received medical & dental care, 3,000 Haitians

heard God's Word, innovative programs were implemented, and new buildings were constructed. Our Haitian colleagues in particular have been persistent and steadfast, and we are so grateful for them.

Little by little and branch by branch, HOM and MICECC are creating a better tomorrow for Haiti. It is my honor and privilege to join you in this work. I look forward to what we will accomplish together, with God's grace, in 2022.

Peace,

Caroline
Caroline Chambre Hammock

MASTAS PROJECT MAKING PROGRESS

by Barbara Muffoletto, MPH
Program Manager, Curamericas Global

2021 was a year of discovery, learning and growth for the MASTAS project. (MASTAS is Creole for “Healthy Moms, Healthy Children.”) We entered the year with a newly hired Project Coordinator, Annaus Frankel, who formally worked at a clinic in Repatriote and was eager to continue serving the families of the area. By summer, Annaus and his team had visited every household, talking to families about the project and completing a census of Repatriote. The census results shed new light on the situation in the area. In Repatriote, families suffer from severe un- and underemployment; only one of three adults has regular work. Low education levels are prevalent throughout, with a third of adults having completed high school. The average monthly salary for a household is \$49, with a quarter going to health services each month.



Basic health infrastructure is lacking. The closest health facility is privately owned and often too costly for families. Prior to the pandemic, MICECC provided mobile health services at the Repatriote campus each week; however, those have been on hold due to COVID-19 government regulations. Only 10% of households have a place to wash their hands, and 21% of families lack access to a latrine and so still defecate in the open. From our initial data collection, it was clear that Repatriote is an area of high need with significant barriers. It is also an area with a great potential to improve the health of mothers and children through health education, support, and community action.

Data from the census was complemented with interviews with members of newly formed health committees, MICECC clinical staff, and government health workers to get their insights on the greatest issues affecting mothers and children in the area. Census data was shared with the community to create awareness and generate buy-in for the program.

We closed 2021 with preparation for the programs that will roll out in 2022. In December, Annaus and his team underwent extensive training in the Care Group methodology, an evidence-based behavior change intervention that empowers mothers to become health leaders and educators in their neighborhoods. In summer 2022, we plan to deploy Community Health Workers to regularly visit families with young children – helping to both prevent illness in the household and refer sick and malnourished children for care.

Working in Haiti this past year has not been without its challenges. The MASTAS team has encountered many barriers due to political unrest, a presidential assassination, increased



A member of the MASTAS team talks with moms in Repatriote.



The MASTAS team along with Medical Director Dr. Solon.

violence, and lack of access to basic commodities, such as fuel to power the clinic and program office. Throughout these struggles, we continue to be guided and inspired by their dedication and determination to bring health to their communities. In 2022, MASTAS will continue to build the project from the ground up, in difficult circumstances. We remain committed to working alongside them and look forward to the impact the project will have on the health families of Repatriote.

The MASTAS project is a partnership between HOM, MICECC, and Curamericas Global, a relief and development organization focused on helping underserved communities make measurable and sustainable improvements in their health & well-being.



Mt. Sylvan team serving out of the Cité Soleil kitchen.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: MT. SYLVAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH by Darlene Lumpkin

Mt. Sylvan is a United Methodist Church in northern Durham, NC. We were first introduced to Haiti Outreach Ministries by Scot and Cheryl Catlin who were members of our church. Scot led our first team to Haiti in January, 2004. Since then we have sent about 10 teams. Our teams are typically 5-12 people.

For our trip in 2008, we collected and took 80 wedding dresses for the wedding closet. Now every time we visit, we have a couple of beautiful dresses show up to go with us!

In July of 2010, we built a house in the community of Terre Noire. Leon always expressed to enjoy the community while we were there, so we loved the little ones visiting us and playing hand games or simply touching our hair. Folks in the community were kind and grateful. The work was hard and the heat in July was unbelievable, but the joy of the Haitians was infectious and our hearts locked forever.

This was the year of the earthquake, so the kids were still in school. Each morning as the children arrived we could see them line up to enter their classrooms and hear them sing before they entered the school. Terre Noire is so alive when the kids are in school!

Our first trip with youth was in 2014. This visit we decided our project would be beginning construction on the kitchen

at Cite Solei church. This work was strenuous to say the least, but we worked hard and rested well at night. We have been able as a church to fund this feeding ministry since the kitchen was completed. We also had the opportunity on our next visit to help prepare and serve in this kitchen. One of our church's gifts to the world is feeding. Ironically, our lunch breaks were in the storage room with the Rise Against Hunger meals, which we pack every November as a church.

Our last trip was July 2018 and we spent part of the week painting at the Repatriote campus. If you remember this summer, you might remember most people were leaving Haiti, but Pastor Leon said we were safe so made the trip. The flight attendants really made it clear that the return flights were full, and our flight was empty for a reason. Pastor Leon had been holding a class that week and invited us to join him as they sang and danced thru the community. It was a real joy to dance in the streets. Our pastor and congregation were concerned about us in Haiti, but we sent video of our dancing in the street and then they began to trust we were safe.

We cherish our visits from Pastor Leon, Pastor Luc, Pastor Profaite and Nadege. We support the pastors' fund in general and sponsor a child at Baryè Fè. Several members sponsor children as well. Our ministry with Haiti Outreach Ministries has been a vital part of our spiritual growth for our church. No one has ever returned the same. Praise be to God.



Rise Against Hunger in Haiti!

HOM/MICECC AND EXTOLLO PARTNER TO OFFER FIRST MASONRY CLASS AT BARYÈ FÈ

by Gary Fulton

Our first Level 1 Masonry class took place on our Baryè Fè campus August 23 to September 3, 2021. This class was led by instructors from our partner Extollo International. All 15 students successfully graduated from this Level 1 Masonry class. The students benefitted from desk-based instruction and practical hands-on work. On the Tuesday following the two-week class, the group had the opportunity to visit Extollo's training center in Bercy for a graduation ceremony and celebration. While they were there they toured the Extollo campus and saw what other opportunities are available for them in the future. This training class was so successful that we are planning for more classes to be held on our new Espwa campus.



Above: Students proudly display their Mason 1 certifications. Right: A student learns new skills.



These masonry classes have enormous potential to help our Haitian friends by giving them valuable skills and hands-on experience. This, in turn, will impact many lives and improve Haiti. In fact, we plan to hire a couple of graduates from this class on our future construction projects.

We are glad for our partnership with Extollo International and look forward to future classes in masonry and other trades.

MINISTRY NEWS

STAFF UPDATES: THANK YOU DARLENE & DAWN!

We are grateful to Darlene Lumpkin, who has served as HOM's Financial Secretary on a volunteer basis since 2015. The Financial Secretary role is vital to our ministry, and Darlene has done a fantastic job while also juggling family & personal responsibilities. We wish Darlene all the best as she pursues a new professional opportunity!

Dawn Walker is now serving as our Financial & Sponsorship Secretary. Dawn will continue to handle all aspects of our sponsorship program while ensuring donor contributions are recorded and documented accurately. Thank you, Dawn, for your continued invaluable service to the ministry!

Dawn may be reached at primsponsor@haitiom.org.


WE HAVE A NEW ADDRESS:

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CONGRATULATIONS NADEGE!

Haiti Outreach Ministries and MICECC are pleased to announce an exciting event in the life of our ministry. Nadege Gay, daughter of Pastor Leon and Jacky Dorleans, and Assistant Superintendent of the MICECC schools was married on January 8, 2021 to Alex Haney. The wedding was held at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Nadege and Alex are currently residing in the U.S. and Nadege will maintain a supporting role in the schools. Importantly, Nadege will also be available to visit HOM's partner churches. Please join us in congratulating Nadege and Alex on this joyous occasion.





CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

by Bob O'Brien



Completion of the 2nd floor, Youth Building, Repatriote. Painting and interior finishes are still needed.

OVERVIEW

This past six months has been very challenging for the Construction Group. While tasked with two major projects and several minor projects, Haiti's continuing unrest, massive inflation and the COVID-19 pandemic provided a challenging backdrop. With the absence of all visiting construction teams, funding was pared down significantly. We were blessed that several teams sent funds for work, especially building houses in the community but the Construction Group and the visiting teams missed valuable person to person interaction.

MAJOR COMPLETED PROJECTS

Major initiatives included:

1. The ongoing development of the master plan at the Espwa Campus. Work included drilling the campus water well, construction of a gate keeper's cottage, the construction of the generator/clean water building and construction of a laydown pad for the Extollo training site.
2. The completion of the 3rd classroom at Baryè Fè, and the ongoing conceptual design of the new kitchen and additional toilets at Baryè Fè, and
3. Completion of the exterior second floor of the Youth building at Repatriote.

MAJOR PROJECTS PLANNED

This year will be a busy one for the Construction Group. Design is underway for the construction of the next one story classroom building, a student toilet and permanent kitchen at Baryè Fè. All will be needed next fall. At Espwa the gate keeper will move onsite to provide 24 hour security, a temporary generator will be installed and the campus's clean water system will be installed. New construction at Espwa will be the first phase of the Bible College and enlarging the Extollo training site. With the inflation rate on imported and local goods varying from 10% - 75% this past year, we can only hope that inflation will somehow reduce in the coming year.

IN REVIEW

Looking back at 2021 the total construction dollars put in place by the group this year is \$903,642 US, which is the highest construction total in the past 11 years.



Starting work on the Caretaker's house, Espwa.

Top 6 Projects:

1. Baryè Fè Phase III, Classroom #4 **\$415,525**
2. Espwa Security wall: **\$279,704**
3. Espwa Entry Road: **\$39,799**
4. Espwa Interior Road construction: **\$35,350**
5. Repatriote Youth Building 2nd floor: **\$31,336**
6. Cité Soleil Children's Church Interior finishes: **\$15,647**

For the past year, here are the numbers:

Total cost of the Projects: **\$903,642**
 Number of daily employees hired this year: **278+**
 Labor paid to all MICECC employees: **\$144,531**



Baryè Fè 3rd classroom.

Number of man days work for MICECC employees: **13,139**

Trucking labor cost for sand, gravel, block transport: **\$32,994**

Labor paid for subcontract work: **\$79,449**
 (All Haitian subcontractors)

Amount of money spent on local goods and services: **\$646,668**

Total number of local companies involved in the projects: **14 local supply firms & eight local subcontractors.**

To date, since the earthquake the Construction Group has put in place almost **\$7 million** of new and updated construction providing over **161,000** man days of employment the past 11 years.

THANKS TO

On site management of the various construction projects in Haiti is under the leadership of Marcelin Joseph now assisted by Jean Wilkens Emile. Emile is responsible for purchasing, inventory control and payroll accountability.

Poudy Wisly is in charge of general maintenance and maintains the four clean water treatment plants.

Thanks goes out to Don Boothe, who manages our 4 clean water systems and has gotten approval from his church to fund the Espwa campus clean water system when it goes on line in 2022.



Starting work on the Generator/Water Building. Note the cap of the water well in the upper left of the photo.

MICECC SPOTLIGHT: ANNAUS FRANCKEL

by Janet Horton

Annaus Franckel, our Project Coordinator for the MASTAS Maternity/Child Health project is no stranger to Haiti Outreach Ministries. He and his family are active in the Cité Soleil Church; in fact, he met his wife there! Annaus worked with Family Health Ministries (FHM) as the coordinator and database manager for their Cervical Cancer Program in the clinic on our Terre Noire campus for many years. While there he grew to admire the work HOM was doing in the community.

Annaus enjoyed working with FHM because they challenged him and gave him opportunities to learn. He hopes to have the same experiences with the HOM ministry. Annaus is a great addition to our staff. In addition to his language skills (he speaks four languages), his background in computer science and administrative studies, and his experience in Public Health makes him the perfect choice to lead the MASTAS project in Repatriote.

Annaus and his wife, Wilcame Joseph, live in the Terre Noire community with their two daughters and son. He wanted us to know that he thanks God first, then FHM, Pastor Leon and HOM for their support and he is excited about being part of the MASTAS project because he likes to help people.



Right: Annaus at work in his office; Above: Annaus (second from right) at work in the community.



CLINIC CORNER by Janet Horton, FNP

- The clinic is currently fully operational, bouncing back from November when we were only open 3 days a week due to the high cost of fuel/gasoline. The biggest challenge is the high cost of everything in Haiti, and our inability to ship supplies and meds due to the gang activity. We are blessed that a pharmacist, a long-time supporter, donated many of the most needed and hardest to find medicines and supplies which Leon took back in October.
- We have had several staff changes in the last 6 months; the clinic staff was devastated by the death of Dr. Page, Ob-Gyn, but very excited that Dr. Jean Rochny Baptistin, the Ob-Gyn who covered for Dr. Merilus while she was on maternity leave, agreed to stay on. Dr. St. Germaine, DDS and Dr. Vilsaint, MD choose to relocate to the U.S. in the fall. We are blessed that our dentist position was filled quickly. Dr. Walter Josissaint, DDS

hit the ground running. He is well liked by staff and patients and has had no problems adjusting to the space and equipment we have. The MD position is currently filled by a friend of Dr. Solon while candidates are interviewed for the position. The good news is that we have several excellent candidates.

- COVID remains a concern as do the challenges presented by political instability and gang activity. Patients have a difficult time getting to the clinic but as several other health facilities have closed, the Terre Noire clinic remains busy. We continue to provide quality care including pediatric care and vaccines, pre-natal care, general care and dental and oral health care
- Dr. Solon will begin his second year with us in February. He has done an amazing job given all the challenges he has faced. He is actively helping

with the MASTAS project and continuing to establish a relationship with the hospital Fontaine in Repatriote. He is also starting a Volunteer Nurse mentorship program for graduate nurses. They will work as volunteers to gain needed experience for employment, a win-win for everyone. Finally, Anilus Jean, RN (serves as our pharmacist) has been given increased responsibility as an assistant to Dr. Solon to help with the administrative work.

Clinic Needs

Financial contributions to the clinic are much appreciated as skyrocketing inflation in Haiti on medical supplies and pharmaceuticals coupled with the absence of teams bringing supplies has been a real burden on the clinic.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLINIC?

Contact Janet Horton, FNP at medtrips@haitiom.org. Clinic donations are always appreciated at haitiom.org/donate.

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