

## 2022 – A Year of "Mountains Beyond Mountains"

» This is a Haitian proverb "Behind the mountain...there is a mountain". Life is a series of obstacles that we pass over only to find another behind it, especially in Haiti. A vacuum in national leadership and moral virtue, gangs spreading violence, and loss of livelihoods of individuals and communities has brought much suffering and adjustment. Despite the sorrows of the world around us, in response to the gospel message, 25 people prayed to receive the salvation of Christ this year at our clinic while coming for medical care.



Ketlie, our senior lab technician has returned to work. Praise God!

Our senior laboratory technician, Ketlie, continues to recover after suffering a significant stroke after childbirth in January. With much therapy, prayer, and help from her coworker Denise, Ketlie has returned to work full time and very recently relocated closer to the clinic. Praise Him for His faithfulness!

God sent us a new physician in mid-September as Dr. Clemence had cut her hours back in January. She is a blessing to us and the patients!

As you may have seen in the news, gang control has impacted all of life in Haiti, but greater is He Who is in us. Many times this year our drivers have been covered by God's righteous right hand on trips along the now very dangerous routes. Will you please pray over them with us as they continue to make risks to obtain supplies and treatments and to transport patients?

We are also suffering the devastating effects of inflation in our nation, only exaggerated by the gang control. Haiti seen gas scarce and costing \$35 US per gallon affecting internet, hospital closures, phones, and transportation across the country. Praise God for his provision in the darkest hours. HHM was able to stay open every single day with electricity and oxygen available when it wasn't other places. He has miraculously provided



Dr. Danie joined us in September. Praise God!

to us supplies such as medications, gloves, canes, etc. when we weren't sure how we would obtain them. Our current clinic supply need is some batteries for our solar electricity system that are stuck in customs. Would you pray with us for them to be released? The biggest supply need for the people of Haiti is clean water and affordable food. Please lift up the hungry in our communities.

In April, 5-year-old "Jessica," an orphan living as a household worker, was brought to our clinic by her caregivers. When she arrived, she had a small tumor on her left cheekbone that we found to be benign but growing very rapidly. Because could not find a willing surgeon in Haiti, Iessica needed a miracle to leave Haiti! As the tumor grew larger down into her oral cavity, she soon could not eat solid food. Although she acquired a birth certificate and passport approval, getting permission to leave Haiti and enter the US for medical care were a seemingly impossible obstacle even though we had a willing US healthcare team and funding. The capital of Haiti and all her official offices were closed due to active gang warfare so that even entering the city was a huge risk. Our prayer warriors went to their knees, and our staff

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went to work. Tirelessly exhausting every lead and connection with officials, our staff eventually was led to a director whose heart over a lengthy conversation was turned by the Father from stone to soft with a desire to help. Within a week all requirements were met, and permission was granted to leave Haiti, but in order for Jessica to make it for the surgery, many things still needed to happen in a narrow window. A life flight was arranged to go pick them up in Haiti on a Thursday, but passport arrived the same day in a town on the other side of gangcontrolled roads. A young volunteer messed up her hair, dressed up as an instable individual, and found a brave motorcyclist to transport her to the airport right through the middle of the danger, arriving only an hour before departure. The team still needed permission to enter the US. Our staff negotiator took a risk to go to the US embassy and



This 3-D printed model of Jessica pre-surgery was created from MRI imaging. The model helped surgeons plan removal and reconstruction. Praise God!

find the vice ambassador to ask for help, and was told that this could not be accomplished. A final effort to a phone number of "someone" in the US that works for the government given by a bystander was a last-minute breakthrough. That person knew another person and God graciously worked another miracle, and Jessica was on the plane to Miami within an hour of the life flight arriving. Friday was full of exams, tests, X-rays, to prepare for a 12+ hour surgery the following Monday. On Saturday, Jessica's airway closed, and emergency surgery was done to open the airway and insert a feeding tube. Had this happened only two days earlier, Jessica likely would have died without medical care. Mondays surgery was 12 hours long and included tumor removal and reconstruction of Jessica's jaw and face. She continues to recover because nothing is impossible with God. **God took a little servant child of no worth to anyone, who was dying and scooped her up on wings of love to give her life. His grace and mercy have no bounds.** 

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

## In His Faithful Service,

Jim & Sandy Wilkins, and the HHM Board.

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