

Haiti Medical Mission Task Force (MMTF) of First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor
Mission Trip Nov 2-9, 2013

Team Leader Report

Ten MMTF team members traveled to Hopital Ste Croix (HSC), Leogane, Haiti on Nov 2, 2013 to provide mobile medical clinics, work and perform surgery at the hospital, and visit FSIL and Darbonne. Trip members include Lisa Kerr Johnson, PharmD, RN; Leader, Bill Boggs, coleader, Jennifer Griggs, MD, Jessica Bensenhaver, MD, Mark Lindley, MD, Julie Shea, CRNA, Suzanne Fleming, MPH, Courtney Hanna, MPH, Paul Shea, MPH and Jessi Elder, MA. Our team of medical professionals was joined at HSC by Haitian dentist, Dr. Emmanuel Bastien, DDS, and Milo, an agente Sante to make up our mobile clinic team. Paule-nise Stinfil, Danta Bien-Aime and other FSIL students were invaluable additions to our surgical team to coordinate and care for the surgical patients post-op and assist with anesthesia. We added our own anesthesia team this trip and anesthesia agents and equipment to use and enrich HSC and our partner's ability to operate after we had gone.

In summary, many of our health care programs proceeded to new levels during the week with a variety of professionals and nonprofessionals contributing. We traveled to villages on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during the week to see patients in rural mobile medical clinics and worked at HSC on Wednesday and Friday in the hospital clinic system with our Haitian colleagues and counterparts seeing patients. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday surgery was performed on patients seen earlier in the week in clinic and anesthesia provided to both our surgeon and 2 Haitian surgeons during their operating room cases. We provided medical care to 516 patients: 344 in primary care in mobile clinics + 64 dental patients treated for tooth decay and abscess, 3 patients at the general hospital in Port-au-Prince (PaP) evaluated for mastectomy and continuing oncologic care and 105 patients treated at HSC. 21 surgeries were done at HSC- 9 major and 12 minor. We treated 329 adults and 187 children. Ground work was laid at FSIL for a long term women's health study with faculty. Preoperative teaching was videotaped for the mastectomy patients to use in future cases.

Sunday AM it was our pleasure to attend church at Ste Croix and we worshipped together and shared communion. Pere Kerwin Delicat, our friend and longtime HSC Chaplain performed mass and led services. The new sound system purchased with a Seeley grant was in operation today for the first time and an announcement was made to the congregation that it came from our church. They have begun a capital campaign to raise money for the replacement of their church destroyed in the earthquake and a second offering was taken. We will consider another Seeley grant to help them raise funds. I was able to send the love of First Pres church to their congregation as well when we were introduced to their congregation and announced the locations of our clinics for the week.

On Tuesday, in addition to an AM in mobile clinic and breast screening clinic at HSC, Drs Griggs and Bensenhaver traveled with Hilda to the Generale Hospital in Port-au-Prince to evaluate patients in oncology practice in Haiti with Dr Elsie Chalumeau, MD (Hilda's cousin). They were presented with 3 women who needed surgical intervention for breast cancer and

appropriate candidates came to HSC later in the week for surgery. Meetings also occurred with the Haitian Health Ministry and a pathologist at the Generale Hopital.

Tuesday, Julie and Paul cleaned the anesthesia area and set up the new equipment in the operating room, and we coordinated the week's cases and need for anesthesia with the medical director. On Wed, anesthesia was provided for 3 cases; 2 for Dr Bellanger, general surgeon and 1 case for DrDatus, OBGYN. Thursday, Jessica operated on 7 patients with 3 major cases and on Friday anesthesia again for 3 major cases by Haitian surgeons w Drs Bellanger and Datus. We paid HSC \$1000.00 for the major surgical cases done. We also saw a patient with breast cancer who was not a candidate for surgical treatment in May and had placed her on a program with tamoxifen treatment. This patient was evaluated again and is now a candidate for surgical intervention due to successful tumor shrinkage.

Wednesday, Suzanne visited Darbonne, an HSC health center for maternal and child health care. Suzanne had visited the operation several years ago before it was destroyed in the earthquake and evaluated its services for us now as Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) of PCUSA has asked for support and it has been an issue for discussion at our task force meetings. Her full report can be found in the Haiti MMTF minutes from Nov 2013.

We worked with Haitian MDs: Claude Bellanger, Theo Alexis, Int Medicine and Kern Mathieu, Pediatrics, Casnel Fleurialis, Cardiology, C.Datus, gynecology and Dr Aubourg in Urology. I worked in the pediatric clinic Wed, cardiology clinic Wed pm and in the inpatient wards on Friday. I also spent time with the pharmacist, Vladimir Genestin during my 2 days at HSC and many medications were brought for their pharmacy to dispense from Blessings Int'l and Project Hope. They continue with critical shortages of most meds and will use the donations for patients who cannot afford to pay, allowing treatment to occur.

I brought medications and support items for Delson Merisier, OB GYN who is feeling the impact of the recent pullout of Doctors without Borders and its free OB services to Leogane for the past 4 years since the earthquake. He is sought out day and night at his home and clinic by women who need help to deliver safely their babies.

Thank you to the members of the First Pres congregation and mission committee for your continued donations, prayers and support of the Haiti MMTF. Thanks for your prayers-we felt them and were blessed to be a blessing to the Haitian people all week. Thank you to Bill Boggs for serving as the trip coleader and thank you to the MMTF team!!!! Thank you to World Medical Relief for donation of operating room and anesthesia equipment.

Bondye beni vous Ayiti. (God Bless You Haiti)

In Christ,

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Kerr Johnson, PharmD
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