



HDF Clinic Patient

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Haitian Development Fund Newsletter

2009 Wish List

- Funds to Ship Supplies
- Antibiotics
- Basic Dental Supplies
- Recent Pocket PDR

Please consider making a gift to HDF for one of these urgent needs.

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Non-Profits Face Hard Times

The Haitian Development Fund is among the many nonprofit organizations who have suffered along with everyone else during this difficult economic time. Although our individual donations are down over 40 percent, we have maintained most of our programs at the Sarthe Neighborhood Medical Clinic. Our Healthy Mother-Baby Program (HM-BP) has suffered with the maternity leave of our Nurse-Educator and reduced corporate income. Mrs. Roseland Cely recently had her third child and both she and the baby are doing well. We hope to jump start the HM-BP with a new grant in early 2010.

We will soon begin a temporary program, the Anti-Malaria/Typhoid Fever Effort, with a grant from Caritas Italiano (the Catholic Church of Italy). This program allows us to work in concert with both former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton who have identified malaria as a huge killer among the Haitian people. This effort will be lead by Mr. Junior Sinsmyr, a Haitian national who has worked with HDF for a number of years.

I am very pleased to report receipt of a grant from The W. O'Neil Foundation of Maryland who provided \$8,000 of the \$10,000 needed to replace our 1996 Nissan Pathfinder. We have needed to replace this auto for two years and when it was just about to die, Ms. Helene O'Neil Shere and the W. O'Neil Foundation saved the day.

As we fast approach a New Year we are confronted with many challenges. Our medical director, Dr. Moise A. Cely is requesting ever increasing funds and equipment. Dr. Cely hopes to get the laboratory to a much more advanced state by year's end (2011). We have been unable to give staff any salary increases in recent years but continue to provide small bonuses each spring and fall as finances permit.

Finally, our next Volunteer Mission Trip will be in January and we expect to award a grant-funded scholarship to allow a student or recent graduate to join us. As always, thank you for your continued financial support, words of encouragement and prayers. May God grant us peace in the New Year.

Happy Holidays,

Dr. H. Brent De Land, Jr., President