

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Please pray for wisdom in conducting patient consultations and in planning our programs, for safety in construction, and grace in our relationships.

Volunteer Your Time

We offer short-term volunteer opportunities in medical care, administration, program planning, and building construction. Please contact us at (262) 227-9581 or FriendsForHealth@gmail.com for more information on volunteer needs.

Donate Your Resources

Your dollar buys essential medical supplies and prescription drugs, and contributes towards equipment purchases and construction of the future outpatient facility. Your gift will also support missionary staff and ongoing program operations.

Please give now...

1. Donate online at:
www.FriendsForHealthInHaiti.org
2. Mail a check to:
Friends for Health in Haiti, Inc.
P.O. Box 122
Pewaukee, WI 53072
3. Visit our website or contact us for information on donating medications and supplies.

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Improving Health, Changing Lives

THE NEED

Seven hundred miles off the coast of the richest country in the world lies the most impoverished nation in the hemisphere. Its 8 million inhabitants have the worst health status of all countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Neither dictatorships nor democratic governments have been able to provide stability to Haiti in the 200 years since its independence in 1804.

- Life expectancy is 53 years, and more than 1 out of 9 children born today will die before their fifth birthday.
- Each woman in Haiti has a 1 in 29 chance of dying from pregnancy-related problems sometime during their lifetime.
- Haiti has the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS outside sub-Saharan Africa.
- Health services reach only 60% of the overall population.
- In rural areas, the average walking distance to a health center is 3-8 hours.



THE MISSION

The mission of Friends for Health in Haiti, Inc. is to improve the health status of the people of Haiti through high-quality health care provided in a caring, compassionate and respectful manner, as a means of demonstrating God's love in this world and as a reflection of our faith in Jesus Christ.

THE LOCATION

With the encouragement and leadership of several Haitian friends, founder Dr. Catherine Wolf chose to base the work of Friends for Health in Haiti in Gatineau, a community outside the town of Jérémie. Located on the northern coast of Haiti's southern peninsula, the people in this mountainous area have very little access to health care. Those who live in Gatineau must walk for hours to reach a clinic, and even longer to the government hospital in Jérémie – the only hospital facility available to a population of over 700,000 people.

THE PROJECT

Friends for Health in Haiti is a faith-based organization. It is our **Christian faith** that motivates us to attempt to meet the staggering health and development needs of the people of Haiti. **Our vision** is a far-reaching one – to develop a medical facility that will provide primary health care to people of all ages, community education from the clinic and in surrounding communities, and maternity services, including emergency obstetric care. **Our values** stem from our Christian faith – integrity, excellence, compassion and concern for the poor and disadvantaged. **Our philosophy** is that a community-based model is ideal for the greatest impact on health and the highest chance of long-term sustainability. It is the “bottom up” model that empowers communities to help solve their own development problems and cultivate the relationships through which our faith can be shared.

OUR PROGRESS

- A community needs and resource assessment was completed in 16 communities within a 2-hour walk of the clinic site.
- Twice-weekly patient consultations are taking place from a small house on the future clinic site. Each clinic session begins with prayer and each consultation includes patient education.
- Several acres of land were purchased in Gatineau that will be used for construction of a medical facility.

OUR FUTURE

- Construction of a clinic building featuring examination rooms, lab/xray/pharmacy services and a maternity wing, as well as staff living quarters.
- Expansion of community education and preventive activities in local communities through the formation of Community Health Committees and training of health agents.
- Collaboration with the Haitian Department of Public Health to improve capacity in their clinics and hospital.

THE GOALS

- To be used as instruments of Christ's healing ministry to the people of Haiti.
- Develop a medical facility using a community-based model, where the local communities have an active role in the health care organization.
- Provide primary health care services, patient education and maternity services in an outpatient clinic setting.
- Provide emergency obstetric care to those with complications of pregnancy and delivery.
- Make the best use of available resources using evidence-based medical practice and cost-effective management principles, in order to enhance long-term sustainability.
- Expand education and preventive services into the communities through the use of community health agents.
- Develop a community health program to provide immunizations, treatment and prevention of childhood diarrhea and pneumonia, and weighing of infants in local communities through the use of health agents.
- Work collaboratively with the local health centers in the area as well as the government reference hospital in Jérémie to strengthen their services and infrastructure.
- Provide a compassionate, respectful training environment for students and health care workers from Haiti and other countries.

