



# WAY TO HEALTH

## Medical Status, Haiti: Newsletter

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## What *if* you found your purpose serving the poor?

Imagine boarding an airplane in Maimi International Airport, knowing you were flying into the poorest country in the western hemisphere, and, receiving the phone call on the tarmac that

you were accepted into nursing school. The moment seemed surreal.

In Jacmel, Haiti college students enter a clinic located next to a slum where there is no food, no running water, no bathrooms, no grocery stores, no jobs for the people, none the less any kind of medical care. Suitcases of medical supplies are carried into the “pharmacy” where the shelves are found nearly empty. First thoughts were “Wow, they really don’t have anything.”

Students are in various colored scrubs, purchased at Goodwill in the US, with as much equipment as could be carried in without having to pay off the right boarder official, went to work treating patients alongside the Haitian medical staff. We treated and assessed with IV therapy for dehydration, dog bites, infant respiratory infections, high blood pressure, and cooking burns.

“Here in the states I volunteer at free clinics where patients don’t have the money but they at least have medical care; in Haiti they expose themselves in such an intimate way as a chance they might get some help.” Eduardo Robles, Texas Tech nursing student,



*“Great experience, it gets you to see a whole other side of healthcare...it makes you a better nurse”*

*Eduardo Robles,  
nursing student Texas Tech*



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May 2014 to present (6 medical mission trips total):

*Donors and volunteers have made possible:*

1. Examinations and treatment of 725 patients throughout Haiti, from Port Au Prince to Jacmel to Moreau.

2. 3000 doses of Tylenol, 3000 doses of Ibuprofen, 3000 doses of Antibiotics for adults and children, 50 bottles of infant/children fever reducer, 500 doses of Diabetic medication, 750 doses of high blood pressure pills and over 90 pairs of reading glasses collected and distributed with examinations.



3. Ongoing evaluation and treatment of 30 orphans and Den Mom's on a monthly schedule. Dr Victoren Sem assesses and treats each child with findings of intestinal worms, ear aches, stomach bacterias, pneumonia and etc. High blood pressure and Arthritis is common and treated each month for these saintly women.

4. Home visits to 8 homebound patients unable to walk to the clinic. Rosalie Cherie is ongoing and routine with diagnosis of Sickle Cell Disease, gallstones, weakness and cachexia. Medical treatment in Haiti for her is nearly impossible. We have developed a plan of care, which includes a special diet, hydration and pain medication as needed. Her son, James Cherie, follows the plan of care and Rosalie continues to be another miracle. Since the start of her treatment she is now able to do small household chores.

4. The group has supported two families with food, costing us \$1/day for each family member. These two families, sons James and Paydes, have proven to be exceptional sons, students and citizens of Haiti. American families have also supported these young men with education expenses. James dreams of opening a medical clinic in Citi Soleil—the poorest slum in the western hemisphere. Paydes dreams of attending college in the United States to become a lawyer.

5. Action now has been taken to complete a 501c3 not for profit foundation, 'Way To Health'. With Keala Speakes donating her expertise, the project is well underway. Together we all are making a big difference!



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Thank you and God bless you.