



CCH Newsletter

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

I received a Cricut® machine for Christmas two years ago. I'd long had big plans for the one-of-a-kind art I was going to create with this tool! But here's my confession: I've yet to use it for a project! Once given the opportunity and tools to make it happen, I was too overwhelmed to do it!

I think sometimes that's how people feel about serving with CCH in Haiti.

We know it's something we want to do. We also know the Lord promises to equip us with what we'll need. Sometimes he puts the opportunity gift-wrapped in front of us. But we are too good at thinking of the many reasons we can't GO and SERVE.

I don't have time, it's too expensive, I can't leave my family, Haiti is hot! I don't speak the language, I'm still figuring out my own faith... We talk ourselves out of it!

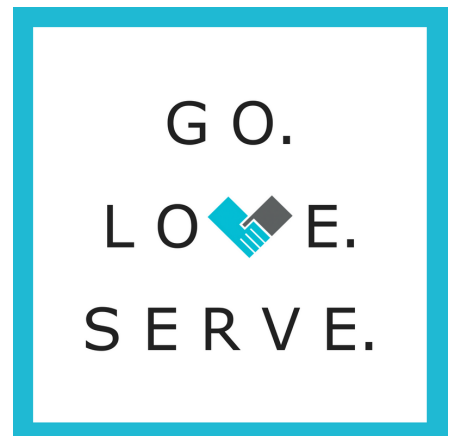
In this newsletter you'll find ways the Lord made instruments out of the healthcare professionals, educators, students, mothers, fathers and many others that served with CCH in Haiti so far in 2018. In the past 6 months, volunteers' hands have healed the sick. More schools continue to ask for our educator-led teacher training programs. God sent us a professional leadership development coach, just as our new leadership initiative got "stuck"!

More than half of the people that served with us in 2018 so far are first-time travelers to Haiti. They've taken leaps of faith, nurtured by CCH staff, matched with exciting projects, and armed with new fundraising and communication tools

Oh, and my art? I've figured out my first project - a sign for our kitchen that reads: Do everything in LOVE. - 1 Cor. 16:14

May we continue to GO, LOVE and SERVE together!

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HEALTHCARE

O.R. Doors in Full Swing this Spring

Already this year we've had 4 surgical teams in Haiti with a total of 72 American volunteers and many Haitian doctors, nurses, and translators. In January, Dr. Fred McGlynn's orthopedic surgery team came. In February, Dr. Dabinett's GYN team served surgical patients



Dr. Outlaw (center burgundy) and her team.

Reason to Smile

Dr. Eunghwan Kim and his daughter Jeewoo returned to Jacmel in May and worked alongside Haitian dentist, Dr. Nickson. CCH still has a huge need for dentists; please help us find volunteers!

and students at our school based health clinics. This year we've also expanded and strengthened our partnerships within Haiti. In March, CCH's surgical team headed by OB-GYN, Dr. Lauren Outlaw, partnered with anesthesiologists from Port-au-Prince who came to Jacmel. In April Dr. Wayne Reichman's surgical team worked with Hospital St. Michel in Jacmel, utilizing one of their ORs along with our own surgical center.

125 procedures & 150 patient consults for CCH surgical center in 2018

 125 patients! That's almost \$55,000 in dental care!



EDUCATION

Training the Trainers

CCH's education team of volunteers traveled to Haiti in January and April. Their focus was improving libraries and differentiating instruction to meet students' needs. They also trained teachers on how to run a field day event, teach art, poetry and science, and incorporate math games into curriculum.



Healthy Students

CCH wellness clinics have cycled through rural partner schools twice in the past 6 months offering free checkups, consultations with parents and medications.

It's a Small World After All

When asked about his service to Haiti and most recent trip in January, Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Fred McGlynn (below) replied with photos and stories of other people on his team and why they are phenomenal doctors and nurses. Fred's humility and unflagging dedication to service in Haiti are two reasons he was selected as CCH's 2018 Jim Wilmot Humanitarian Award winner.



Paulette Charleus, a nurse with Fred's team, spends most of her vacation time giving back to her home country of Haiti. She and Fred have been working in Haiti so long, they've spanned a full generation in patient care!



Samuel Raphael is a 9 month old boy born with polydactyly (extra toes and fingers). While discussing CCH surgical care with his mother, Paulette (left above with Samuel and his mom) realized she and Fred had operated on the mother 23 years earlier in Leoganne!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A New Way to Play

Most of us have fond childhood memories playing at recess with friends on our school playgrounds – daring each other to swing higher, jump farther, and spin faster. Indeed,



play is critical for physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development.

In Haiti, playgrounds are a luxury most communities cannot afford. So CCH is working with our partner schools and our volunteers to build simple playground equipment for students to use at recess. So far we have made colorful obstacle courses and balance beams using recycled tires and PVC pipes at two schools.

Our staff are planning to add toy motorcycles, see-saws, and maybe swings in the future. As you can see, the kids LOVE using their new play equipment at recess!

Empowering Leaders

CCH's Leadership Development program continues to take shape. Key staff members and partners met most recently on June 2nd with professional facilitator Linc Cummings to refine our approach and explore next steps for the program.



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ABOVE: Occupational Therapy student, Whitney Smith, works with a woman to increase mobility of her arm. BELOW: PT aide, Barbot, examines a patient.



Healing Touch

CCH's Physical Therapy Rehab Center is the only dedicated PT center in southeast Haiti. Free of charge to patients, it meets a vital need in the community. Patients work hard every day, often traveling far from home to access care.

This spring we had two teams of PT volunteers who taught hands-on techniques to our Haitian PT staff, performed scoliosis screenings at CCH partner schools, advised on how to improve clinic layout and patient

flow, and conducted a series of in-service trainings on treatment strategies for stroke patients.

These scoliosis screenings are even more important in rural schools because children tend to carry heavy loads of water at young ages.

Stroke is a major issue in Haiti and at our rehab center, 33% of the patients we see have suffered a stroke. CCH has been educating our PT staff as well as creating stroke awareness materials to display in our waiting room as

well as stroke prevention and detection lessons to share with the local population.



Steve Wentz and Rob Corriea perform scoliosis screenings for Lavanneau students at our mobile health clinic in May.