New Orléans, LA
August 15, 2019

Dear Members, Volunteers & Friends of AHDH & Haiti:

By HIS Grace, we are getting:

Closer… and Closer

And Closer … Closer

To The Finish Line

(Les Cliniques Externes de l’Hôpital St. Joseph, in Ridoré, La Vallée de Jacmel)

Closer!

But not there yet.
Your blessings will take us there
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Dear Members, Volunteers & Friends of AHDH & Haiti:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of AHDH, Inc., we would like to share with you our latest mission report, AHDH’s Summer 2019 Medical & Educational Mission Report, our 75th since 1986, which took place from June 21 thru 27, 2019.

Unlike recent challenges we have faced, the unpredictability of the socio-political conditions on the eve of our departure left us no choice but to call the mission off.

As we wrote to the 25 volunteers plus who had signed on:

Dear Volunteers of our (cancelled) Summer 2019 Mission to Haiti.
First of All,
On behalf of the whole Executive Committee and the Coordinators, I would like to present our most sincere apologies for the challenge posed to you and your life routine with the decision we had to take a week before heading to Haiti for our Summer 2019 Mission.
The reason lays in those 6 words: Your safety is sacrosanct to AHDH, as it has been for the last 33 years.
As we know and appreciate it, without each one of you the accomplishments in that humble county of Haiti would not have ever been possible.
We know how disturbing it must have been, but we had to take such a decision.
Trust us, the Almighty will provide opportunities in the near future to share your agape with the less fortunate. (Mat. 25:14 on)

Everyone can guess the disappointment felt, but we had to.

In last analysis, 10 of us agreed to go ahead with a limited agenda, and heightened security precautions. We covered as much as a small team could, in as many areas as possible.
**Eyes (Ophthalmology):** A new milestone was implemented during our trip: A newly acquired microscope, was installed with the technical expertise of the Bio-Med Technicians: Mr. Stefano F., *(above, yellow shirt)* dispatched by Rhynstar, from Florida, and Mr. Leonard Valentin *(1st from left)*, a local expert, whom we introduced before, in our Winter 2019 Mission Report. All hope is allowed now for our equipment with such expertise on the campus.

Eye team leader, Anika M., MD, *(above red top)* was certainly elated for such addition, as our faithful local supporter, Claude V. *(above blue top)* will not bargain once more his support. It was not that easy for our surgeon to compromise for only 26 cases, so far away from the 120 cases she had planned. But, to paraphrase a wise man: “26 starfish put back in the water are better off than on the sand”

We had the pleasure of welcoming once more our strong local supporter, Ritza E.C, MD *(below left, yellow top)* and her assistant, who once more made it possible to serve more patients.
And, there was opportunity for promotion: Your editor (*an ob-Gyn, below right*) was raised to the level of assistant ophthalmologist, which he enjoyed every minute of, as no Ob-Gyn surgery could be scheduled.
OB_GYN:
We run the regular Ob-Gyn clinic supported by 4 of our 14 graduate RNs: Follow up on abnormal Pap tests, new ones as needed, colposcopy, Prenatal evaluation with ultrasonography support from our 2 trained technicians.

Internal Medicine/Family Practice/Pediatrics:
A few consultations were attended by Nicole V. M., MD

Main OR: Was cancelled

DENTISTRY: Same fate

Satellite Clinics (Cayes-Jacmel and La Montagne): Sadly cancelled

Engineers:

Engineer Georges L.,(above, blue top), was on our side once more, to make sure the electrical power was up to par at every step, and often time Bio.Med and Engineering were teaming up: below with biomed.
**Supporting staff:** We had the privilege to welcome once more Yvrose V., Psychology, "Senior Angel"; for the first time, (Junior Angel). Carolle C., and Jacques L., who made it with us. Quite a few decisions were to be taken, and their contributions were most appreciated.

Again, this more than ever needs to be remembered: *There is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates ripple effect with no logical end.*

**Mission Support Angels: (MSA):**

We would like to thank all of you who had contributed for this mission trip. A lot of medicines and supplies were bought but given the truncation of the mission most of it was not used and will be left for our next mission.

We would like to extend a big thanks to:

1- **Alcon:** Our ophthalmology performance (hundreds of cataract surgeries) would not have been possible without you. Thank you so much.

2- **Patio’s Drugs**

3- **Blessings International** who offered us a special discount; and

4- **MAP International**

5- Nicole V.M., MD.

6- Mr. Rickie J. (AXA)

7- AND so many more, for their **prayers and good wishes**

And to ALL of you, **praiseworthy volunteers**, thank you so much for your extraordinary accomplishments.

We know you had to sacrifice a lot to be with us – vacation, family obligations, financial resources, you name it – but it is so heartwarming to see that you chose the **Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable** - enhancing a little bit more solidarity across our little fragile blue planet.

There are no words to thank you. And I am sure you all know HE is taking ample note of your acts (*James 2:20 and Mat. 25:14 on*) and His blessings will be visiting you – but most of the time in very subtle ways.

You are no more just ordinary people, when you are doing such extraordinary things!!

**Un gros merci encore à tous !!**

Cordially yours,

Charles
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P.S: Fall 2019 Medical Mission, # 76: November 16 -23 (Team-I) and November 23 thru 30, 2019 (Team-2).
Please, send a note AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you intend to join.
Please, help us get better and better organized by registering early.

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Version francaise

La Nouvelle-Orléans,

Le 15 aout 2019

Chers Membres, Volontaires et Amis de l'AHDH et d’Haïti :

Un gros Bonjour à tous !


Difficile de trouver un mot qui puisse traduire notre déception de n’avoir pu amener toute l’équipe de 25 plus pourtant prête à servir nos moins fortunés, mais la réalité sur le terrain étant ce qu’elle est, la sécurité de nos volontaires dut primer.

A partir de ce paragraphe, vu les défis techniques à insérer toutes les photos déjà présentées ci-dessus, on va compter sur l’indulgence des rares lecteurs qui ont des difficultés avec l’anglais, de nous faire signe pour la traduction française si besoi.

Cordialement,

Charles

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Photo gallery:

Finally a biomed team on board…
More and more equipment to serve more and moe of our less fortunate…
Outpatient Clinics… changing the landscape, one drop of support at a time
A new kid in the bloc to improve our safe ferrying between PAP and Jacmel…