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## **Medical team**

Thank you to Patti and Cathryn Jo for providing the article God is pouring His Love and Care into the Haitian people! Our team of 16 (from 5 different states!) got to help Him out just a tiny little bit with medical clinics in five different church communities in the Cap Haïtien area. These folks had not had a team visit for nearly 10 months...a very long time for those with serious needs and no medications! During this past year of unrest, it may seem like an unsafe season to go; but these are the times God can use us for the biggest impact. We trusted Him to do just that!

While we were seeing patients, two members of our team (Pastors Jim

Howard and Mark Hill) led a Bible Conference with Pastor Bob on the Pillatre Campus. It was well attended with 15 churches represented, and 200 men and women participating and stretching their



knowledge and skills for shepherding.

During our clinics at Difou, Haut DeHaine, Longes, Breda II, Lory, and Riviére Sable Day Care, we treated over 650 patients and distributed over 2500 prescriptions. We saw people of all ages from newborns to 95-year olds, doing what we could with what we had to improve their health and lives.

One day, God brought us a very sick young boy with severe pain thought to be a burst appendix. With combined resources we were able to send little

Widson to the local hospital for emergency surgery and ongoing care...a chance to survive. Due to generous donations, we were able to stock the Pillatre Pharmacy with what we had left after our week of clinics. Like the loaves and fishes, God seemed to multiply our medical resources!

We were so blessed to worship with the people at Pillatre Church Sunday morning. Our team is grateful that Pastor Bob has a heart for all of Haiti, but truly has a vision for the church, clinic, and school on the Pillatre Campus. He loves and shepherds his people well! Some of our team got to see, hug and bless their sponsored kids at the school, such confirmation that their commitment is changing lives. One of the graduates even has plans to go to nursing school so she can help her people. Her sponsor was on our team and she cried tears of joy as they hugged! Our team once again was incredibly blessed and



thankful for the caring, wonderful assistance from the Haitian Christian Ministries and Welcome Home Haiti staff including the translators, driver, housekeepers, cooks, evening/night staff, group liaison leader, and Steve and Shelley. They demonstrate their love for their community and the teams every moment. Last, but not least, was the dorm on the Welcome Home Haiti campus... what a treat to "do Haiti" and then retreat to such comfortable accommodations. We are already planning and looking forward to our next trip God willing.

# Widson update

We wanted to provide a quick update on the young boy that was mentioned above. We have received news that he is doing well. The surgery was successful, and his recovery seems to be progressing well. His father wanted to pass along the following:

"I praise the name of God for all He has been done for my son. I praise His name because He has sent the team to Lory for a specific reason, just to save my son. Thank you so much for all you who have helped my son. May God continue to bless you and your family. Thank you so much."

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 NLT