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LCM Celebrates 20 Years!

1998



2018



An excerpt from a 2008 newsletter... "For two days the doctors did minor surgery. With the torrential rain that came during the middle of the second day's cases, we were grateful to be working inside the former sewing school instead of under the trees on the patio." True, prior to the current medical clinic patients were literally seen and surgeries performed on a picnic table, under the shade of a mango tree, and in the elements. Only some of you have been around since those days, so we feel it is important to share our "then and now". It is with great pride and incredible joy that LCM celebrates the opening of a significantly larger medical clinic. Now, under the protection of a concrete roof, our doctors and nurses will treat patients in three exam rooms, have access to a pharmacy stocked with medications, and work with the added comfort of ceiling fans and overhead lights. Something we surely should all celebrate this year!

Reflections from the Board Directors

Mission teams are the backbone of our organization. We are eager to host as many teams as possible in Montrouis and know that being in Haiti, meeting the people we serve and seeing God's work in action, often leads to the deepest understanding and commitment to the mission. Now would be a great time to talk with your church family, friends, and others about forming a mission team. Check out pages 2-3 to read about the great work done by our mission teams this summer. As you read through the newsletter, I hope you will consider the many ways that you can help with the mission, often which can lead to big results! Most importantly, please keep the mission and all of those involved in your prayers and keep up the good work! Through Christ, we continue to change the lives of so many people in Montrouis. Please contact us when you are ready to take a mission trip with Life Connection Mission. May God continue to smile upon you and your family.

Sincerest thanks on behalf of the board of directors,
Christie Anne Short, President

"So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not the Gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8.

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Visitor Views



My First Trip to Haiti-please not my last! Often expressed, "Thank God for helping me choose this mission, "and "remember to keep in mind and pray on what you have done, not what you could not do." This gains clarity once you serve in any capacity. During the mission my list grew on what I could do while in Haiti and after returning home. The work cannot end like a movie to be only a memory-I used nursing skills in Haiti, now my sewing skills, and carrying the word to others to donate money, time, prayer, and their skills to this mission is part of my life. Thank God!

Written By: Carolyn McShane, pictured left with Nurse Rebecca

Written By:
Gina Swanda



"I am still trying to process my recent trip to Haiti. It was an incredible week... heartbreaking to see such poverty and yet overwhelming to witness the deep faith of the people we met..."

...Haiti is a world of extremes – from the chaotic, trash-filled streets of Port au Prince to the gorgeous views of the coast, from the oppressive heat to the luxury of swimming in clear blue waters, and from the despair of poverty to the unwavering hope in a God who saves..."

During our week in Montrouis we served hundreds of meals, built a house, installed ceiling fans in the school, treated hundreds of patients at the medical clinic, gave away tons of clothes and toiletries, and had the pleasure of meeting some amazing people. I met an elderly woman who would move into the house we were building. I met a young man who remembered my name days later with the correct spelling on a bracelet. And I was brought to tears on Sunday morning when I witnessed a congregation full of faithful believers sing and praise God for His faithfulness.

Most of us fell short in our ability to carry on a meaningful conversation in Haitian Creole. And yet we were able to connect with those we met through our smiles, our charity, and our common work together. Yes we were there to serve, but we were also there to work together with the locals to bring hope to Haiti. At the construction site we spent hours passing rocks and cinder blocks down a long line of people. The line was a mix of young and old, American and Haitian. Never before I have experienced the virtue of solidarity in such a profound way.

The most important person I met was 3 year old Djourre, the child our family has been sponsoring. We played together on the mission grounds, we shared a meal together, and we ran into each other walking down the street. He is in preschool and I can't wait to follow along on his journey through high school. Sponsoring a child gives you the gift of forming a relationship. It's amazing how much can be done with so little in Haiti. For only \$40 a month you can provide their full education which includes clothes and a hot meal every day. There are still kids who need to be sponsored and I encourage you to say yes to this call. Believe me, it's one of the best things you'll ever do.

Upcoming Fundraiser

Huge Annual Community Yard Sale. Saturday, October 13, at St. Patrick's Church. All of our friends in Montgomery County and beyond, mark your calendars!

Donations will be accepted Monday, October 8 - Wednesday, October 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. So please dig through your closets, garages, and basements and donate to support our mission's work in Montrouis, Haiti! Then join us on October 13 starting at 8 a.m. to shop!

St. Patrick's Catholic Church is located at 4101 Norbeck Road Rockville, MD.



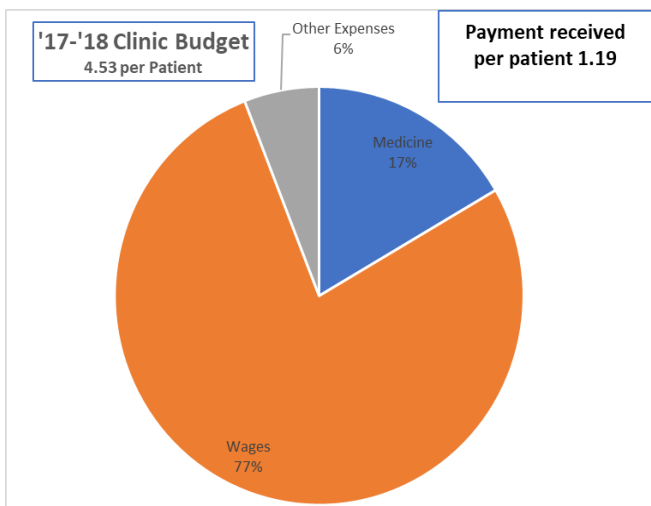


Above: This family proudly stands outside of a construction site, soon to be their home in June of 2018, a team from St. Patrick's Parish in Rockville, MD was able to complete the home for this family. This is the 7th home built by the the St. Patrick's Church community.



My Sponsor Child & Me!!

Financials at a Glance



	Jul '16 - Jun '17	Jul '17 - Jun '18
	Actual	Budget
Patient Payments	\$6,895.55	\$11,400.00
Payment Per Patient @ 9600 Patients	\$0.72	\$1.19
Expenses		
Medicine	\$7,035.69	\$7,200.00
Wages	\$33,390.35	\$33,672.00
Other Expenses	\$3,161.66	\$2,580.00
Total Expenses	\$43,587.70	\$43,452.00
Cost Per Patient @ 9600 Patients	\$4.54	\$4.53

Annual June Giveaway

For more than 7 years, LCM has hosted the BIG annual June giveaway. Each year a ton of clothes, shoes, toys, and hygiene products are distributed. Volunteers sort and arrange the classrooms as if they were clothing stores. The school children are able to "shop" with the help of volunteers and all leave with new and much needed items. This activity helps us support the neediest children in the Community. Clothing, shoes, care packages, toys, etc. are provided, which are basic human needs that still remain a great challenge faced by so many children here. Over the years, I've seen such amazing people from the United States donate so generously and/or travel to Haiti to help sort through the bags and barrels, organize at the school, and complete other projects. Their hard work and generous donations make it possible for the program to be more successful and the children happier, and it means the world to the whole community. As always, I am thrilled to see all the good work the mission is doing to the community's benefit. Thank you to all the people who provide for the June giveaway every year. I appreciate their support and count on them to continue to help the Haitian children through Life Connection Mission.

By: Jean Rene Nore
(from Haiti)

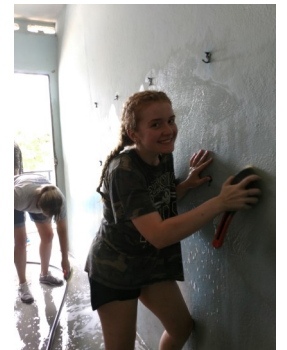
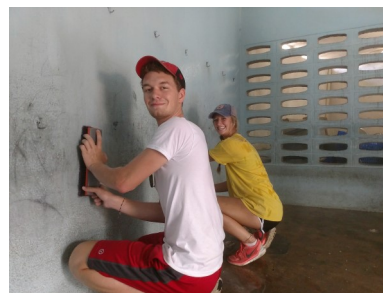
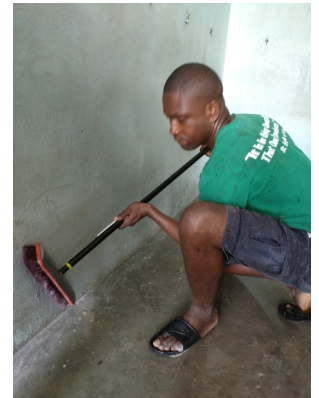
At Our School this Summer...



Clean underwear, shoes, and a new doll... a good day for our children!



Can you believe it?! All classrooms at the LCM school now have ceiling fans and lights!



A little "elbow grease", a power washer, and a great team makes for a fresh clean school. A team from Rockville, MD spent the first week of August scrubbing 15 classrooms from floor to ceiling. Many of our own school children, teachers, & LCM employees joined in and scrubbed for three days straight. There is a great deal of pride and excitement for the start to the 2018-2019 school year!



Sponsor Me!

Please help these children find a sponsor in 2018.

The sponsorship cost of \$40 per month is used to pay the tuition, books, and uniforms for one child to go to school. The child is also given lunch each school day and medical care if needed. Sponsors will receive at least one picture a year.



Witchina Keysha Bien-Aime
Preschool
Date of Birth: January 27, 2016



Carlens Louis Jeune
Preschool
Date of Birth: June 15, 2014



Carendjie Yved Fedjie Eugene
Preschool
Date of Birth: October 19, 2015



Asmine Saint-Georges
Preschool
Date of Birth: October 20, 2013



Nathanaielle Diclervil
Preschool
Date of Birth: September 3, 2014



Sara Eticia Saint-Hilaire
Preschool
Date of Birth: January 3, 2015

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for His deed. Proverbs 19:17

Written By:

Megan Silk

LCM Board Member



Where do you stand with your sponsorship payments? Don't ever hesitate to ask! We are happy to provide updated billing information.

Have you moved recently or changed your email address? Don't forget to send any contact updates to us so we can make adjustments as well.

Do you need sizes for your sponsor child in preparation for Christmas? We have it all, please send us an email!

**Dale@lifeconnectionmission.org
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Clinic Corner

In 2013, I experienced LCM's medical clinic for the first time. I distinctly remember walking through the gate to the clinic on the first day and being overwhelmed at the line of people waiting to see Dr. Jay. We walked into the clinic and it was simply a room with an exam table and some medical supplies stocked on shelves. The pharmacy was a single shelving unit with the most basic of medications. We worked for almost seven hours straight, and still there were people unable to be seen because there simply were not enough medical professionals to exam everyone in a day's time. I remember feeling frustrated and later reflected on the day in my journal, writing "It just not fair. None of it's fair." I prayed that God would give LCM the ability to continue to improve and grow the clinic.

It is now five years later, and God has blessed our little clinic in ways we could only imagine back then. We are about to open our new clinic, with not only a fully stocked pharmacy and exam room, but two additional exam rooms and large waiting area. He has blessed us with an incredible full-time Haitian medical staff. Dr. Max, Nurse Rebecca, and clinic manager Gerry ensure that we stay operational year-round. Patients are seen every day of the week, not just when teams of American medical staff visit Montrouis. We were able to secure a location right next to our school, ensuring better access to care for our students and staff as well as the community.

As we get ready to open our doors we will need help in putting the finishing touches on our new clinic. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to sponsor our medical clinic. Your sponsorship ensures that our clinic is always stocked with the most needed medications and supplies. We are also looking for a few donors to assist with the purchase of new medical equipment for the clinic. We hope to purchase shelving units and rolling supply carts to allow for better organization as well as the ability to inventory our supplies – thus assuring we always have what we need to treat our patients.

We also encourage our donors to consider hosting donation drives for medical supplies. The items we are most in need of are: Children's Vitamins, Pre-Natal Vitamins, Multivitamins, Acetaminophen (Tylenol) both adult and child, Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) both adult and child, Aspirin, Anti-fungal creams, Cough Syrup, Antihistamine (Benadryl), Neosporin, Bleach Wipes, and Hand Sanitizer. If you can ship it or drop it off in MD, we will make sure it gets to Haiti!

Interested in seeing the clinic in Haiti? We are always looking for teams of medical professionals to work alongside our Haitian staff. If you are a doctor, dentist, nurse, or paramedic we would love to have you and your team! In addition to examining patients at the clinic, medical missions can also do mobile clinics, traveling outside of Montrouis to areas where medical care is almost non-existent. For more information about hosting a donation drive or participating in a medical mission trip please e-mail dale@lifeconnectionmission.org.



Construction of the first LCM clinic built in 2011 allowed Dr. Jay to move inside and work under lights (not a flashlight) here he is performing a surgery with an assistant holding a flashlight and 13 years later in the clinic... but we can't wait to open the doors to the bigger and better medical facility and continue to help heal the sick.



Your support has allowed LCM to serve the people of Montrouis for 20 years. Please consider how you can help us accomplish all we hope in 2018, and see dreams become a reality for our students.



Top Left– New school cafeteria. Now open and serving 500 children, teachers, and school staff every day!

Middle– New LCM clinic. Expected to open before the end of 2018. Construction is complete!

Don't forget Rice and backpacks for Christmas!



AmazonSmile

Use Amazon Smile when doing your Christmas shopping this year and select Life Connection Mission, Inc. as your designated charity!

**Please detach the form below and return to LCM at:
23 Grey Pebble Ct.
Germantown, MD 20874**

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Please prayerfully consider one of our projects to support.

Christmas 2018- Rice & Back Packs for Christmas. Please help us see that every child receives a Christmas gift this year and a bag of rice. Recommended donations: back pack \$45, rice \$40, beans \$60.
Please accept my donation of \$_____

School Feeding Program– At this time we have approximately 20 children without a sponsor. We will continue to feed them every day. Please help offset the cost of the children who do not have a sponsor.
Please accept my donation of \$_____

Medical Clinic– Construction is done! Now we must purchase new supplies, additional equipment, and medications are always needed. Approximately \$15,000 is needed to complete this project.
Please accept my donation of \$_____

Sponsorship Opportunities Can you sponsor another child? Or please also show the enclosed pictures to family/friends and share of your experiences and joys of sponsoring a child with LCM.

Child's Name: _____

Enclosed is my check for: ____ \$40 (monthly) ____ \$240 (1/2 a year) ____ \$480 (1 year)

We pray the resources needed to complete these projects will be made available to us in 2018.



Life in Photos

Summer Gift Distribution!



Like what you see? Follow us on Facebook to view more photos and stay up to date with what's happening at LCM!



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