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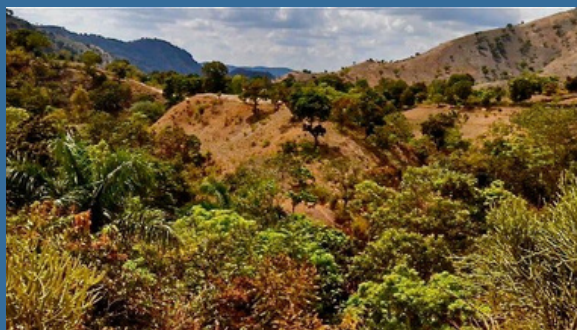


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Quarterly Newsletter 2023

HAITI HIGHLIGHTS



Although the political situation in Haiti has produced significant problems throughout the country, in the mountains surrounding Mombin Crochu, work continues as the dedicated doctors, nurses and personnel care for those who are sick, those who are hurting, and those who are vulnerable.

During the 1st quarter of 2023, 845 patient encounters occurred at the hospital, 457 encounters at the Mobile Clinics, and 21 deliveries were performed.

During this time, 2191 children were screened for Malnutrition, 49 were treated, and 434 received Albendazole for deworming.



April 21-28, 2023 saw a VPI sponsored Haitian Medical Team Mission Trip to the hospital, delivering needed specialty care and surgery to patients there.



During this week
35 surgeries (17 hernias,
8 circumcisions, 10 lumpectomies)
were performed and 217 patients
were screened at the Mobile Clinic .



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UGANDA UPDATES



Ongoing services at the Papoli Community Health Center include medical clinics, pediatric clinics, a day care for at risk children, maternity care, and community outreach, serving 11 villages in the Papoli Parish.

Currently an average of 1250 outpatient visits and 145 in patient visits occur monthly. In the first 3 months of 2023, 465 children received immunizations, and screening for malnutrition is done daily.



The Robert H. Cooley Pediatric Daycare serves 35 at risk children each day, ensuring nutrition and hygiene care. At the Jay and Janice Jester Maternity Clinic, prenatal and ante-natal care is given, and safe deliveries are overseen by midwives.

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SEEING THE INVISIBLE

Kindness Matters continues weekly walks throughout the streets of Tampa, seeing those frequently invisible, who often, through no fault of their own, are homeless. Acting as a bridge during times of crisis, we work to restore hope. Over 500 encounters have occurred in the first quarter of 2023.



Each week, Publix gift cards are given to between 35-40 individuals, giving them autonomy and independence to choose their own purchases. Coffee and food are given, specifically requested clothing, shoes, and needed items are distributed, and stories are shared.



Monthly, carts are filled with coffee, food, clothing, toiletries, books, glasses, shoes, blankets, and other items essential for daily life. These are then shared to those in need, as each person encountered is treated with dignity and respect.

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Joseph's Story

Each person helped through the work of Village Partners International has a story, unique yet in many ways the same, as all share the love given by those who reach out a hand to one in need. This is the story of Joseph.

Born in Carata in 2016, he was noted to have wasting and poor growth by his family. Concerned for his survival, he was brought to the hospital in Mombin Crochu for screening through the Malnutrition Program established there.

At that time he was noted to have generalized edema and was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition in the form of kwashiorkor, due to significant protein deficiency, which when untreated is life threatening.

Due to the severity of his malnutrition, he was hospitalized to receive the care needed to reverse this, where he remained for 4 months.

On his discharge, he was felt to be cured, and has returned to a normal, productive childhood, attending school and living life.

The work to prevent the consequences of this devastating disease continues, and with your help will save countless other children from the impact of malnutrition.

