

CHILDREN'S HEALTH ministries

Healthy Kids ♡ Strong Families ♡ Hope in Jesus Christ

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Welcome to Children's Health Ministries' first newsletter!

We're glad you're here! Read on to get all the latest CHM news and see what God has been up to through this ministry in Haiti!

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Bedjina recovered from kwashiorkor and enjoying her mamba!

Join us!

Come alongside CHM in the fight against malnutrition in Haiti by becoming a sustaining monthly partner! Make a deposit toward God's kingdom work and you will be richly blessed!

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Malnutrition Ministry Update

God has been using the malnutrition clinics to save many lives! Over 750 children have passed through our malnutrition clinics in Bwadjout and Demichel.

Each child is in the program between 8 and 12 weeks, depending on the severity of their condition. The cost of putting one child through the program is approximately \$125. Our current monthly need to sustain the program is \$3750.

Without the program there are no other options for these kids. Without the program, many of these children will die or, at best, become permanently stunted both physically and intellectually.

Malnutrition Program Statistics			
Children Treated	Life of Program	Year to Date	Currently Enrolled
Severely Malnourished	276	111	31
Moderately Malnourished	433	115	31
Sent for Inpatient care	59	33	24

Child Spotlight

Jean Marc

We first met Jean Marc in October 2012. He was 16 months old and severely malnourished.

His father is a voodoo priest and his mother believed it was a curse that was making him sick. Unfortunately his mother abandoned the mamba program before he recovered.

His mother brought him back in October 2013 in even worse condition. We sent him to our friends at Real Hope for Haiti. He was recovering well from malnutrition and a severe worm infestation. Again, before his treatment was finished, his mother went to RHFH and against all advice took him home.

After leaving RHFH, Jean Marc's 14-year-old sister brought him for care in our outpatient program. We are happy to say he is fully recovered now! We thank God for his sister's compassion in making sure he got the care he needed.



A Miracle for Brisley

God brought Brisley to us July 12. His bowel was obstructed due to a massive worm infestation. He underwent two surgeries at Benard Mevs hospital in Port au Prince. He had dead bowel removed in surgery and went into cardiac arrest on the operating table. Very few with his condition survive and he nearly died.

Brisley amazingly got out of the hospital after only two weeks! God worked an incredible miracle in healing this little boy! He is still malnourished and we will care for him in our malnutrition clinic. Please keep him in your prayers!





May 2014 Mobile Medical Clinic

1000 pediatric and adult patients in 4 days amid an epidemic of the Chikungunya virus. Kids with temperatures of 104, 105, and 106 degrees. Dehydrated, malnourished, and very ill children.

That is some of what we saw and treated at our recent May 29 - June 3 mobile medical clinic. A little about the people we served: they live in urban slums on the edge of the mountains. Most live in one room concrete houses or tents made of old tarps and sticks. Most live on dirt floors, carry their water for 5 - 30 minutes and must treat it to make it safe to drink. Very few even have outhouses. They lack beds, tables, chairs and other luxuries we take for granted.

Thanks to a team from Missouri and Maryland we were able to partner with International Medical Aid and Hands 4 Hope for a second annual mobile clinic. This year we were able to expand to include both of the communities where we also regularly operate our malnutrition program.

The team was extraordinary as we all struggled with severely ill children, two child deaths, fatigue, and heat. Every person went way outside their comfort zone to impact the lives of scores of individuals.

We also admitted 18 children to our malnutrition program and sent several to inpatient care at Real Hope for Haiti.



Harvest Pack Food Partnership Program

We are eagerly awaiting transportation of 19 pallets of food (that is about 135,000 meals!) to MSP airport. From MSP it will be shipped to North Carolina and on to Haiti! When it arrives in Haiti, we will receive it at the airport and transport it to the school that is run by Pastor Wilma's wife. It is in Pastor Wilma's Bwadjout church that we operate one malnutrition clinic.

The food will be used to feed the children in his school this fall. The difference it made for the children this spring was extraordinary and we are blessed to be able to help!

Please pray for provision for this food to arrive in Haiti. We will need to raise \$1000 to cover transportation costs for the food.



Intern Spotlight: Leah

Children's Health Ministries was beyond blessed to have Leah serve with us for over a month! Here is her experience in her own words:

How do I make you understand a country that is rife with suffering yet people dance in the streets?

I came alone and stayed for over a month. People told me I was crazy but if I'm crazy then I people I met here are even more so. I stayed with Mickey and Liz – also known as Children's Health Ministries. I did whatever was needed of me – I wanted to be helpful. I went to every malnourished children's clinic. And my heart broke. Seeing children's eyes drained of hope is something you can't describe. But there is hope!



Children's Health Ministry is one organization that offers hope for these children. It wasn't always easy seeing sick children but sometimes something would just *poof* click and I was hooked by a child. For the rest of the clinic, I would sit praying for that child. And here's the beauty of the situation: whether these kids live or die, God's got them. I don't need to worry because guardian angels will follow them through life or death – and sometimes I thought death might be the easier option. It would've been easy for me to despair but I couldn't let myself. I had to keep in mind that of course bad things won't be far behind good

things. Wherever there has been the light of Christ brightly burning (Children's Health Ministry), Satan won't be far behind, trying to discourage us but we should sometimes see obstacles as confirmation of God's presence.

Don't get me wrong, Haiti hasn't been one uplifting leap of joy after the other. I've missed my family, friends, and my cat (honestly mostly the cat...). But I would do it all over again. This is how the majority of the world lives and I don't want to be ignorant.

From Haiti, I'll take the good, the bad, and the ugly as a motivator for working harder in my life for Christ's cause.



Leah about to give blood for
Brislev

How to Help

Is God touching your heart for the least of these in Haiti? Here's how you can help!

1.

Come to the front lines in Haiti with us by becoming a monthly sustaining partner of Children's Health Ministries! No gift is too large or too small! Visit www.chmahiti.org/how-to-help/

2.

Are you a prayer warrior? Want to be? Join our intercessory prayer team! E-mail info@chmhaiti.org if interested!

3.

Do you have time and talents you would like to donate to Children's Health Ministries? We'd love to hear from you!

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