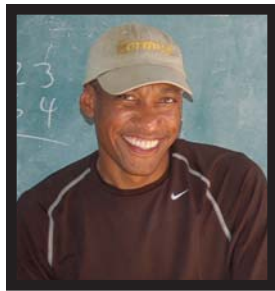




# HFHF Impact Update

Changing a nation one life at a time...

## News from the Founder



Thursday May 12, 2011 was a magnificent day in the history of HFHF. As we crawled at less than five miles per hour in our four-wheel drive vehicle over the last mountain, we arrived at the location for our next medical clinic. The common name for the community is "Gory" which is part of Gandou (Grandou). This place was chosen because of the lack of any medical facility in the area. The population of these two sections (High and Low Gandou, 4th and 5th sections) is almost 20,000 people compared to about 8,500 in Zorangé.

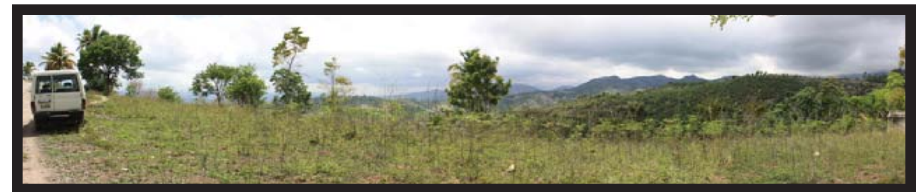
A local leader announced our arrival over a megaphone, and the community began to gather at the clinic site for a town hall meeting. There was tangible excitement and energy in the crowd as we shared our overall vision for education, medical, spiritual, and community development. As the people expressed their joy, even those non-Creole speakers in attendance could easily decipher the emotion. Most of these people walk the 5-mile distance to come to our clinic in Zorangé -- over mountains and across riverbeds. When the rivers flood, access to our clinic is cut off. Just the night prior, around two o'clock in the morning there was a woman that was having difficulty while in labor. The leader of the community got the news and used his megaphone to alert the community. The men in the community then built a stretcher and they carried that woman by hand to the Bainet clinic, more than 5 miles. The Bainet clinic is not equipped to handle a complicated birth, but it is the only option. Until we have a hospital in Bainet, these challenges will remain. But with a clinic serving the community, expectant moms will receive prenatal care, and complications can be recognized early and sent to Port-au-Prince with a referral letter for proper care. We've seen the success of this at our clinic in Zorangé.

So as we prepare for the construction of the Gandou Clinic, we are grateful for the partnerships that we have established with the people on the state side and Gandou. The people in Gandou have provided us the land upon which to build this clinic and they are ready to build it. We are excited that within six months we will be opening our second clinic, set to replicate our Zorangé model. We know the work ahead is not easy but we also know that you are determined to see our vision carried out in the remote communities of Jacmel state.

Thank you so much for your support. We value and count on your support as we continue to grow the Foundation in the States and in Haiti. God Bless You.

- Jean Elade Eloi

## News from the Field: Introducing Gandou



Thanks to a generous \$50,000 grant from the Saba Foundation, we will begin construction on our second primary care clinic, to be located in the community of Haut Gandou (also spelled Grandou), Bainet. The clinic will serve a population of more than 20,000 in Haut Gandou and Bas Gandou that lack access to any medical care during the rainy season, when their communities are isolated by impassible rivers and flooded roads.

The Saba Foundation is an international foundation dedicated to supporting medical projects in rural, underserved areas of Central America. The grant will allow for the construction of a 3-room clinic with a laboratory and pharmacy, as well as fully equipping the facility with a solar power system.

The primary care clinic is part of a larger plan for comprehensive medical care in the Bainet area. As we work toward providing emergency care for Bainet's 100,000 residents, primary care clinics throughout its rural villages will serve as a first point of contact for patients. More severe cases will be referred to Bainet city center, where plans are underway to provide a Community Reference Hospital in conjunction with the Haitian Ministry of Health, PEPFAR, MediShare, Save the Children, and several

other NGOs. Community Health Workers are also present in all 9 sections of Bainet, providing health education and assisting with the referral process. The land for the clinic (pictured above) was donated by the community, as a sign of their willingness to take ownership of their well-being.



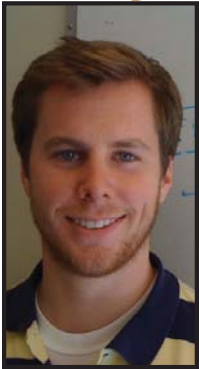
*Gandou residents gather at the site of the future clinic to discuss plans for its construction.*

# Meet Our Summer Interns!

Read more stories at [www.hfhnews.blogspot.com](http://www.hfhnews.blogspot.com)

We are thrilled to have five top-notch interns joining us this summer to assist HFHF in its mission to help Haiti help itself. Whether serving in Haiti or at HFHF's Raleigh office, there is no doubt these students have a passion for Haiti and talent that can't be beat!

## Serving in Haiti



**Name:** John French **Internship Focus:** Medical  
**Major:** Biology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; senior  
"I have been interested in pursuing a career in medicine since I first started college. As a volunteer in the hospital, I was invigorated by interacting with the medical staff and serving the needs of the patients. I started looking for an opportunity to gain experience with international medicine. I came across HFHF and was very impressed with what they were doing in Haiti. I became eager to get in on the action! I am really looking forward to working with the Haitian medical team, conducting health-based research, and getting to know the local community. I am excited to have the opportunity to take part in this life-changing experience and support the vision of HFHF!"



**Name:** Peter Helvie **Internship Focus:** Medical  
**Major:** BS Biology, BA Italian, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 2011  
"I am pursuing a career in medicine, so there was a natural interest on my part to work in a medical clinic under such extreme conditions. One of the things that most excites me about HFHF is that everything is run by Haitians. It is wonderful to see a country in dire need of help taking steps toward bettering their situation from the inside. It is very encouraging to hear about a Haitian program which utilizes the medical knowledge of more fortunate and prosperous countries to create a clinic based on modern medicine. I am very excited to do my little part this summer, and am just as excited to learn about the incredible people I will meet and what they are doing to improve their situation."



**Name:** Emily Richey **Internship Focus:** Medical  
**Major:** Sports Medicine/Athletic Training, Health Education, East Carolina University 2010  
"My true passion in life is health care. I'm a North Carolina Teaching Fellow and work as an EMT, but toward the end of my undergraduate career I knew that my calling was medicine. I also began to sort out my spiritual life in a new way. It's been an awesome journey learning to fully trust in the plans that God has for me and rely completely on my faith for tomorrow instead of myself for the future. I had a friend do some medical work in Africa and his testimony immediately made me fall in love with the idea of international medicine. I feel a strong calling to the exchange of information between countries when it comes to health care."

## Serving in Raleigh



**Name:** Margaret Farley **Internship Focus:** Development  
**Major:** Economics, with a minor in French, North Carolina State; rising junior  
"I have always been interested in helping out countries with struggling economies and pursuing opportunities to enhance the welfare of the individuals in third world countries. I have had the opportunity to study abroad, in Guadeloupe as well as volunteer in the community. The ability to meet the individuals of communities with basic needs we take for granted every day has made me more committed to improving the lives of others in third world countries. I am very excited to join HFHF!"



**Name:** Ashley Matkins **Internship Focus:** Public Health  
**Major:** Public Health, University of North Carolina-Greensboro; senior  
"I am very interested in international health and want to work overseas when I am finished with school. I have a passion for helping others and have been blessed to be able to travel to Africa and, most recently, Haiti. I have always had a genuine interest in the health and general well-being of others, and love building relationships with people. I have worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for the last three years and have loved caring for every patient I have come in contact with. I love the vision of HFHF, and being able to see that vision implemented firsthand was an amazing experience. I am truly looking forward to the hope of everyone involved with HFHF growing, as more goals are accomplished."

To hear more from our interns and their work this summer, make sure you follow us on the Hope for Haiti Foundation blog, at [www.hfhnews.blogspot.com](http://www.hfhnews.blogspot.com)!

## Donor & Volunteer Spotlight

June was a busy month for our volunteers. It was all hands on deck as we prepared to send a 40-foot container of medical equipment and supplies donated to Haiti. From start to finish, our volunteers displayed just how dedicated they are to advancing the mission of HFHF.



Volunteers answer a last minute call to help load a donated X-ray machine in preparation for the shipment. Thanks to the Vancouver Clinic for donating the X-ray machine.



The HFHF office became a whirlwind of boxes as volunteers packed up donated medical equipment for the container.



An ultrasound machine, donated by Philips, was provided for HFHF by Pamela Schiavone.



Volunteers from IT Xchange help load donated supplies onto the container for Haiti.

## Want to Join the Change?

### Donate your time:

Contact us and [info@hopeforhaitifoundation.com](mailto:info@hopeforhaitifoundation.com) to express your interest. Whatever your skills and abilities, there is a place for you to be involved with Hope for Haiti Foundation.

### Donate your resources:

Online at [www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/donate](http://www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/donate)  
Or Hope for Haiti Foundation  
9241 Globe Center Drive, Suite 110  
Morrisville NC 27560

## Upcoming Events

**Thursdays 6 - 9 p.m.:** Join Hope for Haiti Foundation every Thursday night through August at North Hills' Beach Music Series in Raleigh, NC. Buy your drinks from Eschelon's beverage tents and 10% of profits go to HFHF. Don't forget to spread the word!

**August 4:** Diamonds are Forever Event. Mark your calendars for this fun evening where each drink purchase provides a chance to win a \$2,000 diamond from Diamonds Direct. All proceeds benefit HFHF! More details coming soon.

**September 17 - 24:** Medical Trip. Sign up by **July 16**.  
Visit [www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com](http://www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com) for more information.