



# HFFH Impact Update

Changing a nation one life at a time...

## News from the Founder: Drop by drop



At Hope for Haiti Foundation, our mission is to equip and empower Haitians to help themselves. Our motto is "drop by drop, hope is spreading." We often say we are changing a nation one life at a time.

Macdina Georges is a shining example of what we mean. Some of you may remember her and her grandmother, Germaine Pierre who came to our clinic

in January 2004. Macdina being severely malnourished, Germaine, who was the primary caregiver, was worried. Would this child survive? Our team administered simple interventions: deworming medication, multivitamins, Vitamin A. We gave information to Germaine about nutrition and provided her with encouragement. They left, and the team wondered what would happen.

In January 2005, there is a sea of patients waiting to be seen at the clinic. As we wade through the crowd looking for those in need of immediate attention, a familiar face is spotted - the grandmother from the year before. Sitting with her is the most beautiful, healthy girl you could imagine. Could it be the same little girl? It was! Germaine was beaming from ear to ear at the health of this child, who now faces a future. These interventions - deworming medication, multivitamins - cost less than \$1.00.

The story does not end there. We had the privilege of seeing Macdina and her grandmother again this January 2012. Although she is small for her age, she is growing, and attending school. She has a future. This is what we mean when we say "drop by drop, hope is spreading. Changing a nation one life at a time." These children are the future of Haiti. Thank you for partnering with us to accomplish this mission!



## News from the Field: Equipping through Education

Although the building is still under construction, our trade school classes are well underway. These classes are designed for students who do not have the opportunity to graduate high school or attend college. We have 5 students registered for tailoring, 3 registered for English, and 22 registered for computers.

As part of the learning curriculum, each class will conduct a final project. The tailoring school will be putting on a fashion show to present their work. They have already learned several different styles of skirts. The Computer class is divided into a weekday and weekend class. In the computer classes, students have completed Microsoft Word training, and learning how to use the Windows Operating System. All students are currently passing.

We are still in need of several computers for our computer lab and classes. If you are interested in making a \$300 donation to purchase a computer for Haiti, you can specify "computer" online or on your check.



*Students at the tailoring school.*

## News from the Field: 2011 Medical Report

Each year, the Zorangé clinic publishes a report which summarizes the activities of the clinic over the year.

In 2011, the clinic saw 5,460 patients, 2,253 new patients 1,837 returning patients. There were 727 prenatal visits, 152 postnatal visits, and 2,642 laboratory tests.

Common illnesses were: hypertension, hyper acidity, pain (arthritis, joint, muscle, bone, etc.) anemia, vaginal infection, typhoid, malaria, pruritus, urinary tract infection, otitis in adults and infant colic, skin diseases, malaria, cough and colds in children.

All of this is accomplished with only \$40,000 per year! Thank you!

To read the full report visit: [http://www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/downloads/2011\\_annual\\_clinic\\_report.pdf](http://www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/downloads/2011_annual_clinic_report.pdf)

## January Medical Trip: Improving Care

At the end of January, a group of 10 medical professionals traveled to Zorangé. Among them was Dr. G - the cardiologist who organized heart surgery for Denise Imbry last July. Here is a report of the trip's findings and successes from Dr. G:

"Denise is doing great. She still has some post-op pains, but nothing serious. She is still a bit timid at doing any activity after being sick for so many years. Her smile, as always, is infectious!

John Mucci performed an echocardiogram, which showed the valve surgery was very successful and is holding up nicely. Her heart function is 100% back to normal. Denise could not wait to see Elade, the founder of Hope for Haiti, who along with InterVol, made it all possible.



While we were there, a member of the team Dr. Duane Webb, from Vancouver, WA did the first endoscopy on a patient at the Zorangé Clinic. This patient got a dilation of the esophagus (he had a terrible problem with food getting stuck in his throat) and was diagnosed with an ulcer. He should be 100% after a few weeks on medications. Every day included education time for the Haitian nurses who serve as the primary care for the region between medical missions. They learned a lot about women's health, breastfeeding, GI symptoms, psychological stresses and cardiac issues.



We also met a 53-year-old man who has a congenital aortic valve problem. He gets short of breath working the fields. An echocardiogram confirmed the diagnosis. He will be in need of cardiac surgery within a year or two, I am starting to work on the logistics to bring him up to Rochester to have the surgery (Dr. Kirshner, InterVol, and RGH are already on board).

The Haitian people seem optimistic about the future. A new government is in place that was popularly elected. To give you an idea how things are changing - 4 years ago (my first trip), we needed a satellite phone to communicate. Last year, there was a cell tower near by and everyone had cell phones. This year, there was wireless Internet access - folks were blogging right from the porch of the dorm we stayed in." Thank each of you for making all of this possible! Make sure to visit the blog for more stories and pictures from the January trip! [www.hfhnews.blogspot.com](http://www.hfhnews.blogspot.com).

## Upcoming Trips: Education & Spiritual

An education team is currently in Zorangé to continue training with our Haitian teachers. Our last teacher conference in November was a great success with more than 100 teachers in attendance. (Read the full story on HFHF's blog). The upcoming trip will be focused on topics such as assessment, parent communication, and the Character Counts program in Zorangé. The team will also be traveling to Gonaives to give these workshops at some of our partner schools (HFHF partners with more than 20 schools throughout Haiti). Julie Schultz, one of the teachers traveling in March adds, "The teachers we work with are always very excited to see us and receptive to what we present. We will be setting up a PA system for the school. I also plan to get in the classrooms and observe the teachers in Zorangé, give feedback, and model some lessons. Additionally, I plan to begin sorting and organizing many donated books for what will soon be a library in Zorangé."

If time permits, the team will be working with middle and high school students from some of the surrounding schools and presenting the school pride workshop, in which they will come up with a school mascot, colors, and song. We did this workshop with the students at Zorangé's Unifree school last year: They are now the Unifree Eagles in blue and white and have a beautiful school song that they wrote themselves. Check out HFHF's YouTube page to hear them sing it!

In May, HFHF will be taking its first college trip in partnership with Hope Community Church. A group of 10 college students will be traveling to Zorangé to work with a few churches and pastors. They will be conducting joint worship services, and some of the leaders will be conducting workshops for the Haitian pastors. We are excited for these students and the collaboration between the Haitian and American churches.





# HFHF 11th Annual Golf Tournament!

Save the Date!

Monday, May 7, 2012

Crooked Creek Golf Course, Fuquay-Varina, NC

Register to play: <http://www.hopeforhaitifoundation.com/haiti-golf-classic.html>

Sponsorship opportunities available!



## Donor Spotlight: Will Greeley



Corlot Dorvet  
Joseph Tobianski | *The Flint Journal*

Huge thanks go to Will Greeley of Midland, Michigan, who is helping HFHF launch a music program at the school in Zorangé. Will, a music teacher, was inspired to help bring musical instruments to Haiti after hearing the story of Corlot Dorvet, a Haitian who lost his right arm to an infection at the age of 5. Despite obstacles, he pursued his dream, which he is now living out with a full music scholarship to Michigan State University.

Like Hope for Haiti Foundation, Greeley believes that music provides opportunities for greater learning, as

well as opportunities for worship and potentially even a career. Most of all, music inspires hope. Greeley has been determined in his mission, and in just a few short months has procured more than a 20 instruments for HFHF, including trombones, clarinets, cornets, French horn, saxophone, trumpet, as well as music stands and sheet music.

Many instruments have been donated by music shops across the U.S., including:

**Southwest Strings**, Tucson AZ - 11 violins

**Forrests Music**, Berkeley CA - 2 flutes, music stands, music books

**The Oboe Fairy**, Scottsdale AZ - 2 oboes

**Cannolly Music**, East Northport NY - 12 music stands

**Carl Fischer, LCC**, New York NY - 500 music books

**SG Music Company**, Pittsboro NC - violin repair

Thank you, Will, for your inspiration and determination!

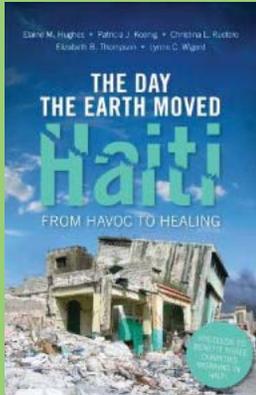
Watch a video of HFHF's students playing their instruments!

Read Corlot's inspiring story.

Have an instrument that you'd like to donate? Let us know! Contact Marquise at [meloi017@gmail.com](mailto:meloi017@gmail.com).

## The Day the Earth Moved Haiti

From Havoc to Healing. Featuring stories from HFHF!



*The Day the Earth Moved Haiti: From Havoc to Healing* is a moving compilation of short stories from those who experienced Haiti, before and after the earthquake, and their perspective on the hope and healing of the Haitian people. Hope for Haiti Foundation's own Jean Elade Eloi is featured in the book, along with a handful of our volunteers including Bobbie Bonnet, Larry Butterton, Stephanie Brooks, and John Brown. Filled with moving stories and images from across Haiti, this book is a tribute to the strength, resilience, and hopefulness of the Haitian people. All proceeds of the book benefit Hope for Haiti Foundation and two other Haitian organizations, Ryan Epps Home for Children and Compassion Weavers.

Purchase your copy today online at Tate Publishing:

<http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=978-1-61346-635-3>

## Upcoming Events

March 10 - 17 - Education Trip

**March 12 - All Staff/Volunteer Meeting @ HFHF Office 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

March 20 - Board Meeting

March 22 - Medical Meeting @ HFHF Office 7 - 8 pm

**March 28 - Wine Mixer @ Flemings Steak House 6 - 8 pm**

March 31 - Last day to sign up for September medical trip

**April 16 - CHOIR Concert at Rally Point Sport Bar 8 pm**

April 26 - Medical Meeting @ HFHF Office 7 - 8 pm

**May 7 - 11th Annual Golf Tournament**