March 2015 Haiti Mission Report

11 Children Treated

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PARTICIPATING MEDICAL TEAMS

Our heartfelt thanks to the Open Hearts Haiti visiting team and also the Akron Children’s Hospital team who worked together to share their knowledge and skills with the Haitian healthcare professionals at St. Damien Hospital while providing hope to 11 Haitian children and their families.

OPEN HEARTS HAITI VISITING TEAM:

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons:** Dr. François Lacour-Gayet, Dr. Fabio Cuttone

**Pediatric Cardiologist:** Dr. Hugues Lucron

**Intensivist:** Dr. Yves Durandy

**Anesthesiologist:** Dr. Carlene Broderick

**Perfusionist:** Cory Ellis

**OR Scrub Nurses:** Nina Nagel, Lowella Ughoc, Mary Joy Santilion

**ICU Nurses:** Martine Bouzi, Jodi-Ann Williams, Jessica Page, Jessica Copp, James McCormick, Peguy Carluce, Karen Darlestin

**Biomedical Engineer:** Andre Joubel

ST. DAMIEN HOSPITAL TEAM:

**Coordinator:** Margareth Mehu

**Anesthetist:** Dr. Magdala Pavrette

**OR Nurses:** Alcenat Nathalie, Bazile Isline, Brutal Soline

**OR Nurse Aids:** Obei Merline, St-Philippe Dieuna

**OR Transport:** Theodore Ralf, Etienne Kepsy

**Director of Nursing:** Edna Benjamin

**ICU Nurses:** Clermond Celiane, Henry Nirva, Joseph Elizabeth, St-Louis Islande, Cmaeau Marie Andre, Estile Oline, Ouilus Marie Ange, Demosthene Robertha, Jean Yvonne, Edouarzin Marie Elise, Amazon Darly Toussaint, Paul Chantal Vernet, Monasse Myrianta, Jean Gilles Louse, Chery Marie Lourdie, Charlemagne Ganaelee

**Administrator:** Andre-Marie Jean-Claude

**Pediatricians:** Dr. Alix Johanne, Dr. Baldi Pierre Louis

**Social Service:** Merizier Andre Rose, Dorcel Marie Sony, Dolcy Fleurant

**Head Lab Tech:** Elcie St-Juste

**Lab Tech:** Sclaydine Derrose

**Radiologist Technician:** Claudain Destiné

AKRON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL TEAM:

**Pediatric Emergency Medicine:** Dr. Jeffrey Kempf

**Nurse Practitioners:** Tracey Herstich, Kelly Metzger

**ICU Nurse:** Erin Rosen

**Operations Manager:** Jennifer Fitch

**Intensivists:** Dr. John Pope, Dr. Edward Cullen

**Pharmacist:** Cassandra Karish

**Pediatric Hospitalist:** Dr. Brittany Potts

**Clinical Engineering Technician:** David Kuhajda

**Director, Surgical Subspecialties:** Christopher Weisbroad

**Pediatrician:** Dr. Ellen Kempf

**Pediatric Palliative Care Fellows:** Dr. Elliot Crow, Dr. Jared Rubenstein

**Photographer:** Ted Stevens

The team from Akron Children’s Hospital is sponsored by Global Grant 1418788 which is focused on providing training to the Haitian healthcare professionals and to procure much-needed pediatric cardiac equipment for St. Damien Hospital. Thank you to Rotary District 6630 and its participating Rotary Clubs as well as Rotary District 7255 and Gift of Life Northeast Ohio for partnering with the Port-au-Prince Rotary Club to fund GG1418788.
First-Ever Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Mission to St. Damien Hospital

Since 2011, Gift of Life International and our global partners have conducted 7 medical missions to Haiti treating a total of 76 children. Additionally, 1 screening mission was coordinated in November 2014 where an additional 91 children were evaluated and placed on a National Cardiac Waiting List.

The March 2015 pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare mission to St. Damien Hospital was ground-breaking for the children of Haiti since it was the first-ever such mission to be conducted at a Haitian hospital. All previous missions were conducted at a clinic. Thousands of Haitian children suffer from heart disease. About 2,000 are born with some form of this disease and 50% require surgery. Their exists a great need for a program to provide them care. Global partners are now collaborating to train a pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare team at St. Damien Hospital. These partners also worked together to acquire and install essential equipment, supplies and medications needed to assemble the pediatric cardiac unit at St. Damien Hospital.

In a recent press release, Dr. Jacqueline Gautier, Executive Director of St. Damien Hospital said, "We are very excited as we begin the first phase of a project to ensure lifesaving heart surgery to children in Haiti. We are committed to this initiative for the benefit of the children, bringing them hope. This hospital is one of the best pediatric hospitals in Haiti.”

Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet, Founder of Open Hearts Haiti, expressed how truly blessed his team feels to work in the new, safe environment of St. Damien Hospital and to be supported by good technical resources and medical expertise. He also expressed his gratitude to Father Richard Frechette and Dr. Jacqueline Gautier for hosting the pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare program at St. Damien Hospital.

"In recent years, Akron Children's Hospital joined the Saint Damien Hospital in its efforts to provide quality care to Haitian children. One of our major goals is to help St. Damien Hospital to provide care for children with heart disease," reveals Dr. Jeff Kempf, Director of the Global Pediatrics program at Akron Children's Hospital.

Teams of medical specialists will offer their services and expertise to train staff at St. Damien. "Our mission is ultimately to help developing countries provide care to children with heart disease in their country of birth. We are working to make cardiac surgery accessible to the large number of Haitian children with heart disease," said Rob Raylman, Executive Director of Gift of Life International.
THANK YOU FOR GIVING THESE CHILDREN HOPE AND A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE!
CHILDREN WHO NOW HAVE HOPE

ESTER
1 1/2 years old  
Diagnosis: PDA  
Patent Ductus Arteriosus  
Date of Surgery:  
March 15, 2015

MARCHELIN
1 1/2 years old  
Diagnosis: PDA  
Patent Ductus Arteriosus  
Date of Surgery:  
March 16, 2015

SOLINA
3.5 years old  
Diagnosis: Partial AVSD  
Partial Atrioventricular Septal Defect  
Date of Surgery:  
March 16, 2015
GERLANDA
7 years old
Diagnosis: VSD, AR
Ventricular Septal Defect, Aortic Regurgitation
Date of Surgery: March 17, 2015

NESCA
11 years old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: March 17, 2015

CEDRIC
13 years old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: March 18, 2015
DAKE
1 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: Large VSD
Large Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery:
March 18, 2015

JHAMENDHA
6 years old
Diagnosis:
Cor Triatriatum
Date of Surgery:
March 19, 2015

VERTRIDE
5 years old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
Date of Surgery:
March 19, 2015
SAIKA
3 years old
Diagnosis: DORV
Double Outlet Right Ventricle
Date of Surgery:
March 19, 2015

MARC WESLEY
1 1/2 years old
Diagnosis: Complete AVC
Complete Atrioventricular Canal
Date of Surgery:
March 20, 2015

A special thank you to Phillips France for providing the echocardiogram used to examine the children during the mission.
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Our sincere thanks to the many organizations, individuals, healthcare professionals, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Gift of Life programs who have helped ensure these Haitian children and their families have hope for a healthy future.

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- Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince
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