TURNING DESPAIR TO HOPE IN Haiti

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A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS
Like-Minded Partners Support Development of a Pediatric Cardiac Program in Haiti

Gift of Life International has put together a coalition of like-minded partners to address the need to provide the children of Haiti who have heart disease the care they urgently require. Since early 2012, we have coordinated 7 medical missions and 1 screening mission to Haiti during which 76 children were operated and 91 children were screened.

We are now partnering with St. Damien Hospital in Port-au-Prince and have planned 3 medical missions within the next 6 months. We have a series of screening missions planned for various regions throughout Haiti to evaluate children who have never been seen by a medical doctor, allowing us to reach more children with heart disease.

- We have developed a National Pediatric Cardiac Waiting List which now has over 300 Haitian children listed and prioritized in order of urgency of treatment.
- We are treating children in-country at St. Damien Hospital during scheduled medical missions.
- Children are also being sent to the United States and Martinique for their lifesaving treatment.
- Upwards of 90 Haitian children will be traveling to Grand Cayman to receive treatment over the next year.
- The Haitian Government has yet to engage themselves in our process, although we have met with the Minister of Health and other government officials to stress the importance of their involvement.