



Rehabilitation and Development Center

Transforming Lives, 2011

Rehabilitation was relatively unknown in Haiti before the earthquake. Especially in remote areas, children and adults who suffered injuries often languished without any ability to recover. Rehab, physical therapy and occupational therapy provide Haitians with a real future of health, healing and life among communities and families. Rehab provides the dignity of giving the disabled the ability to care for themselves.

CCH has treated the sick, wounded and forgotten for over 20 years in Haiti. As a result of our successful efforts to raise the capacity of Haitians to provide better health care in the North and to provide continuous emergency and primary care following the earthquake, CCH has been asked to help modernize health care in the Southeast.

Goals:

- 1) Provide rehabilitation and development services to the disabled and injured in Southeast Haiti, including post-surgical treatment, care for limb loss, developmental delays and trauma, and prosthetics and orthotics for children and adults.** CCH began providing rehab services two months after the earthquake. The two-story Portay Leogane facility currently sees 20-30 patients per day. CCH has provided 30 people with new prosthetic limbs. We have also treated numerous hydrocephalic and disabled children, assisted stroke patients with recovery, and provided many other forms of lifegiving assistance.
- 2) Provide training for Haitian professionals in rehabilitation and help them understand and deliver these services.** CCH asks American health care professionals to voluntarily mentor Haitian medical workers in rehab and development techniques.
- 3) Help children and adults return to a productive life.** CCH looks beyond the physical aspects of healing to other needs of our patients and families. We offer housing assistance to those who have lost homes as well as limbs as a result of the earthquake. We seek ways for the disabled to earn income and for their children to attend school. We share Christ's love to those in need of faith.

Costs: \$80,000

