



# CCH Newsletter

November 2018



COMMUNITY COALITION FOR  
**HAI+I**



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Have I told you about my middle child, Eli? He's 6 years old, going on 40. I've known he was an old soul from the day he was born. When he grows up, he wants to be a pastor in the morning and a dog catcher in the afternoon. Why? So that he can teach people about Jesus and also match lost dogs with new homes. Sounds like a good plan to me!

The other night after dinner, Eli was talking about a boy in his class. This is a boy that I hear about often - he's quirky and awkward, has trouble controlling his impulses and sits on the periphery of first grade social circles. Eli has been able to connect with him in ways that most other kids haven't. I told Eli I was glad they were in the same class again this year. He replied: "I think we'll be in the same class every year. At least until we're older. I think he needs me."

Wow. My sweet E sees the world as it's meant to be seen: Humans, connected to one another in the most deliberate yet surprising ways - ways that the Lord has dreamed up, ways that only He fully understands.

When I look through this newsletter, I see God at work, time

and again, in the ways that He connects us. In these pages, you'll find groups of people brought together by a determination to nurture strong Christian leaders, to give students bright futures, to heal the sick. You'll see new partnerships with educators in rural Haitian schools. You'll meet a young boy whose life was saved because in one specific moment, three people crossed paths.

The Lord continues to connect all of us in this Coalition so that we can walk together in ministry. We encourage and inspire one another. We challenge one another. I think we *need each other* as we boldly come together to offer our best gifts, to love one another and to follow where He leads.

I'm thankful for the ways that the Lord connects us, and I'm thankful for YOU. What connections in your life are you thankful for today?



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**November 27, 2018**  
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There's a saying in Kreyol and English: "Many hands make the load light." This is never more true than on Giving Tuesday when EVERY GIFT COUNTS. Please help us spread the word and give generously!

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# HEALTHCARE

## Clinic Changes

We are proud to introduce you to our newest doctors and nurses at CCH's Primary Care Clinic.



They are great clinicians and servant leaders who pitched in to move furniture and wash windows as part of our "One CCH" team (cover photo) of staff and volunteers that worked together to move into our new facility.

And speaking of the new building – **It's open!** Owning our own property in Haiti has been a long-time goal of CCH. The renovated

*"It was easy to find the new clinic because patients want to come to CCH regardless of where you are."*

*- Loodson, PCC patient*

11,000-sqft facility, allows CCH to expand its Primary Care, PT/Rehab and Surgical Clinics. The site will also house new program offices for our Education and Community Development ministries and collaborative training spaces.



Stay tuned for ways that you can help with financing, ongoing construction, school-based health check ups, or other projects that fit your unique skills.

# EDUCATION

## Learning Together

Teams of CCH education volunteers traveled to Haiti twice this summer. In July, volunteers ran a Summer Camp for students and teachers from 7 different schools. They all had ample workspaces thanks to volunteers from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon, Virginia, who built 5 new picnic tables at Lavanneau School, where the camp was held.

Teachers and principals also asked the team to come in August to help them get organized and create classroom displays before the start of the school year.

Teachers at CCH partner schools are learning skills like how to write



a morning message, use of math manipulatives for deeper understanding of math concepts, the importance of reading stories to students in Kreyol, and so much more! CCH partners with 9 schools, including a new partner school this year in the mountain town of Chabin.

Check out the "updates" part of our website for more education news.

## "Community" and "Coalition" Save a Life

In early June, U.S. medical volunteers came to serve at CCH's busy physical therapy (PT) clinic in Jacmel. In walked Joe, a 14 year old boy, and his mother. Twelve days prior, Joe had slipped while jumping on a park bench and fallen on his head. Now Joe could not walk without falling and was having difficulty using his hand.

One by one each clinician felt the boy's neck with concern. They sent Joe to the hospital for an X-ray that revealed the extent of his spinal cord injury.

This patient needed more than PT. He needed life saving surgery. CCH staff in Haiti and volunteers in the US activated their networks of healthcare contacts and through a lot of phone calls, text messages, and God's grace, we were able to get Joe and his mom on a plane to Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia for surgery.



There were plenty of bumps along the road (especially riding in the back of our blue truck), but we are delighted to report that Joe's operation was successful. He's now back in Haiti attending school, receiving PT care with CCH, and staying off park benches.

You can read Joe's whole story on our website and follow future patient stories on Facebook.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## What Do Young Leaders Need to Succeed?

True change in Haiti will be generational - bright, passionate, God-loving young people are the key to the country's future. To that end, we've been piloting a new leadership development initiative spanning healthcare, education, and community development programs. With three seminars this year, we're pleased to report that this program is now off the ground and soaring.

In May, participants selected priority topics for leadership development in the Haitian context. In August, CCH staff and key partners developed a

year-long "Training the Trainers" program, facilitated by mediation expert and volunteer, Greg Conrad.



In early November, topical trainings commenced with a seminar on "Verbal and Written Communication" led by a

Haitian facilitator from Port-au-Prince.

This program in itself is an exciting case study in Haitian leadership. Members of the cohort are at the helm. They've identified the types of training they want, culturally appropriate communication tactics (like a WhatsApp group chat), as well as expectations and commitments from each group member.

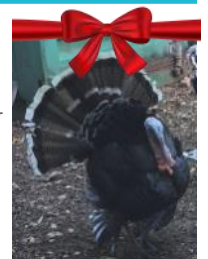
Future training topics will include: conflict resolution, tactical problem solving, motivation and persuasion techniques, and servant leadership.

## Upcoming Opportunities

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Volunteer </h3> <p> We have a huge need for dentists, optometrists, and ophthalmologists to serve in Haiti</p> <p>Join a 2019 General Interest Trip and help take vital signs and records at a school wellness clinic </p> <p> Help stuff envelopes or staff a "Gifts for Good market event in November-December 2018</p> <p>Help at a CCH event, like our Jim Wilmot Golf Tournament (June 2019) </p> <p> Join one of our 2018 education trips</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Give </h3> <p>Purchase "gifts for good" for holidays and birthdays </p> <p> Join our capital campaign for the new facility. Details rolling out in 2019.</p> <p>Give back after Black Friday with a "Giving Tuesday" gift on 11/27/18 <b>#GIVING TUESDAY</b></p> <p> Buy a table and bring your friends to bid on auction items at our 6th Annual Benefit (April 6, 2019)</p> <p>Join with CCH's #manyhands and give a year end gift by 12/31/18 </p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div> <p>We know from experience that it takes many hands to make the load light: hands to heal, hands to teach, hands to serve, hands to pray, and <i>hands to give</i>.</p> <p>Now more than ever, your gift before year end will insure that our hands will continue to transform lives EVERY DAY in 2019. Will you join hands with us by making a donation? Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or online.</p> <p>If you're interested in any of these volunteer or giving opportunities (see left), please contact CCH's Development Director, Marie Buchwalter (<a href="mailto:marie@cchaiti.org">marie@cchaiti.org</a>, 703-405-1061). Mesi Anpil!</p>
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## Gifts for Good

**Holiday shopping?** Consider a "Gift for Good" from CCH. You can shop online for those "hard to buy for" folks on your list and provide a family in Haiti with the gift of livestock, healthcare, or education. Your dollars go directly to CCH programs in Haiti and you receive a photo card to wrap up for your loved one. [www.cchaiti.org](http://www.cchaiti.org)





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*Transfòme lavi, youn pa youn.  
Transforming lives, one by one.*

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## One Life, Transformed

Each person we meet is made in God's image. In this era when we feel so divided and barricaded in our ideological bunkers, let us remember that there is another way. The Most Excellent Way. If we can see our humanity reflected in another's eyes, if we can reach out and help one person, if we choose love.

— then we have been Christ's hands and feet.

*CCH's motto of "transforming lives, one by one" is integrated into our mission of healthcare, education, and community development in Haiti.*

With your help, CCH reaches thousands of people in Haiti each year. Meet one of them...

Months ago, Daphney had a terrible motorcycle accident and suffered several open bone fractures. Fixators were put in her arm and leg until she could have surgery (photo left). During months of waiting for her operation, she still managed to continue her nursing studies at Notre Dame University Nursing School, one of CCH's partners in

Jacmel. Thanks to visiting volunteer surgeon Dr. Wodajo (U.S.) and Dr. Oda (Haiti), Daphney had the surgery she desperately needed on both her arm and leg (photo right).

Daphney told us that she can finally see the light at the end



of the tunnel now. Instead of being disabled by her injury, she hopes to regain a normal life and work as a nurse.

Consistent, quality healthcare and access to surgery is what transformed Daphney's story and allowed her to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse.