

# HAITI 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

## What We Accomplished Together

from CCH Executive Director, Clark Seipt

To All Members of the CCH Family:

COVID was just one of multiple stressors in Haiti in 2021. In addition, a presidential assassination, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake, ongoing civil unrest, escalating violence and dramatic fuel shortages made for a difficult year.

As I look back on all that we accomplished together, however, I realize that all these challenges reinforced a sense of mission for CCH. We are *exhausted* but immensely *proud* of how our team and partners came together, time and again, to love and serve one another. We are *weary* but repeatedly *amazed* by the creativity, flexibility and selflessness that we've witnessed in moments big and small. Lives <u>have</u> been transformed, *one by one -* and sometimes many at a time.

In 2021, we said goodbye to longtime members of our team and welcomed new staff with open arms. We helped carry one another's fears and frustrations while also celebrating our joys and thanksgivings.

One thing has been abundantly clear through it all - we are family. Thank you for walking with us this year. Thank you for encouraging us, praying with us and reminding us that this work is so much bigger than any one of us can see. Enjoy these reminders of what we accomplished together in 2021.

Mèsi anpil, fanmi.

#### **Mission Spotlights**



- Clark

#### "In the past I've had to choose between buying food or medicine, but CCH gives me kind, affordable care."

#### Silamine (CCH Clinic patient)

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closed for only ONE day in 2021 due to unrest Ŕ

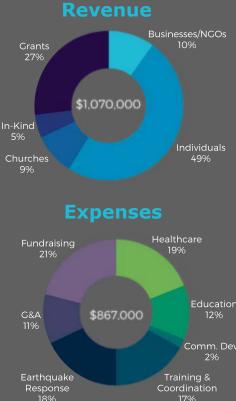
477 students received check-ups at mobile clinics

## Financials

Your tremendous generosity supported CCH's mission and encouraged our staff and partners!

You recognized the complex needs in Haiti and responded abundantly. Thank you!

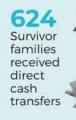
CCH was entrusted to steward more grant funding in 2021 than ever before. Several grants and yearend donations will specifically support activities in early 2022.



These financial figures are not yet audited

Earthquake Response

Pounds of PT supplies shipped to Haiti



700 Emergency Room and Physical Therapy patients in southwest Haiti served by CCH staff

## **Healthcare & Education**

#### **Baptized by Fire**

Meet CCH's new Physical Therapist, Michaud Jean-Laurent! Michaud was baptized by fire in 2021. He joined the Physical Therapy (PT) Clinic staff in June and began revamping our patient care protocols, focusing on

whole body wellness including health

education classes for patients. Then when a 7.2 earthquake hit southwest Haiti in August, Michaud and the PT team reached out to a PT Clinic there to offer CCH's support. CCH's PT team even traveled there to treat earthquake survivors in need.

#### **Training the Trainers**

The COVID pandemic has had huge impacts on all of CCH's programs, including Teacher Trainings. CCH started 2021 with US volunteers leading training sessions via Zoom with translators. We finished the year with Haitian-led training



seminars in person, thanks to Nirva and Diédyson, the new Education Liaisons at CCH. They've already made huge strides building relationships with our partner schools. They bring lessons from US volunteers directly to teachers at CCH partner schools. We are "Training the Trainers" for Haitian-led programs.

#### Walking bv Faith

71-yearold Dieudonné Toussaint rose at 3AM to start the 9 hour walk from his home in the mountaintop town

of Micheno down to Jacmel. He'd had stomach pain, chills and a fever for a few days. CCH was his only option; strikes and protests closed the city hospital and many other clinics. CCH In-Country Director, Dave Pierre, remembers Dieudonné walking into the clinic around noontime. "He made my day happy!" said Dave. "What if we had decided to close? Imagine if we had not been open when he arrived? But we were open. And he found the help that he needed."

5-year-old Loovensky came to school one day suffering from a painful rash on his chin. Thanks to treatment from CCH School Nurse, Betty Paul, Loovensky went home for Christmas Break smiling ear to ear! CCH piloted this school nurse program in spring 2021 and scaled it up to 3 partner schools in the fall. Giselene Parents, teachers, and principals could have have all said how helpful it is to fallen through have these nurses in their the cracks. It's easy

communities. in Haiti to fall behind or

> stop going to school. Juste is a bright, energetic 4th grade student enrolled at EMEVO, a CCH partner school. At the beginning of the year, Juste was struggling to comprehend the lessons. She was ready to give up. Her teacher, Jean Baptiste, used several different teaching techniques learned from CCH to create a learning environment that fosters success. Juste is now proudly excelling in class thanks to her teacher.

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Little

Hope

Juste

Se lew nan fènwa pou wè enpòtans limyè. "It is when you're in the dark that you see the importance of light."

## **Community Development**

CCH has revamped its approach to Community Development in 2021. Instead of offering a set "menu" of programs to communities, we are moving toward deeper partnerships and tailor-made programs based on the community's needs. For example, a community may tell us they need water, but does that mean: A new well? A local well mechanic? Better cisterns for water storage? A community may need better income sources, but does that mean: Agricultural training? A new livestock co-op? Transportation access to jobs in the city? We're committed to open dialogue and walking alongside our community partners, offering a hand up - not a hand out.



Jacmel Agronomist, Saül Paraison (left), discusses upcoming beekeeper training sessions for CCH partner communities with CCH Community Development staff, Junior St. Louis and Nazaire Leveille.

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### The Nurse Who Saved Christmas