



CCH NEWSLETTER



Community members and skilled volunteers in Haiti come together to rebuild.

EARTHQUAKE

RELIEF & REBUILDING

It's been 8 months since a 7.2 earthquake struck southwestern Haiti, and many of you gave generously to help the Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) respond. You may remember that CCH's Clinic Coordinator, Lourdemie Eugene (above photo, left), was (un)luckily on vacation in Les Cayes - the epicenter of the earthquake - when disaster struck. Fortunately, Lourdemie remained safe, and she was

there at ground zero to start helping. Through connections she made last August, as well as other CCH partnerships throughout Haiti, we've been able to assist in earthquake recovery.

Lourdemie and other CCH staff have traveled to Les Cayes several times to deliver supplies to CCH partner Consuela Alzamora (photo above, right) at the Physical Therapy Clinic in Les Cayes. Many thanks to CCH partners, Confluent Health and PT United, who shipped PT supplies to Haiti.

Over the past 8 months, CCH and our partners have: distributed tarps and other immediate supplies to earthquake survivors; completed participatory needs assessments of multiple hard-to-reach communities that had not received any aid; supported permanent and mobile clinics in rural communities with much-needed supplies and funding; helped build temporary classrooms at schools that were destroyed in the quake; and provided direct cash transfers to nearly 700 families, giving them the means and decision-making power to rebuild their lives.



60 teachers gathered in March for a 2-day seminar on testing/evaluation, cognitive biases, and how to teach poetry across all primary grades.

TEACHER TRAINING

MATENWA, ZOOM, & IN-PERSON

September 2021 ushered in two new Education Liaisons at CCH, Nirva Jean Baptiste and Diedyson Fils. They've made great connections with partner schools already. CCH is trying a new hybrid approach to teacher training. We're still offering in-person seminars led by US volunteers on Zoom. We're also doing "training the trainers"

sessions with Nirva and Diedyson. In November they were trained in techniques for teaching fractions, then they went out to partner schools and trained the principals and teachers there. Because internet connections for large scale Zoom meetings are not always reliable in Haiti, having both methods of teacher training is ideal.

In March, CCH led a large in-person training session for teachers. Then Nirva, Diedyson, and 3 partner school teachers went to Matenwa - a Haitian-led school for teachers where they learned mother tongue pedagogy.

STUDENT HEALTH

CHECK UPS, HYGIENE KITS, & DAYS FOR GIRLS

Hungry or sick children cannot learn, so CCH helps keep students healthy at our schools.

This spring, students at EMEVO, Mont Fleuri, and Lavanneau schools received hygiene kits to go along with the health lessons taught by their school nurses. Older girls also received "Days for Girls" menstrual supply kits and information taught by Ninotte Lubin - a trained midwife (and former CCH translator). Now every student is equipped to stay healthy at home.

Back in November the CCH mobile clinic visited each of these schools to provide free check ups and medication for students. With fuel shortages and inflation rampant in Haiti right now, parents are so thankful CCH brings medical care right to their door.

Students also get a hot protein-enriched lunch every school day. A principal recently confided, "Diedyson, there are children who eat only at the school sometimes, and in the afternoon, parents just give sweet water and bread at home."



TOP LEFT: Diedyson distributes hygiene kits. TOP RIGHT: Ninotte demonstrates how to use the Days for Girls supplies. BOTTOM: A mobile clinic nurse dispenses medication.

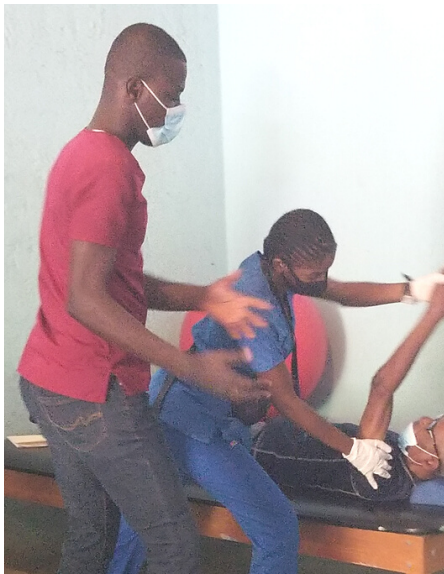
CLINIC STAFF

TRAININGS IN EARTHQUAKE READINESS, PATIENT TRIAGE, AND PHYSICAL THERAPY

In the last year, CCH has welcomed new healthcare staff, including a new Primary Care Nurse, a new Director of Physical Therapy, and 3 School Nurses. Everyone (old and new) has been building their skills to provide excellent patient care.



Doctors and nurses at the CCH Primary Care Clinic practice patient triage skills



Michaud guides a PT student through a shoulder exercise with a CCH rehab patient.

Following multiple earthquakes in southern Haiti, our staff requested training in "earthquake readiness" where they learned more about the science behind earthquakes, and did vital planning for patient and staff safety. Clinic staff also designed and participated in a training on patient triage, which will be useful for any situations with high patient volume.

The CCH Physical Therapy staff recently welcomed 4 PT students from the Episcopal University of Léogâne for a 3-week internship at our PT Rehab Clinic. Students worked under CCH PT Clinic Director, Michaud Laurent, to get hands-on training in patient care. We hope this will be an ongoing partnership with the university. Physical Therapists are sorely needed in Haiti where there are only 120 practitioners in a country of 11 million people.

GIFTS FOR GOOD

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CATCHING RAYS

SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED

Thanks to generous donors like you, and some professional help from DigitalKap (an energy company in Port au Prince), the CCH Clinics and Program Center are now solar powered! The roof racks, solar panels, and battery bank were installed in March, supplementing batteries already in place to store excess diesel generator energy. Our staff are now trained in how to use and maintain the whole system.



Solar panels provide renewable energy for the CCH Clinics and Program Center.

In-Country Director Dave Pierre reports that already we're seeing a huge difference. He says, "Since we have the [solar] system, we don't use the generator except for when we need 240V power for the dryer. We have great electricity; we are not worrying about gas again. All the staff are excited."

This project was so important that we went ahead and installed the full system we needed. But that means we now have a deficit of \$7,000 to fully cover this cost in our budget. There's still time for you to jump in and help pay off these solar panels!

COMMUNITIES

WALKING WITH OUR PARTNERS

CCH partners with community groups to work on projects that will benefit their neighborhoods. This spring, we've been helping farmers branch out into beekeeping, which will provide a source of income to participating families and benefit the entire area by adding more pollinators.



In November, CCH staff Nazaire Leveille and Junior St Louis organized a summit with leaders from all of our community partners to discuss how they can work together and share knowledge better amongst themselves.

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GOLF WITH CCH

JUNE 15, 2022



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