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Community Coalition for Haiti Newsletter

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Transforme lavi, youn pa youn. Transforming lives, one by one.

Hey,

It's fall y'all! We've had so much going on at CCH these last few months, I thought it was time for a rapid fire update - newsletter style. Scroll down to see what our Haiti and US staff have been up to - working alongside the teachers, students and clinic patients we serve in Haiti.

I'm glad you're a part of the Coalition!

- Abby

Schools Have Started

CCH has been training teachers and delivering food & school supplies

The first week of September, CCH hosted about 60 teachers from 8 different partner schools for training on Apwòch Lekòl Vivan (the Vibrant School Approach to learning), Effective Lesson Planning, and Optimistic vs Pessimistic Mentality (Growing vs Fixed Mindsets). This training was led by 4 principals who've been receiving additional training themselves for the past year and were excited to share what they've learned. The CCH model of "training the trainers" is having a powerful ripple effect! CCH Education Liaison, Diedyson Fils, delivered food and school supplies to welcome students the 2nd and 3rd weeks of September.





Coming soon to the CCH Clinic -- VACCINES!

Nurses being trained now for the new program

When Dave Pierre (CCH In-Country Director) had his first child a few years ago, he was frustrated at how hard it was to get her basic vaccinations in Jacmel. He figured other parents were hitting that barrier too. That led to a new partnership between CCH and the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP) to offer basic preventative vaccines at our Primary Care Clinic.

MSPP provides the vaccines free of charge, while CCH provides the equipment and personnel to administer them. In September, we sent two new nurses, Fabiola Thermonfils and Marjorie Saintyl to vaccination training at Hospital St Michel in Jacmel. Once their training is complete, the CCH Clinic will pass a site evaluation and start receiving vaccines from MSPP to offer to the public.

What's Next for CCH?

An Update from CCH Board President, Wood Parker

My wife, Emmy, and I were financial supporters of CCH long before we ever stepped foot in Haiti. CCH has been a mission partner of our church in Vienna, VA since the early 1990s. The pervasive lawlessness, corruption and violence in Haiti continue unabated. At the same time, we see glimpses of hope and light in the midst of hostility and carnage. You are the source of much of that hope and light in Haiti today. [Read more...](#)



New Community Latrines

CCH Improves Community Health with a New Toilet Project

What's worse than using an outhouse? Not having an outhouse to use! CCH Community Development Liaisons (Junior and Nazaire) have been working with a new partner community, Savanne du Bois. Together with community leaders they've identified a need for latrines to improve health and sanitation in this area.

With local leaders at the helm and CCH providing support, we've completed about half of the 15 latrines they have planned.

CCH has changed its approach to community development in the last couple of years to be more adaptive to the wide variety of needs we see. We spend time

getting to know local leaders and listening them so that we understand the challenges they're facing. That way, whatever solutions we come up will be more collaborative and effective.

"Haiti Experience" Events in Virginia

CCH's U.S. staff have been taking our *Haiti Experience* to churches

In April, CCH debuted a number of "immersive exhibits" that bring Haiti to life right here in the U.S. This fall, we've been taking our show on the road to Tabernacle United Methodist Church (Virginia Beach, VA) and Catoctin Presbyterian Church (Waterford, VA). Through the exhibits and a very engaging, brief facilitated workshop, we get people thinking and talking about Haiti and church missions. Contact Clark (clark@cchhaiti.org) if you want to learn more!



New School Latrines

Lavanneau Toilets Rebuilt

The outhouses at Lavanneau Primary School were washed away by major flooding earlier this summer. CCH collaborated with Lavanneau's Principal Mariline Francois as she initiated the reconstruction process with her governing organization (a local Haitian church). Members of the Lavanneau community dug the pits and helped with construction. Mariline engages students and teachers in the upkeep of their new facilities. It has been a collaborative effort all around!



Soul Care for Our Haitian Staff

Haiti Staff Enjoy a Time of Retreat and Reconnection

Led by CCH In-Country Director, Dave Pierre, CCH's Haitian staff gathered in early October for a retreat at Cyvadier Hotel in Jacmel. Dave says, "I thanked all of them for what they are doing for people in Haiti. We had devotion time and thought about how we are cosmic warriors. We practiced soul care with breathing techniques and time for everyone to focus on their mental health." Life is stressful these days for our Haitian *cosmic warriors*. Thank you for encouraging them with your support!



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