

## Haiti Continuing Dental Education

You can help transform a typical 10-day mission trip into a Hands-on Clinic with After-hours Classroom moments to help change the dental landscape of Haiti... one dentist at a time!

Would you consider practicing your faith in Haiti?

Currently enrolling Instructors for the following classes:

- ~ Anesthetics
- ~ Infection Control
- ~ Pediatric Dentistry
- ~ Periodontology
- ~ Restorative
- ~ Oral Surgery
- ~Painless Injections
- ~ Management and Supervision of Dental Practice

Sign up today!

Call

270-528-6178



this issue

Dental Continuing Education P.1

Short-term Differences P.2

Child Evangelism P.3

## Dental Continuing Education Opportunities

“Ouvri bouch ou laj,” the Creole phrase for “Open your mouth wide” was first spoken in the Spring of 2014 to our first dental patient by Dr. Mary Gebhardt of Eddyville, Kentucky.

Four years later Missions Of Love's Klinik Dante (Dental Clinic) is still going strong providing the gospel message of love and hope along with the provision of quality dental care by hosting nine dental clinics and two bush clinics. This journey has been a beautiful blend of skill and talent, faith and friendship, and lots of smiles.

And, the dental dream is growing!

As American dental missionaries have come to serve in Jolivet, they have found themselves working shoulder-to-shoulder with their Haitian counterparts. During these moments they share techniques, skills and expertise, and the end result is always the same...The American teams have been impressed with the Haitian dentists, their devotion to their people, their practice and their display of determination to learn above and beyond their training to become the best in their field. That, makes our heart smile.

Over the past four years, we have come to love and respect our Haitian dentists, Dr. Scott Ader Rousseau, Dr. Hans Eugene, Dr. Vassor Marc-Elie, Dr. Chavannes

Jean Pierre and Dr. Jude Augustine, all of whom have received their dental diplomas from Faculte d'Odontologie, Haiti's only dental school.

However, there is a void...

In addition to a deficit in dentists – the Haitian population is over 10 million with only 300 dentists serving the entire country – there are no specialty training programs or continuing education for dentists. So, our Haitian dentists, who realize the limited resources and often inefficient techniques of dental education in Haiti, have asked if we will walk alongside them one step further to help them achieve their dreams of higher aspirations for themselves, their peers, their people and their country.

This is where MOL is stepping it up a notch...

Beginning this Fall we will initiate Dental Continuing Education classes by taking steps to transform a typical 10-day mission trip into a hands-on clinic with after-hours class time. We believe this step has the potential to change the dental landscape in Haiti and change the lives of others and we're excited to see what God has in store!

## Beautifully Dressed



By Jaycie Edwards

I have always been a dress girl. I remember as a little girl twirling and twirling around in my dress like a princess. Today, I'm still a dress girl, finding it so simple to just slip into a dress and slip into my day.

So, naturally, one of the first sights that caught my awe when in Haiti was how beautiful the women of this country were in their dresses. I imagined that for the most part they hand-made their dresses. I could imagine mothers going in search of material, measuring their baby girls, and being so proud of their ability to clothe their little ones. I imagined mothers teaching their daughters how to sew.

During my second trip to Jolivert in February 2018, I had an epiphany... "Shouldn't I let these ladies know how beautiful I think their hard work is? I wonder if I could get one to make a dress for me?"

With that thought, I was now on a quest... I wanted an authentic hand-made, Haitian dress!

At this point, however, we had only two days before we were to depart. So, I quickly shared my desires with our Team Director, who then directed me to a local seamstress, Mazellia. I knew who she was – a tall, thin, hard-

(Continued on Page 3)



## Can working alongside someone only two to four times a year really make a difference?

### We asked one of our Haitian dentists his thoughts about short-term missions work

Work as a dentist at the Missions Of Love of Jolivert has been a rewarding experience professionally, personally, spiritually, and above all humanly.

Before that, I knew this health center by name only. At my first come, I was greeted warmly by the Haitian staff and by the American staff with the other dentists. The flow went well between us as well as the dental assistants from the U.S. We always have the impression that it's a group of good friends who have known each other for a long time who work by giving the maximum. An extraordinary atmosphere still prevails in the Clinic – we joke, we laugh, we share our experience – we help each other.

The American missionaries who accompany us in Clinic are always a precious help to us. They do everything so that one works in the best conditions – good Christian music, candies, iced tea, cold water, and jokes! So, the work is done much more quickly and efficiently.

After each week of work, one thing is still in my mind, We are really one on this wonderful planet.

Note that the Dental Clinic for me, is one of the best in the country (Haiti) in terms of equipment and comfort. But, for the future, we hope that the MOL Dental Clinic can be equipped by X-ray (panoramic and retro alveolar), with more materials for major surgery cases (i.e. accidents) with more materials for root canals and prosthesis, so the Clinic will be more complete.

**“After each week of work, one thing is still in my mind, *“We are really one on this wonderful planet.”*”**

We also hope to see other American dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, and some more specialist at each mission. It will allow us to interact with other professionals from other health systems. The specialists could always organize seminars on the in-depth areas of dentistry.

I wish the best for the Missions Of Love, which helps a lot of the Haitian population.

Much Love and Bless,  
Dr. Hans J. Darcy EUGENE (Dentist)

## NEW PERSPECTIVE



My name is Gloria Crawford. I am 21 years old and live in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. I am a dental assistant at Bluegrass Family Dentistry, Beaver Dam, KY, for Dr. Kelsey Johnson.

While working for Dr. Johnson we were invited to volunteer at a free dental clinic at Living Faith Baptist Church in Hartford, KY. While volunteering at the clinic I met Mrs. Barbie Porter. She was the type of woman who loved her work and it showed through her hospitality with our staff and the joy she exuded in helping people. During our time working in the clinic she would talk about the mission trips she and her husband take to work in a dental clinic at the Missions Of Love in Jolivert, Haiti.

Soon after, I found myself planning a mission trip to Haiti to be a part of the February 2018 Team.

I enjoyed the long drive to Jolivert. It afforded me the opportunity to see the the Haitian people in their own environment.

Once we arrived at the Mission we began to set up the Dental Clinic. It was a lot of hard work, but once we began seeing patients it was amazing. I had the honor to assist for Dr. Chavannes. He was funny and fun to work with, and made each

(Continued on Page 3)

## New Perspective (Continued)

patient feel comfortable and that he truly cared. It was also apparent that he loved what he was accomplishing. I learned so much from him and took away a different kind of skills.

Each morning before breakfast we did daily devotions. Afterwards, we prayed and shared something God had done during this trip.

One morning, I found myself realizing just how far I had let myself get away from worship; how far I had allowed myself to separate in my relationship with God and my faith. Just as I was thinking about this I was asked if I would take a turn giving a devotion. I struggled with what I should share and asked to borrow a Bible. After reading and contemplating on what my devotion would be, it hit me...

I thought my purpose of going was because I'm a dental assistant and I can help give dental care, but little did I know that wasn't the reason...

God opened up the door (of my heart) and helped me realize my whole purpose of being there wasn't just to help the people, but it was also to help myself along the way. At that moment, I realized that everything has a purpose and that purpose had actually started back in Kentucky when I had volunteered at the Operation Inasmuch Dental



Clinic and first heard about Missions Of Love. I believe God led me to this wonderful place with these loving and grateful people to not only provide the dental care they so desperately need, but to also heal a soul. Mine. To reconnect me to my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I realized that God was showing me the way and leading me back to Him. And, for that, I am forever grateful!

This trip changed my perspective. I haven't stopped reading my Bible and doing daily devotions since I've returned home. Everyday my life continues to grow stronger in faith.

And, the verse, *"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ."* (1 Cor. 1:4) means more to me than ever.

## Child Evangelism in Haiti

It is in faith that we boldly go out and proclaim the name of Christ our King. As a child of God, I've been blessed to minister to the children of Haiti. Like any other child, the Haitian children long for attention, guidance, and most of all to be loved. The Haitian-loved sport is soccer. So, this has provided me the unique opportunity to take the game they love and use it as a tool to help share the gospel.

On my last TWO tips to Joliver I took Eballs, color-colored soccer balls, that help break down the gospel message into easy to explain and understand stories.

My first trip to Haiti, I was blessed to have been able to minister through soccer and to witness a young boy give his



*"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."*

~Galatians 3:26

life to Christ. That experience alone was overwhelming. It just shows how powerful The Word is. I was fortunate to be able to take my love of sports and use that in evangelizing to kids. How wonderful that God uses our loves and gifts to glorify His name. I highly encourage you to GO with your own loves, gifts and talents, and allow God to use you.

By Justin Crews:

## Beautifully Dressed (Continued)

Working woman with a little daughter who always wore pretty little dresses.

When we found Mazellia, she was wearing a mid-length dress that cinched at the waist, just the style I wanted!. With the help of our interpreter, we made the dress-making proposal. She was so excited she grabbed my hand and jogged me over to the Eye Clinic to take my measurements.

Later that night Mazellia came up the hill with the dress in hand. It wasn't completely finished, but I couldn't believe how much she had already gotten done. The dress fit and I showed her where to cut off for length. The next morning, while we were packing to leave, Mazellia returned with my new dress.

I tried it on – I couldn't have dreamed up a more perfect dress. It was exactly what I wanted and more. As I stood in front of the mirror I twirled around like a little girl!

I told Mazellia, "I love it!" and watched as her face lit up too. "Merci!", I said, as I leaned in to hug her tight and paid her the agreed price. I prayed that The Lord would use our exchange to show her that she is unique as a daughter of Christ and that The Lord had given her these gifts and abilities.

I fell in love with this little piece of Haitian culture and the many honorable characteristics of the Haitian women. They are humble, hard-working caretakers, beautifully clothed in the roles they wear, and, when I wear my hand-made Haitian dress, I feel strong and beautiful too.



## 10-Day Mission Trip

**COST: \$1,800**

Includes:  
Transportation, Lodging &  
Meals

### Donate, Contact, Connect:

Trip Coordinator  
Becky Baise  
270.528.6178

Work Groups  
Ralph Porter  
270.256.1306

Dental/Medical Groups  
Barbie Porter

## Volunteers Needed

- **Carpenters, Electricians, and Plumbers Needed**

The second story will be going up on the Dental Clinic Building this Summer, so we will need help to build and install wooden trusses for a metal roof, followed by electrical and plumbing teams.

- **Medical/Dental Personnel Needed**

MOL began as a medical mission that used medicine to bring people to know Christ. Today, we are still seeking Doctors, Dentists and Nurses willing to walk alongside our Haitian staff delivering medical and dental care to the people of the Mountains as we share the love of Christ.

- **Mechanic Needed**

MOL has an Army duce and half we use for hauling water, supplies and Bush Clinic teams to and from the mountains. It is in need of some TLC.

- **Evangelistic Teams Needed**

We are continually growing and spreading the Good News to everyone who will listen. Would you consider sharing your faith in Haiti? Pastors and Womens conferences, VBS, Bible studies and revivals are great connect points with our Haitian brothers and sisters.

Missions Of Love Issue 12 May 2018



**Missions Of Love**  
A Haiti Christian Mission

Missions Of Love  
P.O. Box 292  
Hartford, KY 42347  
270.363.0078 ph  
270.528.6178 ph  
[www.missionsoflove.org](http://www.missionsoflove.org)