

SPRING 2009

*SIF Centre De Sante*

*Croix-de-Bouquets, Haiti*

ONE YEAR LATER.....

Where were you a year ago? What were you thinking? On what were your prayers focused?

We were here at Croix De Bouquet pretending we knew what was in store for us. During the last year we have learned some Creole, figured out who does what when and who knows somebody who knows somebody who can get things done. It's an ongoing educational experience. If we didn't like to learn, weren't willing to be flexible and, above all, lacked total confidence in our Lord, we would have been back in Chautauqua County by now.

**Nancy Smith, RN**

Nancy Smith, RN from Merritt Island, FL has completed her *initial* long term commitment to serve in Haiti (that's our wishful way of saying we hope she returns some day). While here, Nancy developed a process for implementing the formulary procedures the mobile medical teams. She assisted in preparation of medicines and supplies through established inventory control systems. She briefed teams on any changes and updates. She provided a cultural overview for the teams; she accompanied each team and prepared their hearts as well as their minds for the work ahead of them. (con't on page 2)



Bert & Roberta Anderson

But, the Lord is gracious; He is good. He guides and directs us through this journey. We rely on Him daily to achieve His work here.

This first year our goals included developing a positive relationship with our staff, improving the health care services provided to the Haitians, and updating the facilities. We have made major inroads on all three.

We have a new physician on our team. **Dr. Sarah Jane C. Jean Louis** joined our staff in December.

She is the Medical Director of SIF Centre De

Sante.

She received her education from University of Notre Dame d' Haiti in 2004 and has extensive experience in both direct patient care and leadership roles. She is compassionate and has been well received by the staff and patients.

(GOALS page 2)



*Dr. Sarah Jane C Jean Louis*



Nancy Smith

Nancy was our prayer leader. She kept us and our staff focused on the Lord. She instituted weekly devotions not as a leader but as a facilitator. The weekly devotions continue under the leadership of Alexis Frisner from our staff.

Nancy is missed greatly but we know she is still witnessing for Christ and will always be His dedicated servant. May He bless her richly as she so deserves.

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SO, if you know anyone who feels called to the mission field, encourage them through prayer to consider filling this role here in Haiti. Medical experience is helpful but not limited to doctor's or nurses (Pharmacists, Pharmacy techs, etc.) please contact CSI in Muncie.



Preparing for baptismal

### GOALS con't....

Dr. Sarah has helped to improve staff relationships . The staff feels confident of her abilities and responds to her leadership. We have seen a twenty per cent increase in the number patients served by the clinic which indicates the community supports the changes that have been made at the clinic.

We have encouraged our staff to continue their education through staff development opportunities. Ruth Alphonse, our Head Nurse, recently attended a three day seminar on diabetes. Upon her return, she conducted a staff in-service and instituted on-going diabetes training programs for our patients.

The Ministere De La Sante Publique Et De La Population (MSPP— the Haitian Health Department) sponsored a week-long nationwide vaccination program this spring. Their goal was to immunize one million

children. Ruth was asked to support this effort by supervising a team of eight workers who went out into the community and provided over 7000 immunizations to infants and children. We are proud of her efforts and accomplishments.

Throughout the year, we have worked on various maintenance issues. Team members from NY, OH, OR, PA and points in between have helped with painting, wiring, and other needed tasks.

While we have made inroads on our goals, there is always something more to do.

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### TEAM REPORTS

We have had two surgical teams so far this year. They performed about thirty surgeries each. Also, the doctors were able to spend time with our physicians and discuss post-surgical care with them.

**Si Bondye voye ou, li peye fre ou.**  
*If God sends you, He pays your expenses.*  
(God will take care of you if you do His will.)  
*from the book Hidden Meanings by Wally Turnbull*

The teams, Jamestown Area Medical Associates and Blue Chip Surgical, have led to other teams coming to Haiti.

Dr. Rappole and his wife Mary (Jamestown, NY) have been coming to Haiti for about nine years. They returned in March in lead a team of twenty people for a week of evangelism and outreach. This included a crusade, worship services for five nights. Approximately 350 people attended each evening .

The week ended with Pastor Stephen Wiggers (Panama United Methodist Church, Panama, NY) and Pastor Fritz Jeune (Premier Eglise Chretienne De Noailles—the church CSI is building) conducting a baptismal service.

Dr. Coletta and Beth Johnson from Blue Chip Surgical are planning a return trip this fall. They are organizing another surgical team

made up staff from Blue Chip Surgical offices throughout the the United States.

We praise God for those willing to step into another role as they serve Him in Haiti.

The SIF Clinic has hosted other teams during the past year. When Ohio State University conducted professional development programs for the teachers at Faith Academy or at the elementary school in Gallette, we were honored to have Professor Cheryl Canada and her team stay with us on two different trips. This reduced their travel time to the sites. Faith Academy is within walking distance of the clinic and Gallette is not too far down the road. While not an actual "mission team" through CSI, some of the staff from OSU who have been here have returned on mission teams and they are financial supporters of the work we do in Haiti.

With the help of Nancy

Smith, we provided assistance to eight mobile medical teams during the past year. We maintain the inventory based on the formulary that has been developed by Dr. Guy Hoagland and Michele Harms.

The benefits of the Utilizing the formulary has reduced the overall costs of the medicines and insures consistency in quality of the medicines. It alleviates the task of gathering medications, packaging, labeling, and getting them through customs for each team. There are some over the counter supplies that teams still bring in. All of this is to improve our stewardship of the resources God provides for us.

As we work on our second year here, we continue to give thanks to all of you who have supported us with your prayers, your time and your talents. We praise God for your faithfulness.

Blessings to all,

*Bert & Roberta*



*Left: Blue Chip Surgical*

*Right: Bemus Point United Methodist Church Mobile Medical*

*Pictures courtesy of Blue Chip Surgical*



*A FINAL WORD...*

We are humbled by the support that you have given us . Many of you have been with us from day one, many have learned of our mission and joined us. We ask for your continued prayers and prayers for the people of Haiti. The following are ways that your financial support will benefit the people of Haiti.

*Support to the Andersons.* Your donation will help pay for living expenses (food, vehicle expenses etc) and emergency purchases while in country. Send donations to CSI Muncie designating Anderson's support in the memo field of the check.

*CSI Haiti Clinic Fund.* Donations would go towards the Haiti Clinic operations helping to offset the cost of operations including professional staff salaries. Make donations to CSI Muncie, Haiti Clinic Fund.

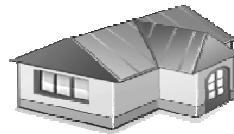
*Pennies for the Poor.* All monies go to pay for medical expenses for those individuals who need medical care or medicine but have no means to pay for it. On average a \$6.00 donation would cover a Doctor exam, a lab test and one or two medications. (A nice Sunday school Project!) Send donations to CSI Muncie designating Haiti Pennies for the Poor in the memo field of the check.



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