

## New Haiti Medical Mission Approved

At the September Session Meeting, a New Fund was approved to support mobile medical clinics in the EcoVillages and surrounding communities. This project was started with a GoFundMe drive to fund a project organized by my friend, Dr. Carlos Sinfinice in Haiti. The first clinics were held in December, 2023, serving a rural community with limited access to medical services. Many people were helped, and the community leaders asked if these could be held on a regular basis. Many of

the conditions are chronic and are treated most successfully with periodic follow-up. So, in July, Jeanine and I privately funded follow-up clinics. Here is what Carlos had to say about that experience:

"I organized a first mobile clinic on July 26th then on August 20th in the village school. In the first I had 2 doctors and me, a nurse and 2 nursing assistants, my little sister Landchine and another young woman from the village who is in 2nd year administrative science. We saw 84 patients who arrived gradually during the day. We did as usual: patient assessment, analyses and then giving treatments. Some patients were able to benefit from a complete analysis thanks to using a device that has a program for that. This device gives information on the person's state of health. Then on the 20th I was alone as a doctor, my colleagues were all busy and I had not planned to see many people but unfortunately for me I saw 50 patients all alone that day and I finished very late around 5 o'clock p.m. On August 23, I carried out another mobile clinic in Mapou where many patients were waiting for me, unfortunately a rain around 1:30 p.m reduced the number of patients. We were 2 doctors, and we saw about 112 patients. I was very satisfied with the mobile clinics, I felt useful and very close to the population, and I think I like this work. People express a lot of gratitude to us and want us to come back every month. At each mobile clinic I learn more things about the organization, planning, and management of the funds available for the project than before, then how to use funds to give more results." – Carlos

The cost for the project was \$1,500 and helped 246 people. Consider that people got an examination, diagnosis and medicine for about \$6 per person! That's a tremendous impact for a little money

I don't think we'll be able to fund clinics monthly, but a quarterly program is possible and useful. Several people have expressed interest in keeping these clinics going so we asked the Session if we can set up a fund. Now, you can help by making a tax-deductible contribution through Good Shepherd. Go to www.goodshepherdpc.org/give and scroll to the bottom of the pave.

Thank you for continuing to help the people in Haiti! Chris Calia



WOC SERVICE PROJECT Sunday, October 6 Fellowship Hall Following worship

We are helping to fill 20 clear book bags for Stand Up for Kids to be used in Gwinnett schools. We women will also be assisting our Undershepherds by writing a few cards to our congregants mentioned in our weekly bulletins.

What to bring with you to this project:

- •2-3 Thinking of You cards & envelopes •1 or more plastic folders with pockets
  - 1 or more ruled composition books several #2 pencils
    - a snack to munch while you participate

(Examples of these items will be on display in the Fellowship Hall beginning 9/8/24.)

Let's all show up for this special gathering. Pictures will be taken for the Stand Up for Kids newsletter. We should have many Good Shepherd women's smiling faces present!



Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought.

-Philippians 2:4-5 Contemporary English Version

# Did you know...?

that the **Lilburn Co-op** provides additional help, as needed, including: referral information for other sources of assistance, employment resources, school supplies, and counseling referral?

that the Community Garden consists 3 connected churches in the Lilburn Community?

that the Haiti school is in their 10th year?

that **StandUp for Kids** offers support to those in their program after their 18th birthday?

that the shoeboxes are not the primary mission of **Operation Christmas Child**, the main mission is to teach the children about Christ and make them disciples?

that the **Clifton Sanctuary Ministries** has transitional housing called Joe's Place where men are given budgeting training and relationship training?

Find out more about these missions and outreaches, as well as others, at the Mission Fair today after the worship service. Make it your goal to find out something new and worth your time and talents.



#### **In Person**

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in an offering envelope and drop them in the offering box.

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## Online

Visit <u>https://e.onrealm.org</u> and click **GIVING** to set up a one -time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



# Mobile App

Download the Realm Connect app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation.

#### Sunday, Sept. 29

9:30amSunday School11:00amK - 5th Sunday School11:00amWorship11:00amEl Buen Worship12:15pmMission Fair & Lunch3:00pmGirl Scout Troop #240566:00pmYouth Group

#### Monday, Sept. 30

7:00pm JoyDance

#### Tuesday, Oct. 1

8:30am	Women's IHOP Bible Study
2:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
3:45pm	Preschool Dance Class
6:00pm	Yoga

#### Wednesday, Oct. 2

7:00pm	Choir Practice
8:00pm	El Buen Men's Bible Study

#### Thursday, Oct. 3

9:00am	Men's IHOP Bible Study
9:30am	Thursday Women's Bible Study

#### Friday, Oct. 4

No scheduled events

#### Saturday, Oct. 5

9:00am	SDA Church
9:00am	Octoberfest @ Trinity Lutheran

#### Sunday, Oct. 6

9:30am	Sunday School
11:00am	K - 5th Sunday School
11:00am	Worship
11:00am	El Buen Worship
12:00pm	WOC Service Project
3:00pm	Girl Scout Troop #24056
6:00pm	Intergenerational Dinner
6:00pm	Youth Group



#### TODAY! Following worship Fellowship Hall

Kimberly Adcock is requesting your help mealtrain with reestablishing the meal train. We have an upcoming need for meals this month. If you are willing to help with a meal please sign up at **mealtrain.com/17w70q** or call Kimberly at 770-363-8023.

# Intergenerational Church Dinner

All ages are invited:



## Sunday, October 6 6:00PM Five Guys 1576 Scenic Highway



Do you know of someone for whom we can be praying? To have their name added to the prayer chain, please email

or call Peggy Trettel at mugas7@bellsouth.net 770-925-0994 or Kristy Gordon at 770-380-8325 kgordo3@gmail.com

#### Ongoing:

Lorrie Harris, Keith Folger, Janet Will, and Charlie Black

<u>Recovering:</u> Joanne Folger

#### Military:

ASM2 Glenn Johnson, PFC Thomas Stevenson, SrA Justin Speer