

LAMP for HAITI

SHINING A LIGHT IN HAITI'S DARKEST PLACES

Dear friends of the Lamp,

We would like, very much, to inspire your sense of ownership in the activities of the Lamp since it is only through your support that the Lamp functions at all. To that end, the following paragraphs provide a general overview of the Lamp's programming. For more details on current projects and happenings please visit our website or "like" our *facebook* page. Included at the bottom are some suggestions with regards to specific funding needs that we have. As always, your support is very much appreciated.

Our primary activity is the Lamp for Haiti Health Center in Bwa Nèf, Cité Soleil. It is made up of three converted dwellings in the middle of the slum. The green building shown below is the main clinic, housing the exam rooms and the pharmacy. Additional buildings serve as a reception area for patients and our laboratory. Staffing the Health Center is a team of ten professionals, including the program manager, two excellent doctors and four nurses. All of our staff are Haitian since a key goal of the Lamp is to build local capacity -- and therefore sustainability.



The Health Center functions as a walk-in clinic. Everyone that comes to the clinic is given service. We see, on average, around 60 persons per day. Because of the extreme poverty of the area all services are provided free of charge, including consultation with the doctor, laboratory testing and medication. Because we are the only medical facility in the area we see a very large range of illnesses and conditions, and also provide urgent care. Prevalent diseases include gastro-intestinal and respiratory disease, malaria, dengue fever, typhoid, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis.

Special programs at the Health Center include public health education sessions each morning, a nutrition program for children based on locally sourced peanut-butter, a recently launched cardiology unit, a women's health clinic, and mobile clinics to neighboring areas.

Additional programming, aimed primarily at removing the causes of ill health, include a public toilet, two water purification systems, and a teacher training program in local schools, intended to spearhead our health education efforts in the near future.



Health is the key to self-sufficiency



The staff of the Lamp for Haiti Health Center

Our plans for the upcoming year include a substantial enhancement of our women's clinic, the construction of two additional exam rooms, the installation of an x-ray machine, and an improved ability to treat tuberculosis.

Our programs are getting stronger every day but our shortfall for the year remains very large. Any and all assistance will be appreciated. Please visit our web site at www.lampforhaiti.org and click on the Donate button, or send a check directly to us at the address below.

Budget Summary for Haiti Operations, 2013

Recurrent expenses	Monthly	Annual
Staff salaries	11,500	138,000
Medicine, lab supplies, nutritional supplies	3,500	42,000
Social development programs	2,000	24,000
Vehicles	2,000	24,000
Administrative costs	1,500	18,000
Total	20,500	246,000

Non-recurrent expenses, planned	
Ambulance/staff transport	40,000
Construction of two exam rooms and one radiology room	5,000
X-ray machine and ancillary equipment	35,000
Total	80,000

Below are some specific contributions that could make a terrific impact:

Contribute to the **ambulance** fund: We hope to buy a low-cost Toyota ambulance in the near future. We have raised \$7,000 so far, but we need another **\$33,000!** Please visit the campaign page on our web site and keep the momentum going!

Support the **medika mamba** nutritional program: Mamba means peanut-butter in Creole. The cost to provide one malnourished child with an 8 week treatment of highly fortified peanut butter and supplements is **\$200**. The program includes daily supervision by the designated nurse. This is a life-saving program!



Blood test at the lab

Laboratory expansion: The volume of patients that we see demand additional laboratory facilities. Also, we wish to upgrade our ability to identify and treat tuberculosis which is extremely prevalent in the area. This requires lab space with some special features. We have an available room, but we need cabinets and other furnishings, flooring, plumbing, etc. Estimated cost will be: **\$3,000**.

Support a child in school: The Lamp is supporting 20 children in school. Each of these children need a sponsor! The cost per year, per child, is **\$300**. This cost includes uniform, school bag, books and supplies and monthly school fees. Note that the average cost per public school student in the US, in 2010, was over \$10,000!



School kit distribution

Examination table: We are in the process of building two additional exam rooms at our main clinic site in Cité Soleil. A gift of **\$2,400** would provide all of the furniture for a room, including the shipping costs for the examination table.

General fund: Of course, support for our day to day work at the Health Center is our biggest need. We are very pleased and proud to provide such excellent medical care in Cité Soleil. We are also pleased and proud to provide steady employment for our staff, but this is work that requires committed dollars. Any gift will help and please consider making a recurring monthly gift.

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