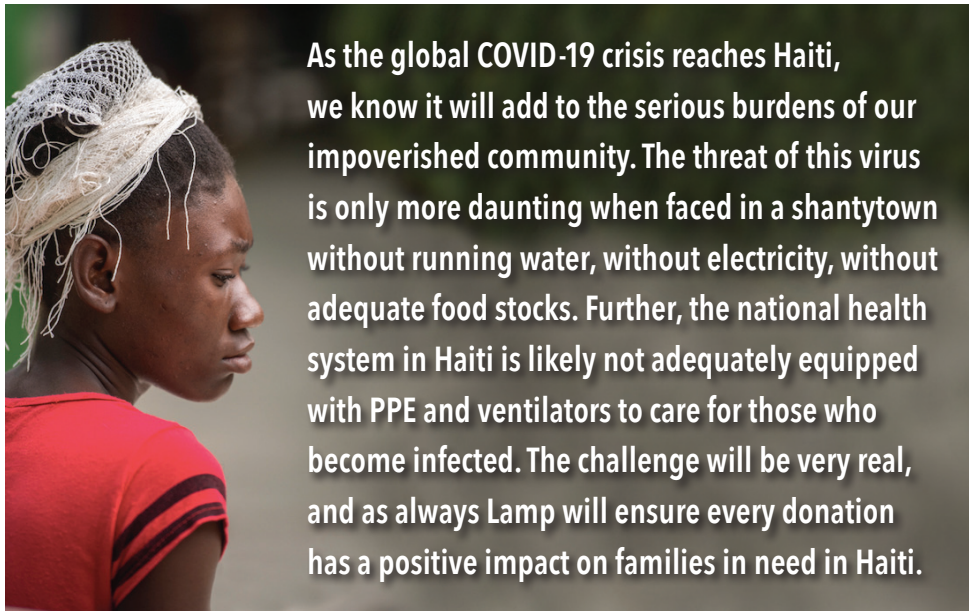


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As the global COVID-19 crisis reaches Haiti, we know it will add to the serious burdens of our impoverished community. The threat of this virus is only more daunting when faced in a shantytown without running water, without electricity, without adequate food stocks. Further, the national health system in Haiti is likely not adequately equipped with PPE and ventilators to care for those who become infected. The challenge will be very real, and as always Lamp will ensure every donation has a positive impact on families in need in Haiti.

**PLEASE DONATE TO
THE LAMP COVID-19
RESPONSE FUND
TO HELP COVER THE
VAST NEEDS ARISING
AS A RESULT OF
THIS PANDEMIC.**

Dear Friends –

Far from my usual spring letter, I realize this arrives to you at a delicate time. The pandemic has thoroughly shaken our ways of life. I hope that you and your loved ones have remained healthy and safe. As a doctor, I have lost patients over the last month and I sincerely hope you have been spared this sorrow. I understand the depths of the suffering out there and that is precisely why I want to encourage you to remember our families in Haiti.

Worldwide we have seen that any country's struggles are exacerbated by the threat of COVID-19. The global shortage of ventilators and PPE is even more challenging for Haiti, the poorest nation in the hemisphere. As a result, the health system in Haiti is further weakened. Our shantytown community lives in one room dwellings without running water or electricity. The global directives for handwashing and social distancing come with extra challenges in such a place. Cité Soleil is a community that typically eats only one meal a day, so an additional risk at these times may become starvation.

Over the last few weeks, Lamp for Haiti has had to make difficult decisions with implications for our patients, our staff, and for our future as we navigate the situation. Our programming to patients has been impacted by lack of PPE supplies, as well as

A MESSAGE FROM DR. JAMES MORGAN

rising security risks. For all the limitations of operations at this time, there are also ways we have been expanding our services to deliver what's needed during this crisis. Details are within this mailer about our patient care, public health preventive measures, humanitarian aid and more. As the situation evolves, we will continue to do all we can! The challenge is that as needs are rising, funding is falling dramatically. We need your help.

Lamp is no stranger to adversity – from earthquakes, to hurricanes, to cholera outbreaks, to dangerous uprising – and we have demonstrated time and again our resiliency! As ever, we remain brave, committed, lean, resourceful and essential – our community needs us more than ever!

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**Dr. Morgan heading in
to see patients in NJ.**



LAMP FOR HAITI'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

MARCH – Expanding Public Health Education & Ongoing Care



Increased preventive health demonstrations to educate the community about COVID-19.



Sharing information to keep residents updated through the crisis (by poster, by megaphone and even online).



Meanwhile, during March, the Lamp Health Center was open for patient care as usual. Here is one patient case:

A life-saving recovery from Typhoid

6 year old Monica arrived to the Lamp Health Clinic feeling weak and awful. Her symptoms included fever, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and flaking skin. You could see in her eyes that she was not well.

TYPHOID

Typhoid is a life-threatening bacterial infection that is sadly common in Haiti due to poor sanitation and contaminated food or water. Typhoid can lower resistance and raise the risk of secondary infections. Untreated severe cases may lead to serious complications or death.

BEFORE



Our pediatrician diagnosed Monica with Typhoid and a staphylococcal skin infection. Samples were taken in the lab and medications prescribed and dispensed.

TREATMENT

- Two Specialized Antibiotics
- Calamine Lotion
- Tylenol
- Iron Pills
- Multi-vitamins

AFTER



10 days later Monica returned to Lamp for a check-up. Thanks to the proper diagnosis and treatment, her smile has returned, along with her health!

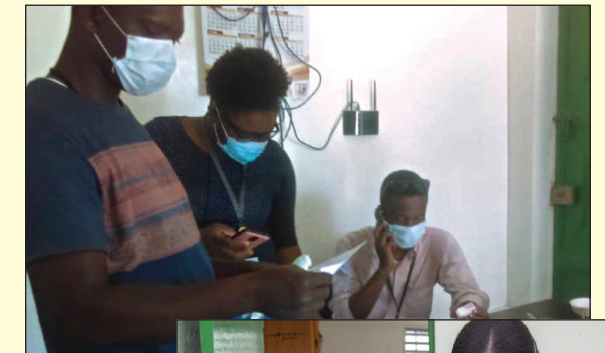
APRIL – Adapting to the Initial Outbreak

- On April 10, Haiti reported its first COVID-19 death, and cases continue to rise.
- Currently, Lamp Health Center is operating on a limited basis and by appointment only, to better ensure the safety of our staff and patients. We are stepping up outreach and adapting programs, for example:



Child Nutrition Program

New arrangements were made to monitor the malnourished children in our nutrition program and ensure sustenance. In addition, food distributions were made to the broader community.



Chronic Care Program

Our staff is calling existing patients with chronic illness to check on them and make an appointment for medication pick up at our pharmacy.

- Lamp is seeking creative ways, such as **telehealth**, to deliver urgent health care as the crisis worsens. We are prepared to deploy our physicians to local **hospitals** as needs rise to fight COVID-19 on the front line.
- Lamp has expanded our healthcare mission to meet increased **humanitarian aid** needs:
 - Community distribution of essentials such as soap, disinfectant spray and cloth masks
 - Food distribution as prevention against malnutrition
 - Continued oversight of local water towers to ensure access to clean water

The situation is fluid and with your support we will be able to respond as needs unfold.

Today, I'm asking you to be a light to those in need by making a contribution of any amount you can afford to help our vulnerable community. I recognize this is a hard time for us all and I don't make the ask lightly. Please help Lamp stay ready and able to continue its mission in Cité Soleil, Haiti during this time of coronavirus and beyond. Grounded in our belief that every life has value, help us deliver the light of hope to those who might otherwise be forgotten and uncared for during this pandemic.

Next year will mark Lamp's 15th anniversary and I hope to stand proudly, with you, and say that together we were torch bearers in this current time of darkness. The days ahead will be challenging ones, but the generosity of our community and our commitment to serve is a constant. I thank you for your continued support and I wish you and yours continued health and safety during this outbreak.

Do take care,



You Can Be the Light! Help us keep the Lamp shining in dark times.

Examples of how your donation helps our mission

- \$20** - Distribution of a Hygiene kit to one family of 5 (includes soap and disinfectant spray)
- \$50** - Distribution of a three-week supply of essential food for a family of 5
- \$100** - Distribution of cloth masks to 100 residents
- \$500** - Supports implementation of telehealth needs
- \$1000** - Supports installation of 10 handwashing stations in the community
- \$1500** - Supports a one-month supply of critical PPE for the staff

Every amount is meaningful. If making a significant donation at this time feels challenging, please consider becoming a sustaining donor and give a smaller amount each month. For example, if you would normally like to give \$250, please consider a recurrent gift of \$20 a month. A monthly payment is easily set up via our secure donate button on the website. You'll remain able to change or cancel a recurring donation at any time.

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