



Outreach to Haiti

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Haiti's Healthcare



- ✦ 80% of Haitians are living below the poverty line
- ✦ No access
 - ✦ Highly susceptible to treatable diseases
 - ✦ Highest incident of HIV/AIDS outside of Africa
 - ✦ 300 children die each day
- ✦ Haiti ranks last in western hemisphere in terms of healthcare spending

Library of Congress- Federal Research Division Country Profile: Haiti, May 2006.

The Florida Sun Sentinel “Aids in the Caribbean”, 2003

Patient Demographics

- ✦ Cholera is a major concern in pocket areas in Haiti
- ✦ Tropical fungi
- ✦ High Blood Pressure
- ✦ Tooth Aches
- ✦ Malnutrition
- ✦ Diarrhea
- ✦ Eye Irritations
- ✦ Headaches
- ✦ Upper GI (acid reflux)
- ✦ Scabies
- ✦ Pregnant women who are in need of check-ups





Children drinking polluted water



Gangrene



**Patient had a leg injury form a machete.
He had made a poultice from bird droppings and leaves**





**Rays of Hope
Medical Donation Resource Center**

Rays of Hope for Haiti



- ✦ Based in Grand Rapids, Mi
- ✦ Work with 1 doctor and 2-3 4th year medical students
- ✦ Number of potential patients per day:
 - ✦ At a four day clinic approx 250-300 patients per day!
 - ✦ Visit to Missionaries of Charity (Children's home): 170 patients
 - ✦ Home for the Dying: 200 patients
 - ✦ Notre Maison: 50 patients

Opportunities for:

- ✧ Interviewing Patients
- ✧ Taking Blood Pressure
- ✧ Listening to Hearts and Lungs
- ✧ Working in the Pharmacy



Accommodations



- ✦ Notre Maison Guest House, operated by Gertrude Bien Amie



Activities




- ✦ Interaction with children at Notre Maison orphanage
- ✦ Visit within the community around Notre Maison
- ✦ Opportunity to visit the local “watering hole” at night to enjoy some Prestige and/or dominos!
- ✦ Possibly a trip to the market and/or time at a pool



Approximate Costs

(Per Person)



✦ Flight	\$500-900
✦ Daily Fee (housing, breakfast, dinner) \$400	
✦ Transportation (bus, bus driver, gas)	\$150
✦ Translators (\$50/day)	\$140
✦ Rays of Hope Overall Fee	\$150
✦ Security	\$90
✦ Medications (Purchased in Haiti)	\$50
✦ El Shaddai Home Donation (Base Clinic)	\$20
✦ Extras	\$100
✦ TOTAL:	\$1,600- 2,200



Any Questions?!

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