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DREAMS BECOMING REALITY IN LEOGANE

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Nancy Ferree-Clark Guesthouse, June 2012

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce the opening of the first phase of the Leogane Family Health Center, the Nancy Ferree-Clark Guesthouse.

Our dream to build a preventive health care facility in Haiti is a step closer to reality.

The new building is named in honor of the Senior Pastor for the Congregation of Duke University Chapel from 1992 to 2010 and a dear friend of FHM.

The guesthouse is a visible symbol of FHM's longstanding and close working relationship with the Congregation of Duke Chapel.

Using modern earthquake-resistant technology, the structure also serves as a symbol of the adaptability and resilience of Haiti.

Early this summer we witnessed the final transformation of the sugar cane field we purchased in 2007 into a new guesthouse filled with student researchers.

Seven Duke Engage students are learning how to partner with local community residents to discover new ways of building healthy families and healthy communities (story, 3rd page).

The new facility will serve as the home for visiting medical and research teams that will work side by side with Haitian thought leaders. The guesthouse is also open to the public.

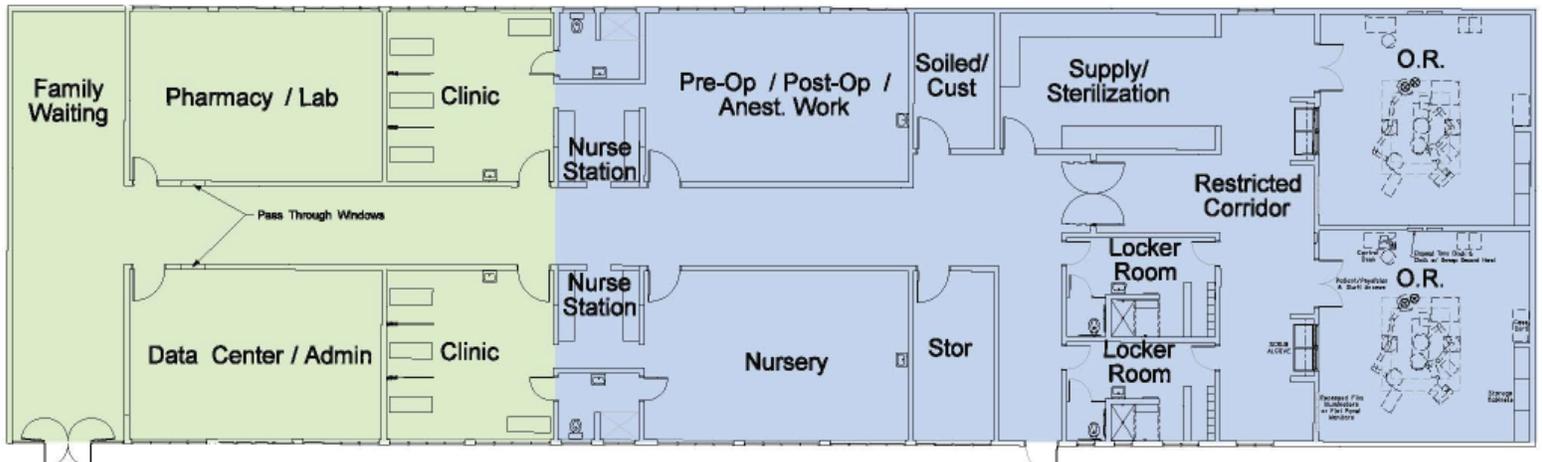
The next phase of the Leogane Family Health Center will bring a modern surgical center and much needed pathology services to the community (see next page for details).

We invite you to celebrate with us the guesthouse opening, as we move forward in supporting Haitian communities in *their* efforts to build and sustain healthy families.

With gratitude to each of you,

Family Health Ministries Board Chairman and Executive Director

PREVENTING NEEDLESS DEATHS IN HAITI



NEXT STEP PLANNED

The Leogane Family Health Center's purpose is to provide preventive health care services to women and children, and to prevent needless deaths.

Tragically, a Haitian woman is 49 times more likely to die in childbirth than her American sister. Women die on mountain paths in Haiti as they walk for help with difficult pregnancies.



Haiti has one of the highest rates of cervical cancer death in the world. Of course, cervical cancer is a preventable disease.

However, Family Health Ministries does not currently have the capacity to provide surgery for pregnant mothers or those with cervical cancer. Indigent women have few health care options, and many go home to die.

Family Health Ministries is planning a multipurpose

Surgical Facility (see the drawing above) to help meet the critical need for emergency services.

In this next phase of the Leogane Family Health Center, we will build an operating suite (in blue above) to provide life-saving care for mothers and their newborns. Haitian and US doctors will work together in the new ORs to provide education, research and service.

The multipurpose building will also provide cervical cancer prevention, collect data for similar programs across Haiti, and offer prenatal and well-baby care (area in green above).

The Surgical Facility is Family Health Ministries' next step in building healthy families and healthy communities in Haiti.

ALMOST \$60K RAISED FOR SURGICAL FACILITY

Duke Gardens (top photo, next page) was again the site for Family Health Ministries' annual fundraiser.

The volunteer committee that ran the event raised almost \$60,000 for the ongoing campaign to raise \$1.55M to build the Surgical Facility of the Leogane Family Health Center.

Family Health Ministries is grateful to all those who made "An Evening for Haiti" a success, including 53 volunteers, 150 auction donors, and 23 sponsors.

Event sponsors were American Party Rental, Duke Global Health Institute, Durham Catering, Management Services On-Call, John and DeDe Boswell, Randy and Karen Bossé, David and Melissa Carter, Jean Smith Hall and Russell Hall, and Sam and Kay Leaman.

NEWS and UPDATES



VISITING MEDICAL TEAMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Patients at the Blanchard Clinic, Port-au-Prince, have been served by medical teams on two recent visits. A group of Duke Alumni and their friends (photo below) traveled to Haiti in May. A second team offered services in June.



SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRESSING

Seven Duke Engage undergraduates and two Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) Masters degree candidates are working with Family Health Ministries this summer in Leogane and Port-au-Prince.

Duke Engage student projects include stress reduction, health education, and a nutritional assessment of infants and toddlers in Leogane.

DGHI graduate student Fan Yang (below at left, supported by her translator, Loundia, at right) is trying to understand better some of the reasons behind high, local maternal mortality rates, and the barriers to changing community practices in Leogane.



In Port-au-Prince, another DGHI graduate student, Mariana Kreuger, is working on a new Center for Aids Research (CFAR) grant, investigating the correlation between HPV-positive and HIV-positive women.



FONDWA CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING

In Fondwa, the orphanage bath house was recently completed and construction continues on the new school building.

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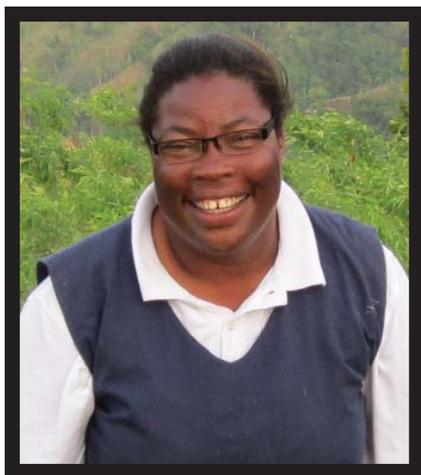


In memory of FHM's beloved partner in Fondwa

Sister Carmelle Voltaire

(September 19, 1962 - March 10, 2012)

with thankfulness for her dedication and
service to Haiti



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