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Baradères Midwife Meeting

Hope for Haiti is celebrating mothers all over the world! On April 28, 2012 in rural Baradères, 56 midwives braved heavy rains flooding the mountain passes to attend their monthly meeting.

The meetings provide a forum for discussion between the midwives, as well as offer a focused training topic by one of the local Community Health Workers. This meeting focused on vaccinations for infants and proper dosages. The midwives can also check in with the hospital facility about services offered for referrals, and they receive supplies after successfully completing a birth the previous month.





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A full training despite the rains

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2nd Annual Pub Crawl AUGUST 18TH pad, and a receiving blanket. The stipend of 100 Haitian gourdes per month, or about \$2.50 USD, helps the midwives afford motorcycle-taxi transport and phone minutes so they can quickly respond to urgent cases. The possibility of being stopped in transport by heavy rains and flash flooding remains a scary possibility here.

A mother and daughter midwife team, Francoise Auguisse and Eliane Fontaine, spoke of their motivation for their work. "I am a mother of four, and my mom and I perform home births so that women do not get stuck on the street giving birth," explains Eliane. Both midwives walked to the meeting from the mountainous area of Mery, where they had completed one birth each in April.



Francoise Aguisse with her daughter Eliane Fontaine

The 88 Midwives in the program successfully birthed 28 babies in March, and they referred 14 difficult cases to the hospital center. Says facility manager, Sister Denise Desil of the order of the Little Sisters of Saint Therese, "the Midwives are very helpful to us because they have the trust of their community. They know the households and the mothers individually, so they can help bring them to the pre- and post-natal Clinics."

The April meeting ended with a song about the

2-5 PM

Stay tuned for details!

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importance of hand-washing prior to birthing, particularly crucial as the area has been hard hit by the Cholera epidemic. From the midwives of Baradères and all of us at Hope for Haiti, thank you for your support and Happy Mother's Day!

For only \$30 you can help Hope for Haiti provide rural midwives with a birthing kit to ensure the safe delivery of healthy babies!

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