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We need your help!

I had just returned from a Mobile Medical Mission in Haiti a few days prior to my conversation with the Grant Director, Pamela Papay, of Newman's Own Foundation. I had called to ask for support of *Hope for Haiti's* many projects and shared several stories about the trip with Pamela.



In April 2009, I was one of 3 nurses, 2 doctors and a nurse practitioner who traveled as part of a *Hope for Haiti* medical team, to Haiti. I knew we would be providing basic medical aid to impoverished people but had no idea that in order to get to some of the remote and rural communities, we would be traveling in the back of a pick up truck, holding on for dear life as we traversed rubble and pitted roadways, up the side of mountains, through rivers and dense brush. You see, Haiti has very few paved roads.

The experience was exhilarating - how could I have ever imagined that there were people who lived less than 500 miles away from our glorious country who never had their blood pressure taken or never stepped on a scale. Reading and hearing that the people of Haiti were poor and hungry did not prepare me for what I encountered. After spending a week, our group had treated over 1,000 adults and children with problems ranging from malaria, worms, blood infections, just to name a few.

Pamela asked how Newman's Own Foundation could help. My first reaction was – “we need a bigger, safer mobile medical mission truck.” (I was also remembering how much Paul Newman loved cars and thought it might be a good fit.)

I'm pleased to report that Newman's Own Foundation has supported our campaign to raise funds for the much needed vehicle with a \$30,000 grant. Newman's Own Foundation is a private, independent foundation established by Paul Newman. The Foundation continues the commitment of Paul to donate all net profits and royalties earned from the sale of Newman's Own products to charity. As of June 2009, over \$267 million has been donated to thousands of charities around the world.”



We still need to raise an additional \$40,000 in order to purchase the more dependable and durable vehicle, which will allow more personnel and more medical supplies to travel safely to the rural areas where so many people have no access to healthcare.

Can you help us?

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*Anpil men, chay pa lou.
“With many hands a load is not heavy.”*

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