



Happy Mother's Day From Haiti

Hope for Haiti would like to congratulate Nurse Marie Daphnee Moise for delivering a healthy baby boy on Wednesday, April 27th. Daphnee and her new baby boy, Tracy, are doing well and even took time to visit the rest of Hope for Haiti's medical team and staff this week.

As a nurse, Daphnee knows the importance of pre- and post-natal care, as well as of ensuring a safe delivery by using a skilled birth attendant or delivering in a hospital setting. Unfortunately, in Haiti, this is rarely accessible for expecting mothers. According to UNFPA, 1 in every 44 women dies in pregnancy or childbirth, a risk that is now higher since the Earthquake. This startling statistic makes Haiti the most dangerous place to give birth in the Western Hemisphere.

At Hope for Haiti's Infirmary in Les Cayes, Haitian medical personnel like Daphnee provide essential pre-natal vitamins and education to women, empowering them with the knowledge and resources they need to better provide for themselves and their babies. Hope for Haiti also supports midwives and provides them with birthing kits which contain essential materials needed to perform safe home deliveries.

As we approach Mother's Day this weekend, Hope for Haiti celebrates the gift of Motherhood and recognizes that the right to maternal health is unfortunately not universal. Hope for Haiti believes that every woman deserves the right to a safe and healthy pregnancy and delivery.

In honor of the special women in your life, consider making a donation <u>TODAY</u> to help make motherhood safer by providing Haitian women with access to

information and healthcare services.

A <u>donation</u> of any amount will help Hope for Haiti medical staff, like Daphnee, share her knowledge and skills to protect the lives of women and children.



Baby Tracy and the Hope for Haiti Medical Team.



For more information on maternal health in Haiti:

Click <u>here</u> to read a UNFPA Report Documents Challenges to Maternal Health in Haiti Even Before the Earthquake.

Click <u>here</u> to read a UNICEF Photo essay - Maternal health in post-quake Haiti.

Also, for recent posts on Earth Day celebrations and the building progress at rural St. Antoine Primary School, don't forget to follow our "From the Field" updates on our website, www.hopeforhaiti.com.