



# Hope for Haiti®

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## Medical Missions:

### Immediate Healthcare, Enduring Change



This month **Hope for Haiti** hosted another successful Medical Mission Trip thanks to the dedication, energy, and expertise of Dr. Kathleen Broderick, Dr. Vladimir Mathieu, Dr. John Swift, and Kathy Swift, R.N. In just 5 days, the group provided comprehensive examinations, medical advice, prescription medications, and even surgery to nearly 1,000 patients!

The first two days consisted of Mobile Medical Clinics in the town of St. Laurent and the rural community of Tete Source, both of which have extremely limited access to healthcare services. The doctors continued their care at the **Hope for Haiti** Infirmary in Les Cayes, where they were able to help those in the city

with the greatest need and conduct follow-up with patients seen earlier in the week.



Meanwhile, ophthalmologist Dr. Swift and nurse, Kathy Swift, spent the entire week working alongside local doctors at the Brenda Strafford Institute in Les Cayes, where they provided care to patients suffering from poor vision, cataracts, glaucoma, and eye cancer. Most remarkably, they were able to provide emergency cataract surgery to a 4-year-old boy who otherwise would have grown up blind.



This emergency surgery is just one among dozens that **Hope for Haiti** encounters regularly through its Healthcare and Emergency Medical Relief programs. Dr. Mathieu, for example, performed on-site emergency bone surgery on a young man who fractured his thumb and referred an older man to a nearby hospital for lifesaving emergency gallbladder removal. To support these efforts, or to participate in one of our upcoming Medical Mission Trips, simply contact our Naples office today. Healthcare circumstances in Haiti are often critical, but the revolutionary impact your action will have on a patient's quality of life is an immediate, measurable, and ultimately priceless step on a path to enduring change.

- \$500 Sends \$25,000 worth of life saving medications directly to those who need them most.
- \$300 Will improve someone's life by giving them the gift of sight through a cataract operation.
- \$50 Pays for the x-rays essential to an emergency orthopedic case.

\* The next Medical Mission is for September 20-25th, 2009. Call **Hope for Haiti** and join our next Team today!

*Tout chay gen twòkèt li.*

**“Every problem has a solution.”**

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