Hope for Haiti's Public Health Program Marches on to Module 2

Last month Hope for Haiti's Public Health Pilot Program successfully concluded its second in a series of six seminars that is training 24 Haitian men and women to become active and responsible Community Health Workers.

The training, referred to as "Module 2," began with the ideas of Healing and Prevention to help the Community Health Workers strike a balance between spreading prevention messages and facilitating proper treatment. When presenting health lessons in local schools, these Health Workers help prevent future illnesses while identifying current health concerns before they become too severe.



The enthusiasm of Osnel Dessipe and his fellow trainees is palpable.

The training's emphasis on Children's Health propelled the enthusiasm and personal experience of all participants. As residents of the communities in which they're working, these men and women have seen children - siblings, cousins, and neighbors - suffer from preventable diseases and malnutrition. With the knowledge this Module provides, however, they can work proactively to protect those they know and love.



Pierre Francois drumming as students sing along about improved health.

As cholera continues to circulate in Haiti, the Module aptly addresses the domains of diarrhea, dehydration, dysentery, and vomiting. To make this messy material more interesting, we prepared a combination of songs and educational skits to transmit vital information about these dangerous conditions in schools. Using humor, song, and even drums, the Community Health Workers educate students about these frequent killers at a time when the hygiene of all members of a community counts.

So far, this group of 24 trainees has performed over **160 visits** to rural schools and presented over **375 hours** of public health lessons to students. Dedicated, passionate, and increasingly aware of how

good health affects quality of life, these Community Health Workers are laying the foundations for a healthier Haiti, one training and one school at a time.

Give a gift today to strengthen the work of Hope for Haiti's Healthcare Program!

A gift of **\$1,000** will provide public health education to a rural school community. A gift of **\$500** will enable us to send \$25,000 worth of medications and supplies. A gift of **\$100** will help pay for life-saving medical labs (x-rays, CT scans, etc.).

A gift of any amount will change lives! **Donate Now!**



A teacher at Carème helps students wash their hands before lunch.