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Making People Smile



Hope for Haiti's beloved friend and pilot, Bill Earls, made another airlift mission to Haiti on Friday, May 15th. This time his plane was full of not only medications and medical supplies, but also three dentists from Naples, Florida who Bill assembled to join Hope for Haiti's team in better serving the healthcare needs of the people of Les Cayes. Dr. Garth McCaffrey, Dr. Lance Godley, and Dr. Gary Godley did what they do best – make people smile. They generously volunteered their time and medical expertise to provide the men, women and children of Les Cayes with the chance to immediately improve their quality of life.

The dental team christened the new Hope for Haiti Dispensary providing the first visiting dental clinic with materials generously donated by Dr. Garth McCaffrey. Many of the patients came in with severe abbesses and decay, causing so much pain

that people couldn't eat or sleep. Far too often, dental care seems to be low on the medical priority list in survival nations like Haiti, but nothing can attest to the great need more than the grateful voices of adults and children saying "Thank You" to the dental team over the weekend.

In addition to providing free dental services to over 100 people, the team also focused on prevention by providing all the patients with education about dental hygiene to include proper brushing, flossing, diet, and the importance of frequent dental checkups. Each patient received a package of vitamins, a new toothbrush, toothpaste and floss – generously donated by

Dr. Lance Godley and Dr. Gary Godley.



This team of dedicated individuals significantly improved the quality of Haitian lives, leaving us all pain-free and smiling in grateful appreciation. Dr. Gary Godley explained the depth of his experience by stating, "This is what it means to Net more than you Gross!"

Hope for Haiti welcomes medical professionals throughout the year to offer their valuable, life saving services, to the poorest of the poor in Haiti. If you are interested, please contact our office for more information.

Tout venn touche kè. "All veins touch the heart."

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