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Note from Tim and Liz

The Randolphs continue to do well amid a very busy schedule. We no longer have a baby in the house. Clara is clearly a toddler and ruling the roost. Our three boys are doing very well and enjoying each other. We do a lot of physical activities with Dawson (turned 17 Jan 1 - Junior) who is interested in badminton; Joshua (7 – 2nd grade) with football, basketball, and baseball; and Harrison (5 – Kindergarten) dabbling in soccer and basketball but quickly becoming a “domino master.” Consider this newsletter an update of the summer 2022 and winter 2023 trips to Haiti. Haiti is still experiencing extreme political unrest and significant gang violence creating political instability, unsafe conditions, extreme inflation, and shortages of important resources. Because of this situation, we are still not taking teams to Haiti, and our trips are much shorter than usual. Tim was in Haiti the first week of August with a focus on opening Labsco and breaking ground on the Sickle Cell Center. Both objectives were met and the details will be described in the next sections. He recently returned from the winter trip where he further organized Labsco and co-sponsored a lab training and sickle cell disease workshop with Partners of the Americas – New Jersey Chapter.

It has been almost two years since our last fundraiser so this newsletter will also announce the launch of the winter 2023 fundraiser. We are hoping to reestablish our in-person, fundraiser luncheon this summer 2023. What better time to initiate our annual fundraiser than right after opening Labsco and breaking ground on the Sickle Cell Center.

RWM is finally back on track after hitting pause during the Covid-19 pandemic that was exacerbated by the political unrest and extreme gang activity in Haiti, both of which continue.



L to R: Dawson (17), Josh (7) , Clara (2) and Harrison (5).

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Immediate Need—Van for Transport

Randolph World Ministries, Inc. is in desperate need of a van to help us meet our local transportation needs in St. Louis and to take to Florida for our medical mission trips. Tim does monthly pick-ups of medical supplies around the St. Louis area. Once the donated materials are sorted, counted, bagged and boxed for shipment, they are transported to our church (Alive Church) where they are stored prior to shipment. To keep shipping costs as low as possible, Tim loads the ministry cargo trailer and drives each shipment (when possible) to Miami Florida where the materials are shipped to Haiti. This trip to Miami is usually done twice each year and is synchronized with our summer and winter medical mission trips to Haiti. A van is a critical part of our work.

We would gladly accept (in order of priority) a minivan, a full-sized van, or a large cargo van. We are also able to provide the donor with a tax receipt to make the donation tax deductible. So, if you have an extra van, are preparing to trade in your current van, or know someone in the car trading business, please consider Randolph World Ministries, Inc.

Labsco

Labsco (Laboratory Supply Company) is a business in Haiti utilizing the franchise model where **RWM** is the parent company and a Haitian citizen (Elio Dortilus) is the franchise owner.

Labsco is designed to accomplish five goals:

1. Sell a wide range of laboratory products below market to help our clinic clients save money to better serve their patients and meet their financial obligations.
2. Hire Haitian people to impact unemployment.
3. Offer lab diagnostic products not available elsewhere in Haiti.
4. Sell our patented sickle cell testing methods to grow our sickle cell program.
5. Turn a profit to support the construction and operating costs of the Sickle Cell Center.

During the summer 2022 mission trip (that Tim completed alone), the steps needed to prepare Labsco to open were completed. The outer face of the building was painted and a sign erected.



Outer Face *Before*



Outer Face *After*

Permanent shelving was erected in the storeroom and the inventory was organized.



Before



After

Wall shelving and a showcase were erected in the showroom and filled with examples of our products.



Elio and I are very excited to have officially opened Labsco in the summer of 2022. While working at Labsco this past summer I assessed our inventory to determine products in excess, products in low quantities, and new products that should be introduced into our inventory. Over Christmas I shipped a large lab-sco shipment containing these items that just arrived in Haiti in February, 2023. Our current shipper is slow but very dependable, convenient, and inexpensive. Our plan is to grow the product line of Labsco over time beginning with the “low hanging fruit” that is currently in stock and continuing with “second wave” products that are much needed but carry with them a higher risk of profit losses. We seek to establish a client base before investing too heavily in the second wave of products. We will track sales over the next year and make important decisions about the viability of Labsco during the summer of 2023 medical trip to Haiti.

Virtual Fundraiser 2023—Info on Page 4

1. Donate at www.randolphministries.org
2. PayPal Randolph World Ministries
2. Choose **Randolph World Ministries** through the Amazon Smile program when purchasing on Amazon.

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Laboratory Training & Sickle Cell Disease Workshop

During the winter 2022-2023 trip to Haiti Randolph World Ministries, Inc. co-sponsored a lab training and sickle cell disease workshop with Partners of the Americas – New Jersey Chapter. In the morning session, we invited local laboratory professionals to a training workshop that also showcased the inventory and pricing of Labsco. We encouraged the lab training attendees to stay for the afternoon session where we discussed many aspects of sickle cell disease. We provided lunch between the morning and afternoon sessions so both groups could enjoy lunch together. Our primary goals were to train the lab attendees, expose them to the products and pricing of Labsco, introduce Sickle Confirm (our patented test for sickle cell disease), and educate them on sickle cell disease. In doing so we hope to recruit customers to Labsco and develop partnerships for the future Sickle Cell Center.



Sickle Cell Center

Our second major goal of breaking ground for the Sickle Cell Center was also accomplished during the summer 2022 trip. As you may recall, sickle cell disease is a life-threatening disease with a mortality rate estimated at around 75% in Haiti by age 5 years. To place this figure in context, the mortality rate in the US is less than 1% by age 5 years. The prevalence of the sickle cell gene is between 8-15% in Haiti which translates to about 0.6% of all babies born in Haiti will have sickle cell disease. Based on the birth rate in Haiti we estimate about 1,100 babies will die from sickle cell disease by age 5 years. This tragedy must stop. We believe a sickle cell center can immediately begin to reduce this mortality rate. We believe we can reduce the mortality rate from 75% to at least 20% and possibly 10% over the course of time as our sickle cell program takes root and is adopted country-wide. This will save the lives of hundreds of babies each year.

Tim visited the sickle cell center property during the summer of 2022. We were surprised to see that the road leading up to the Sickle Cell Center property was impassable in several places due to flooding. We were in a car and had to take two separate detours around areas of standing water or mud too thick to navigate. The bypass roads were very nearly impassable themselves resembling a footpath more than a road and containing many deep ruts. Another surprise was that the barbed wire on the fencing that marked the perimeter of the land was completely down as were about a third of the fenceposts. The main gate was also damaged. The main issue is that the locals were accustomed to using the land as a walking shortcut and to graze their livestock. We had a meeting with the local authority, Mr. Wilbert, about the damage, and we reached an agreement. I will re-erect the fence posts but I will not invest to re-string the barbed wire. This will allow the locals easier access to use the footpaths that cut across the land and to graze their livestock. In return I am asking that no more damage be done to the property.

The Haitian Engineer, Mr. Mercure who we have hired to construct the Sickle Cell Center, will need to fix the road before any heavy construction equipment can get to the property. Mr. Mercure is working with the local government to share the burden of road repair. Once the road is repaired, construction will begin. As of the publication of this newsletter, the road repairs have begun so construction of the Sickle Cell Center will commence shortly. Once construction begins, the plan is to construct the Sickle Cell Center in phases to allow RWM time to generate profits from Labsco and fundraise. Phase #1 will include the foundation and floor; Phase 2: walls and roof; Phase 3: windows, plumbing and electricity; phase 4: fixtures, furniture, and medical equipment. See Page 4 for picture. Stay tuned for a construction start date and regular updates. We anticipate a 3-year construction plan once construction begins.

Virtual Fundraiser

As most of you are aware, RWM has historically hosted an annual fundraiser that has an in-person luncheon coupled with a virtual option for those unable to attend the in-person fundraiser. Liz and I enjoy meeting and discussing the work of RWM with those in attendance and appreciate the multitude of contributors who participate virtually. During the Covid-19 pandemic we elected to forego our annual fundraiser for a time until some semblance of normalcy could be regained. We believe that time is now.

For our first annual fundraiser in over two years, we are planning a virtual event during the winter followed by an in-person banquet style event in the summer of 2023. The virtual fundraiser will officially begin with the publication of this newsletter.

As you read this section of the newsletter and are moved to participate, feel free to send a contribution in one of three ways:

1. Send a check paid to the order of Randolph World Ministries, Inc and mailed to 5025 Romaine Spring Dr, Fenton, MO 63026.
2. Visit our website at www.randolphworldministries.org and contribute through the “donate” button.
3. Find us on PayPal (Randolph World Ministries, Inc.) and donate that way.

Once this newsletter is published I will be sending a group email to those of you in our email database and a letter through the US Postal Service for those who prefer that form of correspondence. In order to support the stamp collecting activities of one of our main contributors, letters will also be sent with self-addressed, stamped envelopes for your convenience. As always, if you are a monthly contributor, consider your monthly gift as your fundraiser contribution unless you are moved to give above this monthly commitment. An advanced thank you to all our contributors. Without you, none of this would be possible but with you and God (not necessarily in that order) the sky is the limit.

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Closing Comments

The work of Randolph World Ministries, Inc. is challenging and very time consuming but the most gratifying activity in our lives outside of God and family. We continue to be blessed by the prayers and support of the Randolph World Ministries, Inc. family. Thanks to each one of you who give of yourself to support our work.

If you are interested in partnering with us in a new or deeper level, please email Tim to discuss your ideas. There are MANY ways you can make our work better and/or more efficient. For those of you who live locally, we particularly need individuals to work in our home to sort, count, bag and box medical supplies. For those of you living outside the St. Louis area, we need people to serve on our BOD in various capacities. All meetings and activities can be accomplished in the virtual space. Lastly, we welcome anyone wishing to host a fundraiser to support our work. Where possible, the Randolph family will attend to support the effort.



Sickle Cell Center Drawing