



Randolph World Ministries, Inc.

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Providing Sustainable Ministry Services in the Spirit of the Gospels

A note from Tim and Liz

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Liz and I want to thank you for being a faithful partner in the work of Randolph World Ministries, Inc. We have experienced highs and lows but through it all God remains faithful and good. Thank you for your faithful partnership.

The Randolph Family continues to do well. Tim continues his role as a professor and researcher at Saint Louis University.

Liz continues to enjoy her recent healing from 25 years of fibromyalgia. Part of her healing came supernaturally directly from God while the rest of her healing came through a fairly new health wellness company called Lifewave. Liz has been wearing Lifewave wellness patches since October of 2023. Her improvement has been so dramatic that she has been looking for work again as a PA. Since she is seeking part-time work, landing a job has been challenging but she is excited to return to healthcare in some form. She has also elected to become a distributor for Lifewave to allow others to experience healing.

Dawson just turned 18 and is finishing his last semester in high school. We are in the final stages of planning his post-graduation activities.

Joshua (8) is finishing 3rd grade and is still a sports fanatic. He and I watch, talk, and play sports all the time.

Harrison (6) is finishing 1st grade. He is very active but does not like traditional sports. He has recently found gymnastics and is enjoying those activities.

Clara (3) is in pre-school and is enjoying being in the same school as her brothers. As the only girl, she has learned to take care of herself. Truth be known, she runs the household.

This newsletter will describe the winter trip to Haiti, the status of our Labsco business, progress on the Sickle Care Center (SiCC), fundraising efforts, and specific needs of the ministry. RWM remains committed to you as you have been to us. We are eager to partner with you in prayer in any area of life. Feel free to submit your prayer requests to Tim directly using the contact information at the end of the newsletter.



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Winter 2023-2024

The winter trip to Haiti was scheduled from December 27 to January 7. Tim is still not taking teams to Haiti for safety reasons, but he continues to make the two annual trips, in the winter and summer. For the past several years to the present, Tim usually meets up with ministry partner, Laurene Experience, from Partners of the Americas – New Jersey Branch. The partnership between RWM and Partners of the Americas – New Jersey Branch is primarily focused on the Sickie Care Center (SiCC) initiative. This has been a vital partnership to continue progress on the SiCC. The goals of the winter trip were four-fold:

1. Deliver the winter shipment to our shipper in Miami for shipment to Haiti;
2. Check in on Labsco to include organization of the business and stock and training;
3. Meet with a ministry partner in Gonaives, Eben-Ezer Mission, to discuss opening the second Labsco there;
4. Install the septic system at the SiCC.

Tim had the winter shipment (10 large boxes) packed and loaded into the ministry cargo trailer on December 25th, when we had our first setback. On December 26, the day before departure, the “check engine light” came on in the vehicle we

use to haul the cargo trailer to Haiti. Given the holidays, it was not possible to get the vehicle evaluated and repaired for several days. Tim investigated other options. Rental vehicles do not allow towing and a rental van large enough to hold the shipment was over \$1,500 one way, requiring an additional \$300 plane ticket home. In addition, nearly everyone in the field in Haiti indicated that traveling from Gonaives to Saint Marc, where the SiCC is located, was unsafe. I investigated a helicopter to fly over the dangerous area or a police escort through the area but neither option could be confirmed at the time of departure. This meant goal #4 (install septic system) could not be met. As a result, for the second time in ministry history, the winter trip to Haiti was cancelled. The following was done to salvage the goals of the winter trip.

1. The winter shipment was shipped to Miami using FedEx for \$677.00;
2. Elio and I talk weekly anyway to discuss Labsco so we added a formal meeting;
3. I have spoken with Eben-Ezer mission about the proposal to become the second Labsco franchise owner; they agreed;
4. Working with Laurene, we hired the installation of the septic tank for the SiCC.



- ★ Labsco storefront in Haute-Limbe
- ★ Eben-Ezer Mission Gonaives, proposed site of second Labsco
- ★ SiCC in Saint Marc

Mark Your Calendars

The 2024 annual fundraiser banquet will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Update on Labsco

As most of you know, Labsco (Laboratory Supply Company) is a business RWM opened in the summer of 2022. Sales are slow but this is not surprising since Haiti is experiencing the most challenging times in her history. That said, total sales for 2023 was \$6,159.31. This is much lower than we hoped for the first full year of operation but we continue to move forward for the following reasons: 1. Once Haiti stabilizes sales should improve to support the SiCC; 2. Most medical supplies that Labsco offers to our clinic customers are below market pricing saving them money that is passed on to their patients; 3. Labsco also sells low cost test kits procured from China that are difficult to obtain in Haiti expanding testing services of our customers to their patients; 4. Labsco is integral in the growth of the overall sickle cell

program because it sells sickle cell testing kits to enlarge our reach to sickle cell patients; 5. Labsco provides employment to our franchise owner.

Speaking of franchise owner, I received notice from our current franchise owner (Elio Dortilus, shown at left) that he has decided to relinquish his franchise. Elio has a degree in agronomy and his passions lie in farming. I completely understand Elio's decision since Labsco was started in the most challenging economic time in Haiti's history and Labsco is outside his area of expertise. RWM is currently seeking a new franchise owner of the Labsco franchise located in Haut-Limbe in the north of Haiti (see map on page 2). Elio will be instrumental in the selection and training of his replacement. Setbacks are never easy, but they are expected by those serving in Haiti.

This setback does not change the call on RWM or our goals to improve healthcare in Haiti and reduce the mortality rate of children suffering from sickle cell disease. Several years ago God gave me the vision of six Labsco businesses spread across Haiti, each with its own market share with the collective profits supporting the daily operations of the SiCC. As mentioned earlier, we are in discussions with leadership at Eben-Ezer Mission to open the

second Labsco business in Gonaives Haiti. Although obtaining an accurate census in Haiti is nearly impossible, Gonaives is around the 10th largest city in Haiti. As can be seen from the previous map on page 2, Gonaives is about 60 miles from Haut-Limbe and takes 3-4 hours to travel due to terrible road conditions. Currently I am planning the third Labsco in Saint Marc where the SiCC is located, which is about 35 miles south of Gonaives and takes a little over an hour to drive. The population of Saint Marc is similar to Gonaives (slightly smaller) but both Gonaives and Saint Marc contain a large number of health facilities of various sizes to support each Labsco business. In addition, having a Labsco in Saint Marc will improve the efficiency of maintaining medical stocks within the SiCC.



Update on the Sickle Care Center (SiCC)

Much has been said about the SiCC in the previous sections of this newsletter, but this section will summarize progress and future plans. As mentioned earlier, the SiCC structure is about 90% complete. Although the septic tank was installed by a Haitian contractor this winter, the leach field still needs installed. Installing the leach field is not an emergency, just a way to disperse gray water to reduce the time between pumping the septic tank.



Septic tank installed at SiCC

The Haitian contractor is still under contract for the following to finish the SiCC:

1. Install and plumb the freshwater tank;
 2. Install the bathroom fixtures (toilets, sinks, shower stalls);
 3. Install all inside doors;
 4. Install all overhead lights.
- This should be completed by summer 2024.

Computer Rendering of SiCC



Once the contractor is finished, the remaining steps to prepare the SiCC to open are as follows:

1. Paint;
2. Seal or tile the floors;
3. Furnish;
4. Install the generator;
5. Install the medical equipment and stock the pharmacy;
6. Hire the staff.

I anticipate we will be ready to open the SiCC sometime between 2026 and 2027.



Just as Labsco had a personnel setback, so has SiCC. Our Medical Director, Dr. Elie Saintilien, has been encountering threats to he and his family causing him to make the decision to leave Haiti. Over the last two years, since Dr. Elie agreed to serve as the Medical Director of the SiCC, we have created the personnel list to include salary scales, the clinic policies and procedures to include patient flow, and our standard of care that is currently being reviewed by Dr. Rob Hansen, a hematologist in the St. Louis area. We are seeking Dr. Elie's replacement but have a few years before a selection is required.

Future Endeavors

Primary Needs of RWM

As you can see, there is still much to do and there are several limiting factors that slow progress to include road security, availability of materials, and funding. The first two issues are out of our control, but we are working on funding. Our funding model has 7 main arms:

1. Patient revenues;
2. Labsco profits;
2. Grants;
4. Medical supply and pharmaceutical material donors;
5. Financial supporters;
6. Patient sponsorship;
7. Fundraisers.

I am very grateful to you, the RWM family, for providing the seed money to get me to Haiti twice each year, open the first Labsco, and fund our medical interventions. Many of you are also involved in donating medical materials that supply the inventory for Labsco and will keep the laboratory of the SiCC well stocked. However, funding the daily operations of the SiCC, particularly payroll, will require a much larger budget, the creation of which is underway. More on that in future newsletter editions.

I have been investigating grants for the past two years. I have found 3-4 that align very well with our work, but all have the following stipulations they will NOT fund: 1. Structures; 2. Equipment; and 3. Salaries; all the things we need now. Once the SiCC is running, I am confident we will be awarded grant funding to support the costs to test and treat our patients.

The main requests in this newsletter are two-fold:

1. Hosting an annual fundraising event;
2. Donating a van to the ministry.

I am asking each of you to prayerfully consider overseeing one fundraiser event each year to support the work of RWM. I am not asking for a mega-fundraiser that consumes your free time but rather a modest fundraiser that will almost run itself once established. The size of the fundraiser is irrelevant, I am mainly looking for a commitment that can be included in our annual budget. If the Lord moves you in this way, may I recommend a partnership with your church, your civic group, or your family/friendship circle. Common examples might include a church dinner, trivia night, or 5K run/walk. A simple spaghetti dinner, for example, with a pre-made salad, bread, and cookies could be done with the help of a few committed friends. If your church or civic group would donate the space, RWM will cover the start-up costs. Perhaps your church has a Missions Committee, a Hospitality Committee, or something similar and a

youth group to help serve the guests and participate in clean-up. I would be excited to attend your event and provide a presentation if you wish. For those living well outside the St. Louis area, I can Zoom in to share my gratitude and present our work on the big screen. Such an event could be a time to showcase the importance of our missionary work, provide a meal, inspire fellowship, and support our work to reduce the mortality of children born with sickle cell disease in Haiti. If you have a fundraising idea you would like to oversee, please email Tim to start the discussion.

The ministry is also in dire need of a van to serve three primary purposes: 1. Travel from St. Louis to Miami/Ft. Lauderdale twice each year in January and June for our mission trips; 2. Transport ministry supplies from my home to our storage facility; 3. Make trips to support fundraising efforts. A minivan, full-sized van, or cargo van would all serve our purposes. If you own a van, know someone who does, or have a friend/family in the car sales business, please make this request on behalf of RWM.

Annual RWM Family Fundraiser Banquet

As most of you are aware, each year RWM hosts an annual fundraiser banquet. The entire RWM family is invited to participate by either attending the fundraiser banquet in person or contributing in absentia. A huge thank you to each of you who have participated in this fundraiser event in the past.

The date for the 2024 annual fundraiser banquet has been set for Saturday, May 11, 2024.

The doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner starts at 6:00pm. I will prepare a program for you with the event ending at 8:00pm. Please mark your calendars. It would be amazing to have as many attend in-person as possible to

learn more about our work and to fellowship as a community. However, I am equally as grateful to those who live outside the St. Louis Metro area or those with scheduling conflicts who cannot attend but choose to participate in absentia.

Once again New Covenant Church will be our host (1401 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, MO 63017) and Café Agape will be catering our dinner. A major shout out to Pastor Ottolini and Suzanne Haynes from New Covenant Church for their continued hospitality and to Ron Mcgee, owner of Café Agape, for his culinary gifts. Be looking for another Save the Date announcement in March and the formal invitation in April.

Closing Remarks

None of this would be possible without God's call and your investment. We have grandiose plans that are much bigger than us, but not bigger than God. In full transparency, there are many days I cower under the self-imposed pressure of building businesses and a viable health clinic in a country like Haiti, while other days the Holy Spirit reminds me who I am in Him and who He is in me. There is so much to do, and the need is so great. However, our goals are clear, and the children are real. The sickle cell project will reduce medical waste in the STL area, build Labsco businesses to lower unemployment and stimulate the Haitian economy, offer medical

supplies at below market pricing, offer testing to Haitian clinics not previously available to expand healthcare services, and most importantly support the operations of SiCC. We estimate the mortality rate of babies born with Sickle Cell Disease in Haiti to be around 75% by age 5 years. This is about 1,200 children each year. In contrast, the mortality rate in the US is less than 1% by age 5. Together we can fix this problem. Thank you for your trust in God and in RWM.

All for Him,
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