

## **MEDICAL MISSION TRIP 2005**

2005 Randolph World Ministries, Inc. Team Members



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## **Accomplishments of the 2005 Medical Mission Trip**

Through the generous contributions of my laboratory partners I was able to deliver 24 boxes of laboratory supplies weighing 350 pounds. Among these supplies was a spectrophotometer, which is an instrument to perform blood chemistries. This is a major milestone since the spectrophotometer is the first instrument introduced into our Haitian lab. Some of the supplies delivered will be consumed by the lab in one week, while others were donated in quantities that may last until next year's trip. My team and I performed a complete inventory on these and all the existing lab supplies. I am planning to send two shipments next week to provide some emergency supplies that I discovered during my trip.

While in country I was able to evaluate all the old laboratory tests and the new inventory monitoring system introduced last year. Our laboratory now performs 25 tests making it one of the most comprehensive labs in the area. In addition, the new inventory system allows me to more precisely determine the needs of the lab so I can provide as many supplies as possible without creating overstock in the clinic.

This year there were 5 people on my medical team to include a laboratory colleague who served on my team last year and elected to return. We were able to offer free screening to 143 patients for general anemia and sickle cell anemia, and an additional 94 for HIV. Since my return I have been consulting with a pediatric dermatologist at Saint Louis University in an attempt to diagnose and treat the daughter of the head security guard at the clinic. For the past 5 years, since the age of 2, she has suffered from a spreading skin condition that itches and results in large patches of very dark, flaky, unsightly areas. Based on a thorough description and some photos, we have diagnosed her condition and I will be sending sufficient amounts of 3 different topical creams to last her six months. In addition, I have received emails from four health professionals showing an interest in joining my team for the 2006 mission trip.

The ministry continues to grow as individuals like you share the vision and join in the effort. I ask that you keep my four networks in your prayers and in the forefront of your mind. It is through the growth of these networks that the ministry develops. Network #1 involves people who share the vision and are willing to make an annual or more regular contribution to fund my mission trip, monthly supply shipments, and medical supplies that are not otherwise donated. As this network grows the total annual contributions may eventually exceed my personal expenses. Additional contributions can then be applied toward the purchase of laboratory materials not received through my laboratory donors. Network #2 includes my many laboratory friends across the country. These individuals are constantly surveying their lab storerooms seeking to identify and donate usable laboratory materials that would otherwise be discarded. Not only did this network provide most of the material I delivered this year, but it also provides materials throughout the year that I ship to various Haitian labs on a monthly basis. Network #3 includes laboratory supply companies that donate new materials and recently outdated supplies. This network has the most potential for growth and represents the best measure of success for the ministry. Network #4 involves individuals with a medical background who show an interest in joining my medical mission team. If you know any health care professionals (nurses, PAs, OTs, PTs, laboratorians, pharmacists, RTs, RDs, physicians, etc.) who feel led to get involved in part-time medical mission work, please provide them my contact information.

Over the past year God has finalized a few ongoing situations and opened some new doors. Thanks to Carole Carter, Randolph World Ministries, Inc. is now recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Where applicable, please find a receipt for your 2005 contribution. In addition, Randolph World Ministries, Inc. has recruited two new vendor partners. One in particular, Scientific Device Company, has agreed to exchange lab samples that we obtain from our Haitian patients, for laboratory supplies that can be used in the clinic. This scientific company offers a host of laboratory materials to working

labs including microscope slides of parasites for educational purposes. However, the company is having difficulty finding a breadth of positive parasite samples from which to develop the teaching materials. I am excited to have established this potentially productive partnership. On a professional level, I am working on a new testing method for sickle cell anemia that will allow us to differentiate the more severe from the less severe forms so we can determine who needs therapeutic interventions. The type of testing necessary to make this distinction is routinely performed in American but requires equipment and expertise that precludes incorporation in my Haitian labs. My goal is to develop a simple and rapid method capable of making this distinction in severity and to write a grant to fund the therapeutic intervention. Lastly, another volunteer, Jim Schoeberlein, has agreed to develop a website for the ministry. Feel free to visit <a href="https://www.randolphworldministries.org">www.randolphworldministries.org</a> in the next few days for a preview of our new website.

The growth of this ministry is because of you and in spite of me. That is a reflection of God's providence and a measure of His blessings. I thank you for your past support, ask for your ongoing prayers, and hope for your continued partnership. We are the body of Christ and together, with Him as the head, we can make a difference. Feel free to contact me at any time to share ideas about how the Lord is planning to bless Randolph World Ministries, Inc. through your partnership.