

MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Note from Tim and Liz

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Writing the Newsletter is such a joy because it provides an awesome opportunity for Liz and me to share with you the details of our work made possible by your commitment and the Lord's call. Many thanks to each of you for your contribution to our work. Whether it be through your prayer support, financial contributions, donation of materials, serving on a team, or giving of your time, you are the heart and soul of Randolph World Ministries, Inc.

Liz and I dedicate this newsletter to our dear friend Gloria Buckman who has gone on to be with the Lord. Gloria was a personal friend of the family and important partner in RWM. Gloria was the creator of our new logo and instrumental in establishing the web infrastructure necessary to support the Love a Rwandan Child program. Although we were not able to continue the program, one never knows if the Lord will call us to establish a similar program in the future. If so, Gloria has the system already in place to get a similar program off the ground quickly. Anyway, we have dedicated a section of this newsletter to pay tribute to our friend and ministry partner, Gloria Buckman.

In this newsletter be looking for a description of our plans for the 2013 summer trip, fundraiser opportunities,

summary of our 2013 winter mission trip, update on our current ministries, and a tribute



to Gloria Buchman.

Please use the enclosed stamped envelop to write us a note of encouragement.

On behalf of RWM and the people of Haiti, may God bless you for your sacrifice.

Tim and Liz

2013 Summer Mission Trip

The 2013 RWM summer trip to ate a solid foundation. Christina will Haiti is slated for June 15 to July 15, 2013 which translates to 3.5 weeks in country. We will spend 1.5 weeks in the north, one week each in the central plateau (Gonaives), and one week in the south (Port-a-Prince area). Although a bit smaller than our typical summer team, the nine of us will be quite strong since five are returning Myself, Liz, my team members. daughter Christina Frerichs (7 trips), Mary Stunkard (2 trips), and Victoria Salvato-Lechner (1 trip) will cre-

be directing the eye clinic; Mary is Director of WaterWorks and will be testing water wells, installing water filters, and teaching about water purity; and Victoria will be directing the laboratory data collection for the women's health program and the typhoid research protocol. The other team members include Cliff Bellone (retired SLU researcher and nurse), Maddie Thompson, James Maxson, and Tiffany Corbean. In addition to the activities mentioned

above, we expect to visit eight of our clinic partners, assess one new clinic, work with our four businesses (2 Baby Shops, Lab Supply Company, and the **Print Shop**), distribute toiletries in a tent village, and continue data collection for the sickle cell research project.

Please continue to pray for the team as we prepare for the trip and while we are serving the people of Haiti on your behalf.

Fundraising

The question I am asked most often is: I share the vision of your work in Haiti, how can I help? Most people assume that what Randolph World Ministries, Inc, needs most are volunteers to join a team and travel with us to Haiti. This could not be further from the truth. Although we will always need medical mission team members to serve with us in Haiti, we have over 200 people who have asked to be in our potential team member database and who receive two invitations each year for our medical mission trips. We are blessed in this area.

Our greatest needs are prayer support and financial support. The limiting factor needed to optimize all our activities is the funding to execute these activities.

Our house and storage unit are still full of supplies being continuously donated by

our medical and non medical me

Shannon Ponce, Director of Fundraising, with Tim

Funds to ship these materials are the limiting factor. In addition, there are many medical needs among our 26 (and growing) Haitian clinics that can be met by purchasing materials that are not being donated.

Based on these considerations I ask that you prayerfully consider either becoming a financial contributor and/or volunteering to coordinate an annual fundraiser on our behalf. The type and size of fundraiser is entirely up to you and we have a Director of Fundraising, Shannon Ponce, who would be glad to discuss strategies and help you get started. Please let me know by email if God is nudging you in this direction.

2013 Winter Mission Trip

As usual, the 2013 winter trip to Haiti was a huge success. Although the trip was a bit shorter than usual (2 weeks in length rather than 3 weeks), the team was AMAZING and worked very well together. We were able to visit 6 of our existing clinic partners, and we assessed 2 new clinics for potential partnership. One potential new clinic did not meet our criteria, but we are excited to accept the other (Eden Clinic in Limbe) as a new RWM clinic partner. Be looking for more information on Eden Clinic following our 2013 summer visit. In addition to visiting six clinics and assessing two new clinics, the team was able to continue the women's health initiative, collect data for the sickle cell and typhoid research projects, and conduct the eye clinic both weeks.

Please allow me to introduce the 2013 Randolph World Ministries, Inc. Winter Team: **Gina Sabbatini** is a research associate in Memphis TN and a returning team member. **Chad Noble-Tabiolo** is a medical laboratory scientist

in Hawaii and also a returning team member. Gina and Chad are both 2007 *SLU* graduates from the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science (Tim's depart-



4th (back) Row: Gina Sabbatini, Chad Noble-Tabiolo

 $3^{\rm rd}$ Row: John Olson, Nancy Brunzel, Heather Olson (Sitting)

2nd Row: Tim R. Randolph, Liz Randolph, Anuj Auora

1st Row: Kyle Miller (Abraham – Translator, WaterWorks and Baby Shop Owner and Alin – Driver)

ment) and made their first trip to Haiti together with *RWM* the summer of 2007. Gina collected data on the typhoid study and Chad conducted lab assessments,

performed lab testing and assisted in lab staff training. John Olson is in his final year of optometry school at University of Missouri St. Louis and served the team by directing the eye clinic the first week. Nancy Brunzel is a professor of clinical laboratory science, most recently at University of Minnesota. Nancy performed the laboratory testing associated with the women's health program and assisted with laboratory assessments and training. Heather Olson is in her final year of Physician Assistant School at St. Louis University. Heather worked with Liz in the women's health program and also conducted general patient assessments. Anuj Arora is a pre-med student at Kansas University Medical Center and served most of the time with John on the eye clinic. Last, but not least, Kyle Miller is a pre-med student at Swanee University and a returning team member. Kyle served on the previous RWM team (summer 2012) and spent most of his energy working in the eye clinic. What an awesome team; I miss you all already.

New Ministries

If you are a close follower of *RWM*, the ministries discussed below may not seem new. But just in case you recently became a partner of *RWM*, please allow me to briefly describe our newer outreaches.

WaterWorks, directed by Mary Stunkard, seeks to determine the safety of local water sources and provide clean water when local sources are deemed contaminated. Mary and her team test water wells and natural streams and installs bio-sand filtration systems when contamination is detected in the water. Her Field Director is Jean Claude Abraham (see picture of 2013 winter team) who works to identify water sources that need tested, installs bio-sand filters when needed, and trains the filter recipients on filter maintenance and water hygiene.

Haitians Helping Haitians is directed by John and Gloria Board and their primary objective is to provide family support to allow adults to finish their high school education, provide the Word of God to prison inmates and anyone else who will listen, and to distribute food, water, and toiletries to those still living in tent villages. John and Gloria make two trips to Haiti each year, independent of the regular RWM trips, dramatically increasing the impact on the Haitian people.



Mary Stunkard, WaterWorks
Director

Saving Soles is a shoe donation program directed by Danyel Anderson. She collects shoes all year long but partners with a local consignment shop in the Springfield, MO area (Just Between Friends) to acquire shoes that are subsequently sent to Haiti on a regular basis.

The Baby Shop clothing donation program is doing well but the need is growing. With the opening of a second Baby Shop store, we are in need of individuals to donate clothing ranging in age from newborn to 5-6 years old. Several individuals are working on this effort but

Carol Webb, Amalyn Martin, and Kerri

Thompson are continually spearheading efforts to collect baby clothes.

As you can see, the *Randolph World Ministries, Inc.* family is hard at work to make a difference in the lives of our Haitian brothers and sisters whose daily lives are a struggle. Small sacrifices on our part make a big difference to lessen their struggles and in some cases, save their lives. It is our philosophy that these interventions build friendship bridges that pave the way to sharing the Gospel.



Haute Limbe Baby Shop

Evangelism

There are two areas of evangelism that we are planning to introduce during the 2013 summer trip; the "Friday Evening Revival Service" and the "Jesus Film." What is the "Friday Evening Revival Service" you ask? Liz felt a calling to develop a service that marks the end of our time at EACH of our stops in Haiti. Saturday is our travel day, the day when we pack up after serving in one location and travel to the next. What better way to

sum up what God has done during the week and to say farewell to our Haitian family in that location than to worship with those we serve. Therefore, we are planning to have a worship time each Friday evening to celebrate God and to worship with our Haitian family. We are expecting God to move in magnificent ways and to further meld the ministry team and our Haitian family.

A copy of the "Jesus Film" in Haitian Creole has been given to us by some good friends, **Don and Karen Sether**. We plan to set up a DVD player in the waiting room of each major clinic we serve and run the film continuously each day. We will have identified local Haitian Christians to share with and disciple anyone who is moved by or accepts Christ as a result of the film.

Tribute to Gloria Buckman

It saddens me deeply to announce the premature death of one of my dearest friends and ministry partners, **Gloria Joy Buckman** on April 14th. I realize that most of you didn't know her apart from the work she has done for us with our new logo and **Love a Rwandan Child** website design (actually, she did all of the IT with that project - aesthetics and functionality). But even more so, she has been an intimate friend, prayer warrior and mentor for me for over 6 years. She and I spoke the same language when it came to our passion for Christ. We shared a tenacity to see and live out the truth of the Gospels along with a desire to intimately relate to God and obediently serve Him, despite our weaknesses. She prayed me through my worst years suffering with fibromyalgia, and she was one of the loudest voices encouraging me to go to Physician's Assistant (PA) school,



in spite of my illness. She could confidently advise me in such matters of faith because she spent much time in prayer on my behalf, listening to God. She (and my mom!!) is one of the biggest reasons I am Mrs. Tim Randolph... jokingly, I'd say they prayed him into existence, because he is tailor made for me, and they had prayed for him to come along for many, many years. When things looked bleak in my life, Gloria had the faith and fervor to hold me up. When my circumstances contradicted God's goodness and providence in my life, Gloria would stand in the gap for me and combat the lies. She helped me to hold onto (hold out for) the things God had promised me early in my walk—mainly that I would love and be loved, that I would truly know and experience God/His kingdom, and that He would bring to fruition the call He gave me for medical missionary work. She was there for me in the worst of times, and truly celebrated with me as God gloriously came through on all His promises in my life. Rarely are any of us blessed by such love, empathy and determination for good in our lives outside of our blood relatives, but Gloria Buckman was that for me. And I will forever be a better person for having her in my life.

-Liz

Closing Comments

You and the other members of the Randolph World Ministries family are necessary to keep us going and growing. As you meet our needs you are, in return, meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Haiti. We ask that you keep the needs of Randolph World Ministries, Inc. and the people of Haiti in your daily prayers. We serve a BIG GOD, and He not only hears us when we pray but He is also big enough and merciful enough to meet those needs. Please pray for the following needs:

Our 2013 summer trip to Haiti

That our finances will rebound in 2013

That more healthcare professionals will partner with us and join teams

That business owners and farmers will partner with us and join teams

That more mission team members will convert from one time to repeat team members

That Liz and I will be equipped physically and spiritually to grow with the ministry

That the new ministry arms will prosper under visionary leadership

That people will be inspired to conduct one fundraiser for us each year

That the work of our volunteer staff will be a blessing to us and others and that they will be blessed by God in return

That our medical supply donors will grow in number and remain vigilant to convert our medical waste into life-saving donations to our Haitian partners.

A heart-felt THANK YOU for all you do! Please use the enclosed stamped envelop to write us a note of encouragement. Let us know your thoughts about our work and how God is directing you as a member of the RWM family.

All for Him, Tim and Liz Randolph