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Note from Tim and Liz

It has been a year since our last newsletter so **please read to the end** because so much has happened.

The Randolph family continues to do very well. *Dawson* is 13, and he is changing physically before our eyes. He is still immersed in video games and Legos to the extent his parents will allow. *Joshua* is four and so much fun. He carries on conversations like an adult, and he loves to play, sing, and perform for groups. *Joshua* looks up to his older brother, and they play together very well. *Harrison* is two and learning new words each day.

He is definitely strong-willed but is delightful when he is not demanding.

Liz is working at an Urgent Care, and *Tim* is still at Saint Louis University. Our lives are blessed, and the ministry continues to grow thanks to God and the dedication of those who give, work, and pray for us regularly. That's you!!!!

This newsletter will describe our winter trip (2018/2019) and our 2019 summer trip that was recently completed. We will also update you on the sickle cell program, spotlight someone within RWM, and discuss our annual fundraiser.



(from left clockwise) Dawson (13), Tim, Liz, Harrison (2) and Joshua (4) Randolph.

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Tragic Loss - RWM Treasurer Brenda Morehead

I cannot go any further in the newsletter without acknowledging a major loss to the ministry during the spring of 2019.



The RWM Treasurer, *Brenda Morehead*, lost her life to a tragic automobile accident in March. *Brenda* meant so much to me, *Liz*, and the RWM Board of Directors.

Brenda and her husband *Dan* had been monthly contributors to RWM for several years prior to *Brenda* joining the RWM BOD as Treasurer. In addition to her duties as Treasurer, *Brenda* launched the first ever prayer log for the 2018 summer

trip. The log describes each activity planned for the upcoming mission trip along with specific prayer needs. We have faithfully continued the prayer log in *Brenda's* name.

Be looking for the prayer log to be distributed a week before each medical mission trip to Haiti and support us in prayer. *Brenda*: we miss you here but celebrate your victory in Christ!!!

2018/2019 Winter Trip

As you may have heard, there has been much political unrest in Haiti from November of 2018 to the present. These political challenges have resulted in demonstrations that range from peaceful protesting to outbreaks of violence involving arson, gunfire, and even death. As a result, I decided not to recruit a team for either the 2018/2019 winter trip or the 2019 summer trip. I arrived in Haiti alone for both trips but met up with *Abraham* and ministry partners, *Laurene* and *Lesly Martilly*, to conduct needed business to be discussed below.

The first focus of the winter trip was to begin the process to authorize RWM to open a business (Laboratory Supply Company) and transfer the US patent for Sickle Confirm to Haiti so it can be sold in the Laboratory Supply Company. As you may recall, the purpose of the Laboratory Supply Company is five-fold: 1. First and foremost, to generate profits to offset the cost to operate the Sickle Cell Center of Haiti (Hoping to open in 2021) 2. To make available lab testing developed in my research lab at SLU to support a country-wide sickle cell program 3. To provide income to the Laboratory Supply Company Franchise owners (put people to work) 4. To provide laboratory supplies at lower costs to save our customers money that they can reinvest to improve clinic operations 5. Offer laboratory testing not currently available in Haiti to broaden diagnostic capabilities of the Haitian healthcare system.

I met with two separate Haitian attorneys; one is for the Laboratory Supply Company business and the other for the Sickle Confirm patent. I signed a Power of Attorney in each office to allow my attorneys to file paperwork on my behalf. The first step for both processes was to apply for a *Permis de Sejour*.

The *Permis de Sejour* is similar to a VISA that allows me to reside in Haiti, even though I have no intention of residing in Haiti. It was still a required document because it provided an official government

number needed to file paperwork to authorize the business and the patent. The process to apply for the *Permis de Sejour* was slow, unorganized and frustrating. I spent the previous six months obtaining several official documents needed to apply for the *Permis de Sejour*. Following days of unnecessary running around to secure additional documents not on the original lists of required documents, Abraham and I got the paperwork filed with only hours to spare before leaving Haiti for home. The Office of Immigration indicated the *Permis* would be ready for pick up in 1-2 months, but in true Haitian style, it was finally ready only days before I arrived in Haiti for my summer trip some six months later.

Another requirement to apply for the *Permis de Sejour* was to open a Haitian bank account. Abraham and I opened two bank accounts, one using US dollars and the other using Haitian Gourdes. The bank claimed we needed a US account for deposits or payments made in USDs and a Haitian account for deposits and payments made in Haitian Gourdes. I still do not understand why two accounts are needed since Haitian Gourdes can be exchanged into USD and visa versa with a simple calculation. Oh well, not my job to question Haitian law/policy!



Tim and Abraham with the Bank Books

Abraham and I evaluated five potential locations for the future Laboratory Supply Company. We limited our search to his community in Haut Limbé because Abra-

ham and his wife Erland will be the franchise owners of the first Laboratory Supply Company. We decided to rent space in the building occupied by one of our clinic clients, Health 2000. We started the rental agreement on July 1, 2019 once the large shipment of laboratory and medical supplies arrived in Haiti on the school bus. The rental space will be divided with one-third being the storefront and the other two-thirds warehouse space.

Franchises do not exist in Haiti so Abraham and I have created a franchise model for the Laboratory Supply Company of Haiti. Now that it is created and approved, we will eventually have the contract formalized by a Haitian attorney to be signed by each franchise owner once we are approved to open.



Laurene, Tim, Sandra, Lesly and Judith (kneeling)

The second half of the winter trip was in partnership with Laurene and Lesly Martilly with a focus on the Sickle Cell Center of Haiti. We conducted three main activities: 1. We continued training with Sandra and Judith, two Haitian laboratory professionals who are manufacturing Sickle Confirm in Haiti 2. Met with the local officials, who govern the area where the sickle cell center will be located to determine the obstacles holding up the fence project to secure the land 3. Conducted a Sickle Confirm training session for several laboratory professionals in St. Marc, Haiti.

In the end we accomplished all our goals for the winter trip and things appear to be moving forward.

School Buses: A New Shipment Model for Laboratory Supply Company

Through the efforts of *Warren Click*, we were able to ship our first busload of medical supplies to Haiti using the school bus model. As you may recall, our shipping model using Missionary Fights International (MFI) worked very well for us for over 19 years. Our materials got to Haiti quickly (within 1-2 weeks), everything arrived in good condition, and we lost nothing to customs. However, this system was expensive, costing an average of \$40 for each box of supplies to reach Haiti. RWM had been renting a 12' x 12' storage unit full of supplies earmarked for sales in the Laboratory Supply Company that had to be shipped to Haiti. I do not know how many boxes were in the unit,

but I would estimate at least 400. At \$40/box, shipping these materials to Haiti would cost approximately \$16,000. One would need to add at least another \$4,000 for customs charges totaling about \$20,000. Using the school bus model, it costs us NOTHING to ship the entire 12' x 12' storage unit!!! Please allow me to explain.

The bus cost \$3,500 to purchase, and *Warren* completed about \$100 in repairs. *Warren* and I removed all the seats except the front three rows (6 seats) creating a lot of space to load the approximately 400+ boxes of supplies. *Warren* volunteered to drive the bus to Florida, and RWM paid the

\$400 in expenses. The shipping company charged \$2,000 to ship the bus to Haiti, and we paid \$2,000 in customs' charges once the bus arrived in Haiti. We paid an additional \$1,000 in costs to repair damages during shipment, license, insure, and transfer the title to the new owners who paid \$9,000 for the bus. Yes, \$3,500 + \$100 + \$400 + \$2,000 + \$2,000 + \$1,000 = \$9,000. It cost us nothing to ship a 12' x 12' storage unit full of supplies to Haiti. **THANK YOU WARREN!!!**

We plan to continue this shipment model annually to maintain the supply chain necessary to keep the Laboratory Supply Company going.



The bus with supplies arrives in Haiti

Using the school bus model, it costs us NOTHING to ship the entire 12' x 12' storage unit!!!

2019 Summer Trip

As I mentioned before, the intermittent political unrest made me decide not to invite a team to join me during the summer of 2019. Not only does the political climate introduce safety issues, but I needed to focus my attention on the Laboratory Supply Company and the sickle cell program to ensure progress.

The busload of medical supplies arrived in Haiti during my summer trip; however, the political unrest delayed the processing of the bus. Abraham was able to eventually get the bus out of customs, get it registered, insured, and the title transferred to the new owner after I returned home. **THANK YOU ABRAHAM!!!**

The first part of my summer

trip (May 26-29) was spent in Haut Limbé organizing the medical supplies in storage in preparation for the busload of new supplies to arrive. *Abraham* and I then traveled (May 30, 31, June 1) to Gressier (West of PAP) to work with Haiti Health Ministries, Inc., a medical ministry founded and operated by *Jim and Sandy Wilkins*. I trained the lab staff on three procedures: Sickle Confirm, body fluid assessments, and differentials.

On Sunday, June 2, I was invited to present our Sickle Cell Program model at the Pediatric Conference at the Marriott in PAP. It was an excellent experience that culminated in a meeting with a potential partner from the JAYJ

Foundation for Women and Children. Please pray for this relationship.

During the remainder of the summer trip (June 3-8), we partnered with *Laurene and Lesly Martilly* to focus on the sickle cell program. We spent time with *Sandra and Judith* (manufacturing Sickle Confirm); visited the site of the future Sickle Cell Center of Haiti to witness progress on the fence project; met with local leaders to ensure continued support of the sickle cell center; and did training on Sickle Confirm in St. Marc.

Once again we met all our goals for the summer 2019 trip to Haiti.



Tim training at Gressier



Pediatric Conference at the Marriott in PAP.

2019 RWM Family FUNdraiser



The 2019 RWM Family FUNdraiser was held on May 19, 2019 and again hosted by Destiny Church. Despite a flash flood just as the event was getting underway, attendance continues to grow each year. However, there is still MUCH room for more to join in on the fun.

A special thank you to Ron McGee of Agape Café in Collinsville, IL who provided the delicious food, to Donna Swank-Rudiger for providing the stamps and envelopes for the fundraiser mailing, and to Pastor Jeff Allensworth for helping me plan and set-up the event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser, both those in attendance and those who participated in absentia. The fundraiser earned \$5,483 after expenses were deducted. These earnings were instrumental to meet our goals for the summer medical mission trip.

RWM Personnel Spotlight



Cathy McNary is pictured third from left. Summer 2018 RWM Trip.

This month RWM spotlights Cathy McNary. Cathy is a retired Medical Laboratory Scientist from Ft. Collins, CO. Cathy and Tim met through mutual activity in our professional organization, the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). Cathy served on the summer 2018 medical mission team and was

called to continue her relationship with RWM.

In the spring of 2019, Cathy delivered a presentation at her state professional meeting and organized a fundraiser in Colorado with a focus on the work of RWM. The fundraiser earned \$2,600 that was donated directly to RWM. In addition, Cathy negotiated the donation

of an AC/DC LCD microscope from Rocky Mountain Microscope Corporation. The microscope operates for hours off a rechargeable battery pack to dramatically improve microscopy diagnostics during our mobile clinics. Thank you so much Cathy for the effort and to Nick Berrong from Rocky Mountain Microscope Corporation for the donation.

Opportunities to Help

Fundraiser Activities

RWM is always eager to assist you in the development of a fundraiser to support our work. In addition to the example described above that Cathy McNary conducted through her professional organization, other organizations include church, civic groups, or neighborhood organizations. In the past groups have coordinated a dinner, a trivia night, a run/walk, and a silent auction. **If you are interested in sponsoring a fundraiser for RWM, please contact Tim.**

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Ministry Van Needed

On the return trip to St. Louis from Ft. Pierce, FL last summer 2018, the ministry van experienced an unexpected, yet serious engine problem. Due to its age and mileage, we decided not to have it repaired. Therefore, RWM is seeking a replacement van. **If you have a van you are willing to donate to the ministry, RWM would be glad to accept your donation and provide you a receipt for tax purposes.**

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Above: Tim at MDS Sickle Confirm Training

Right: Tim inside the warehouse space that will become part storefront for Laboratory Supply Company and part storage for supplies

