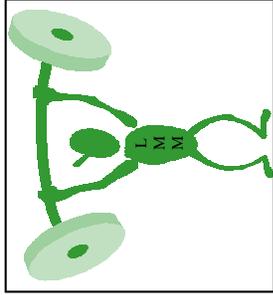


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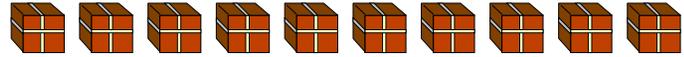
This Issue:

- Replenish 2009 Underway!
- Container arrives at Kings
- Advantage Program Volunteer Trip May 2009



GOAL: \$75,000

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Logistics Update...



A container with supplies and equipment, valued in excess of \$200,000 arrives in Haiti in a record 14 days. In addition to the much anticipated elevator and 100 KW generator for King's new hospital were myriad supplies for Hôpital de la Paix and Pastor Ewal's ongoing work in Jacmel.

Above- A container being loaded for Haiti. Below- Supplies on hold awaiting funds to ship another container.





ADVANTAGE PROGRAM

Mission TEAM MAY 2009

Professional Rehab Team witnesses progress in Les Cayes

June Hanks, Advantage Program Director, put together a team of six rehabilitation professionals to travel with her to Haiti in May: Gregory O'Neal, Lori Drake, Rita Prinkki, Tam Humbert, Tirza Ridgely, and Sherry Cook.



As in the past, the team conducted screening clinics at Centre de Sante Lumière, providing treatment when possible and identifying individuals in need of more extended care. The team worked with patients, mostly children, who have cerebral palsy, developmental delay, neurological and orthopedic problems, as well as adults with stroke and musculoskeletal issues. Persons needing extended care or training stayed in the hospital with a family member so the team could work more intensely with the patient and care-givers.



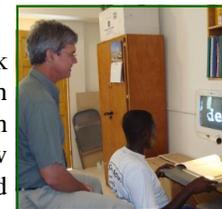
They visited Les Cayes, Haiti to work alongside the staff of Centre de Sante Lumière to support the work of the Advantage Program, a

rehabilitation program for persons with disabilities. The team was thrilled to witness an active ongoing program which has experienced an expansion of outreach during the past year. Three of the 6 team member had been to Haiti before to work with the programs supported by the Advantage Program. The "repeaters" were a tremendous help as they "hit the ground running" and served as a resource to first time visitors.



The team members who had visited the site before were pleased

to see the follow-up provided to patients seen in the past and to meet again with the women of the Bernice Johnson Center. One day, the team took the women to a nearby school and played recreational games, sang songs, shared a meal, and did crafts. The strong will and tender hearts of the Bernice Johnson Center women touched the hearts of the team members. Being a woman with a disability in a developing country is undoubtedly a massive challenge that these women are facing head-on.



Watching Dirk Martin work with persons with blindness/ low vision provided insight to the team on how both technology (e.g.



video magnifiers) and simple equipment (e.g. magnifying glasses, white canes) can change the capabilities of individuals. The networking of Dirk with other agencies, such as the Haitian Society for the Blind and the Mother Teresa home, certainly expands the outreach.

The greatest need of the rehabilitation work in Haiti is personnel. There is no professional training school in Haiti for physical therapists or occupational therapists. On-the-job training certainly plays a strong and needful role in the programs, but the presence of trained professionals willing to spend time providing services and education would strengthen and deepen the ongoing ministry. If you or someone you know is interested in discussing the needs, please contract the director, June Hanks, at june-hanks@utc.edu.



Thanks for your prayers and support of this great work in Haiti

This article is compiled from excerpts of a report provided by June Hanks

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