



World Wide Village Community Health Initiative

Thank you for considering making a donation to the World Wide Village's Community Health Initiative. We are a non-profit organization working in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Eighty percent of Haitians live below the poverty line and about 1 in 4 children are chronically malnourished. World Wide Village works in Haiti providing education, feeding school children, developing infrastructure, and providing microcredit. The Community Health Initiative is a division of World Wide Village providing ongoing healthcare to selected villages in Haiti. Since the catastrophic earthquake last January, the needs in Haiti have increased dramatically and the task ahead of us is greater than ever. During our traditional missions, patients are provided vitamins, treated for parasites, and are screened for malnutrition and other chronic diseases. We also partner with local village health workers and provide health education to the community. We perform minor surgical procedures when appropriate. In addition, we treat a lot of acute diseases like pneumonia, malaria, typhoid fever, and dysentery that might otherwise be fatal.

Since the earthquake, we are now managing a 50-bed mobile hospital in Leogane, the city most devastated by the earthquake. Our clinics are managing over 300 patients daily and have been running non-stop since January 19, 2010. They will continue to do so until at least August of 2010. We currently have 3 functioning operating rooms and have been performing up to 30 surgeries a day. The people of Leogane have suffered horrific injuries that have required amputations, skin grafting, and chronic management. The people have moved to refugee camps and are now fighting outbreaks of measles, tetanus, and typhoid. World Wide Village and its partners are committed to fighting this suffering. We have already accomplished much, and are certain that we can prevent even more unnecessary suffering and death on the part of the Haitian people. As you can imagine, the costs of this are staggering, which is why we are asking your help.

Please visit our website at www.worldwidevillage.org. Take a few moments to look over the information about World Wide Village and the Community Health Initiative. Sign up for updates, and decide whether or not you can contribute to alleviating the suffering of the Haitian people. Every little bit helps, and donations can be made right on the website. Otherwise, checks can be mailed to the World Wide Village office. If you are donating on behalf of a specific volunteer, please indicate this. World Wide Village is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations with monetary value are tax-deductible. You can be provided with a receipt for all donations. Please feel free to contact us using the information below if you have any questions.

Thank you for your thought and support!

www.worldwidevillage.org



World Wide Village Community Health Initiative

Chris Buresh and Josh White

Co-Directors, World Wide Village Community Health Initiative

Chris Buresh, Christopher-buresh@uiowa.edu

Joshua White, jwhitemd1@hotmail.com