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The 2011 New Petite-Riviere Health Center

The Rasin Foundation is dedicated to collaborating with the people of Leogane, Haiti to improve the physical and mental health of the community and assist in economic and technology development.

Le Petite-Rivière Health Center

In 2010, with your help and the hard work of the staff in Leogane, we built a clinic that now provides free medical care to over 600 patients a month in rural Leogane.



Located in rural Petite-Rivière, the center provides medical care and dispenses medications free of charge to rural villagers who lacked access to basic health care services. The center is staffed full-time by a nurse, nursing assistant, community health worker, and interpreter/medical assistant. Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, dentists, psychologists and other staff rotate through the center for 1-2 weeks every 2-4 weeks.

In 2011, we will complete construction of our new eco friendly clinic using earth bag construction method designed by landscape architect Patti Stouter.

With your help we hope to provide funding and training for residents to rebuild their homes using this same low cost and eco-friendly technology and to construct on-site housing for our staff.



Dental Care Comes to Petite-Riviere

Prior to the earthquake, there was less than one dentist per 10,000 people. The people of Petite-Riviere were very fortunate to have Dr. John Theodorou as dentist during our 3rd medical mission. Having retired from full-time dentistry in Florida, he readily answered an ad that Rasin Foundation had posted for a volunteer dentist on the American Dental Association website. Dr. Theodorou was very eager to be of service to the people of Haiti after such a terrible tragedy. He taught oral hygiene, distributed dental hygiene kits and performed dental extractions. He was greatly admired by the children who constantly surrounded him. The patients who could not find nor afford a dentist in Leogane finally were relieved of their pain.



Fighting Cholera One Latrine at a Time

In mid 2010, we built a dry toilet latrine at the health center. With the unfortunate Cholera outbreak that struck Haiti later in the year, we realized that sharing this technology could help in the cholera prevention efforts. We established a training course for assisting other NGOs with this low cost, eco-friendly technology.

Rasin Foundation Mission

Support and assist in developing culturally sensitive, competent and empowering programs whose outcome is to improve the health status of the poorest inhabitants in targeted localities in Haiti;

Encourage greater cooperation and provide travel opportunities for Haitian expatriates to contribute to the betterment of their country;

Engage citizens in the United States who are cognizant of the causes of poverty and seek to alleviate its effects through knowledge and technology transfer;

Collaborate with institutions whose missions are to work towards the elimination of poverty and the prevention of diseases

Sante Timoun

Sante Timoun, our children's wellness program, provides nutritional, medical and psychological support to malnourished children who have lost parents during the earthquake and other children who are at risk of developing malnutrition. Their families receive training on raised bed gardening technique and seeds to grow healthy vegetables to combat malnutrition.



Volunteer

Your skills and commitment could provide vital assistance to the people of Leogane. Supporters in the past have included MDs, RNs, PAs, NPs, LPNs, dentists, psychologists, social workers, architects, engineers, and graphic designers.

To be contacted regarding volunteer opportunities, visit us on-line at www.rasinfoundation.org or provide your contact information below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Interests/Skills: _____

Support Rasin Foundation

Your financial assistance will help us complete construction and continue to provide medical care and assistance to the people of Petite-Riviere, Leogane.

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