

# Caribbean Basin





# Haiti Mission Trip

Spring Break  
2002

# Haitian Lifestyle

- ❑ Haiti is home to 12 million people.
- ❑ It is slightly larger than the state of Maryland
- ❑ The main language is Creole, which is similar to French.
- ❑ Only 30% of Haitians are functionally literate.
- ❑ Average annual income is \$310.

# Haitian Landscape

- Most of Haiti's terrain is rough and mountainous. Although beautiful, it makes travel very difficult.





# Market in Haiti



- This is a typical Haitian market on the side of the road in Port-au-Prince. Mixed in with the fruit and wares is garbage.

Haitians are known for their beautiful artwork which is sold on the side of the streets in Port-au-Prince.





- This man is trying to sell his hats. It is very common to see peddlers with their goods being carried on their heads.





- Everywhere we looked we saw people using their heads to carry various items around!



# Our Journey Begins

- We left with 18 boxes of equipment, luggage, and car parts. Altogether they weighed 997 pounds!



# Our Team





# Our arrival in Port-au-Prince



- When our boxes got held up in customs, Bruce used the extra time to present the Gospel. After all, we were in Haiti to share Christ with others.

# Clinic in Port-au-Prince



- We held clinic in this hospital in Port-au-Prince for one day.
- Approximately 130 patients were seen.



# Clinic in Port-au-Prince

- Ann is doing retinoscopy on one of the patients. This helps determine a prescription for glasses that the patient may need.



# Clinic in Port-au-Prince

- Dr. Miller is in the middle of a sea of people waiting to get their glasses.





# Clinic in Port-au-Prince

- ▣ We saw patients of all ages. Many of them waited all day before they got in.



# Life in Bonne Fin



- This is the dining room at Hospital Lumiere. Since cooking in Haiti takes so long, we had cooks that prepared all of our meals.



# Hopital Lumiere



- In English, this is known as the Hospital of Light.
- This wing of the hospital was home to the dispensary for our clinic.

# Hopital Lumiere



- This is the Miedema's home on the hospital grounds.



# Clinic at the Hospital

- Every morning, we were greeted by throngs of people. They waited outside...



# Clinic at the Hospital



□ ....and inside.



# Clinic at the Hospital

- ❑ Christie did all of the case histories on patients that came to the clinic.



# Clinic at the Hospital



- Mimi is trying to explain that she needs to check his vision and see how well he can see far away.



# Clinic at the Hospital



- Meredith is checking this patient's near vision so that we would know what reading glasses to give him.

# Clinic at the Hospital

- ▣ This patient is telling Dan that the 'E' is pointing upward.
- ▣ In addition to checking visual acuity, Dan did a lot of translating.





# Clinic at the Hospital

- ❑ Ann used the automated refractor to get a prescription for glasses.
- ❑ Dr. Miller made the final determination of what glasses would best help the patient.



# Clinic at the Hospital



- Dr. Miller checked the internal health of the patient's eyes.
- He looked for cataracts, glaucoma, and other diseases.



# Clinic at the Hospital

- With the help of a translator, Dr. Brian Hamann is explaining his diagnosis to one of his patients.



# Clinic at the Hospital



- Maribeth and Dr. Hamann saw the patients that we thought had a problem that needed more than a pair of glasses to fix.



# The Dispensary



- Andy used a catalog of the glasses to quickly find a prescription that would work for the patient.
- Rebekah went and looked for the glasses.

# The Dispensary

- ❑ Bruce worked to adjust the glasses so they would best fit the patient.
- ❑ He also helped to fix some of the trucks at the hospital.





# The Dispensary



- ❑ In addition to adjusting glasses in the dispensary, Pastor Gary gave several presentations at churches in the local communities.

# The Dispensary



- ❑ Rachel looked through the 3,000 pairs of cataloged glasses to find a specific pair for a patient. She also helped us with our Creole!

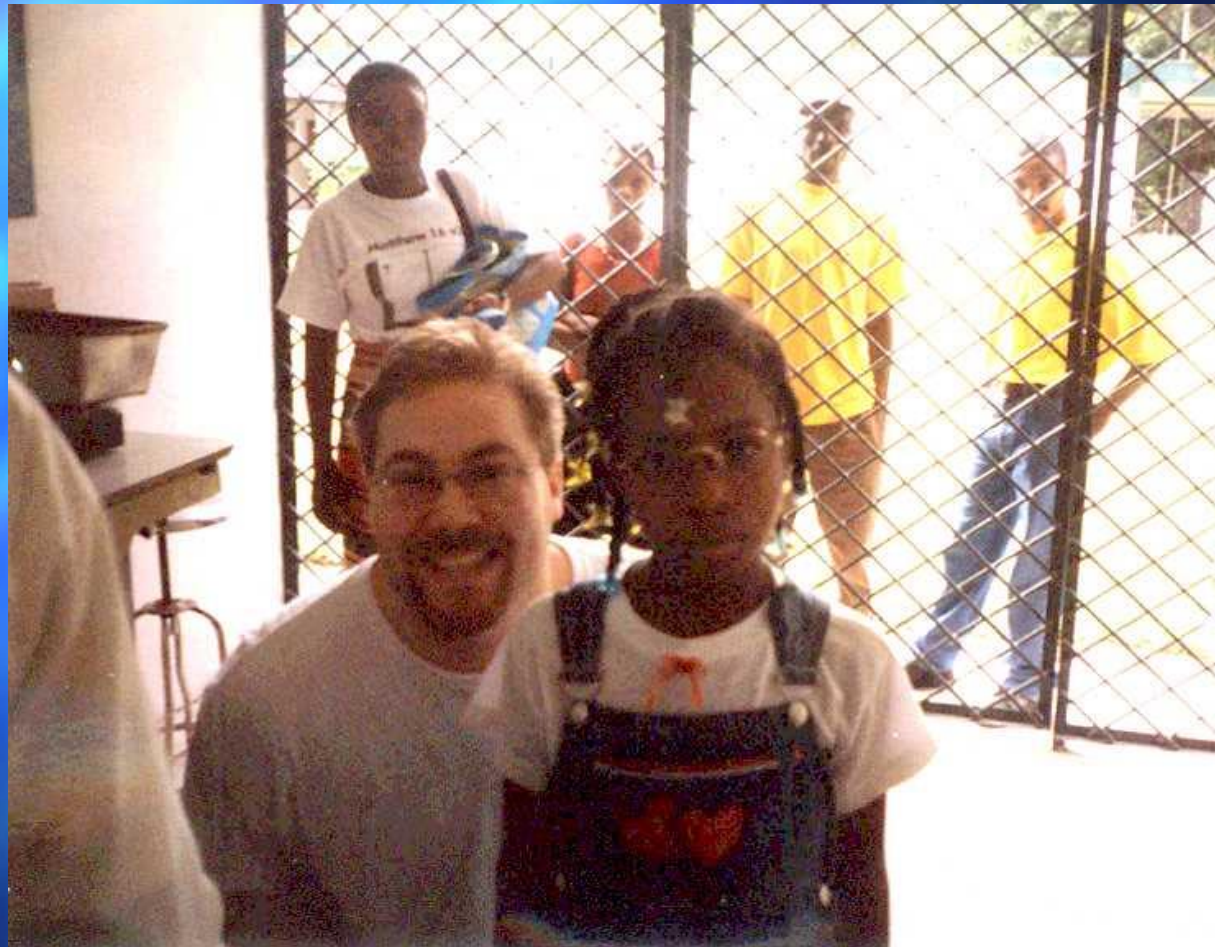


# The Dispensary

- ▣ Rebekah helped patients find reading glasses that worked the best for them.



# The Dispensary



- Here is Andy with a satisfied patient!



# Seminar to Med Students



- While the rest of the team packed for home, Dr. Miller, Dan, Maribeth and Ann gave a seminar on direct ophthalmoscopy to the resident medical students at the hospital.

# Fun!

- ▣ After packing for home, we went for a mountain hike and swim.





# Summary

- ▣ We ended up seeing 1,100 patients and gave out 1,000 pairs of glasses.
- ▣ Over 1,500 pamphlets were distributed in Creole explaining God's message of salvation.
- ▣ Throughout the week, we saw many things happen that can only be explained by the power of God answering the prayers of His people. Thank you to everyone who supported us in prayer!