

Haiti Mission Trip 2008

“Where there is no vision, the people perish”
Prov. 29:18.



Country: Haiti

Official Name: Republic of Haiti

Official Language: French Creole

Government: Presidential
Republic

Population (from 2005): 8.8
million



Miami, Florida International Airport



Day 1 of Traveling:
Dr. Ann Hemmeke &
Lindsey Wynkoop (3rd Year)

Erica Touhill (2nd Year)
waits for the shuttle bus.

Day 2:
Port Au
Prince,
Haiti here
we come!





The team arrives in Port Au Prince, Haiti at 9:00 AM.





The team waiting for lost luggage which arrived the following day.





These are pictures taken along the 3-hour bus ride from Port Au Prince to Jacmel.



This very vibrant bus and truck are actually used as taxis in Haiti.

The smaller bus is termed a “top-top”, and is a common form of transportation for many people.





Many of the streets are covered in trash in Haiti. It is much different than what people in the United States are used to.

Jacmel, Haiti



For the first 5 nights while in Haiti, we stayed in the town of Jacmel. We then traveled back to Port Au Prince later in the week to finish off the trip.

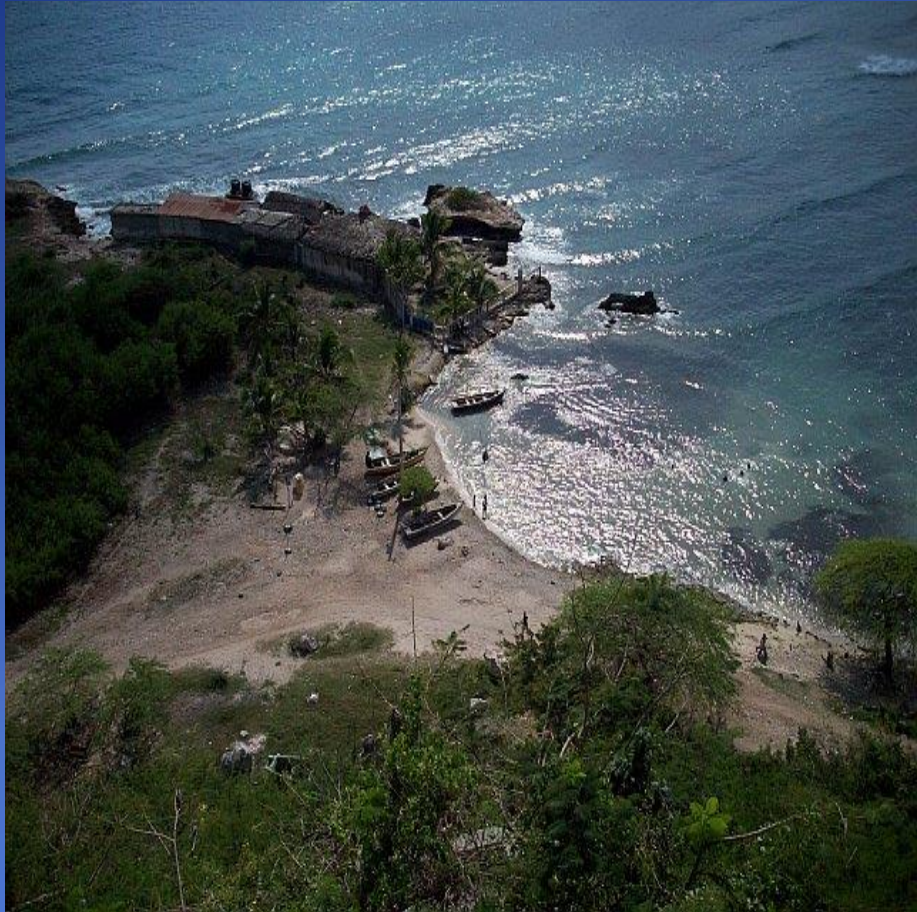




The roads
of Jacmel.



Views of Jacmel's coast.



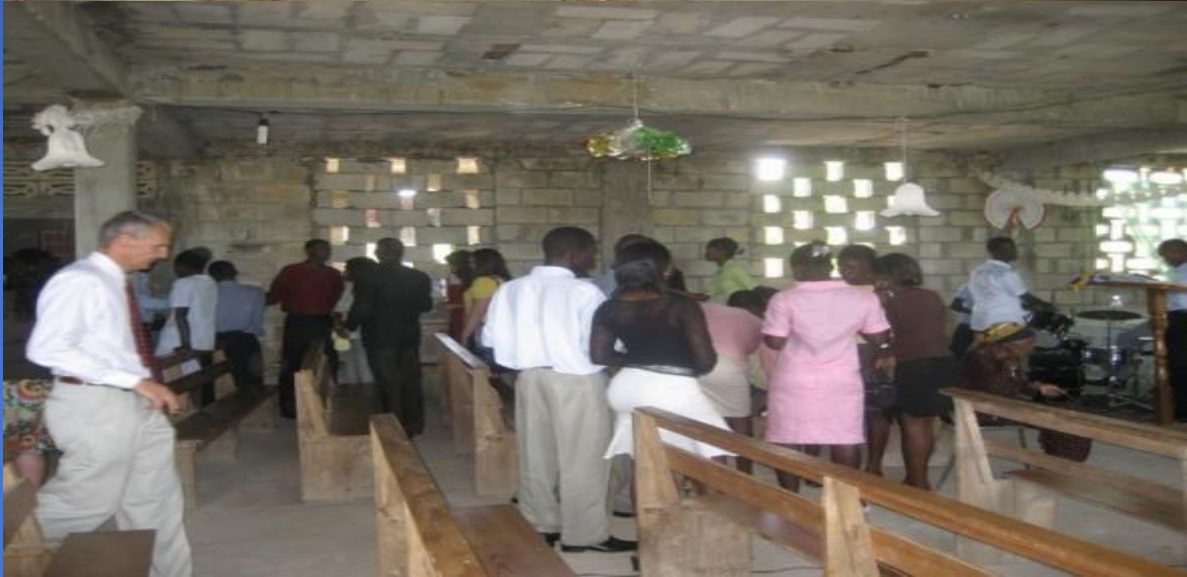
Ozana Hotel is where we stayed the first 5 nights. We enjoyed breakfast, air-conditioning, and unexpected hot water while at the hotel.





The group before church (From left): Dr. Teresa Aris, Chad Linsley (2nd Year), Steve Day (1st Year), Dr. Ann, Erica, Lindsey, Linda, Jodie, & Christie (not pictured are Dr. Ed Miedema and Lauren).

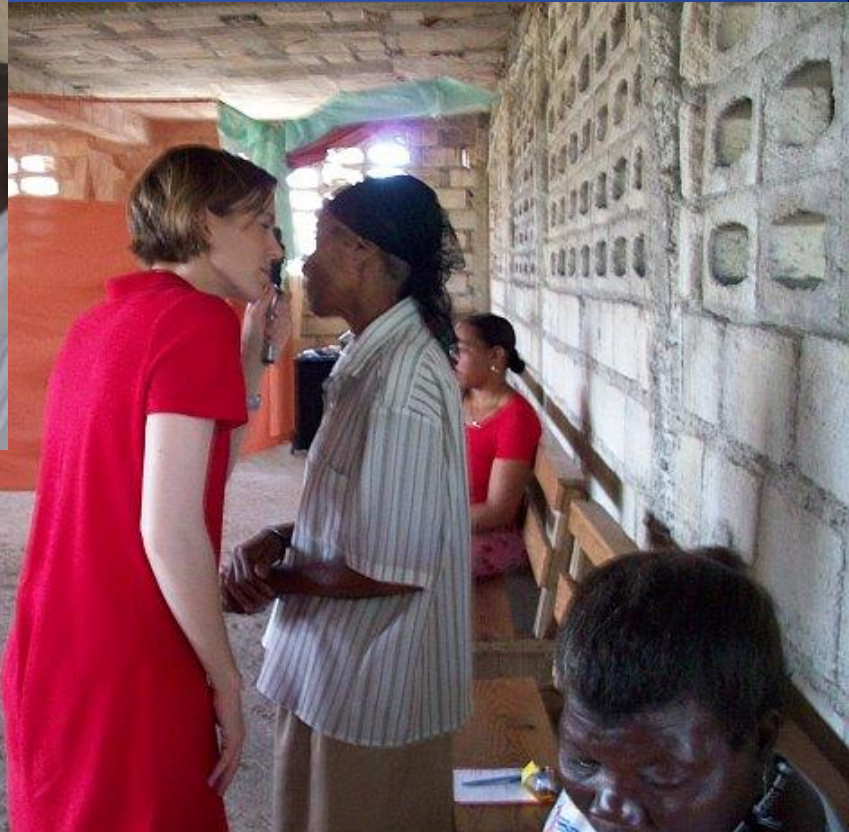
Day 3: the church where we worshiped and set-up clinic while in Jacmel.



Days 4, 5, & 6 at the Jacmel clinic.



Dr. Ann



Dr. Ann checks the internal and external health of the patients' eyes.

Dr. Teresa



Dr. Teresa uses
her retinoscope to
assess refractive
error.



Chad

Chad doing lensometry,
retinoscopy and smiling.



Erica



Erica doing
retinoscopy and
smiling.



Lindsey



Lindsey looks in the catalog to fill a glasses prescription and also consults with a patient.

Steve



Steve helps out in the dispensary finding the right glasses for patients and making sure they fit properly.

Jodie



Jodie is seen taking this patient's visual acuity at distance, and she is also pictured with Pastor Ewal and his wife Mona.



Lauren



Lauren checks the vision of patients both far away and up close.



Linda



Linda working with a Haitian woman.



Christie



Christie takes case histories of the incoming patients. Her Creole was excellent, so it was easy for her to converse with them.



Dr. Ed



We ♥ translators!



We were thankful and blessed to have wonderful translators to help us bridge the language gap while in Haiti.



Beautiful people we helped at the clinic.



At night we relaxed by playing games at the hotel.



Taking a break
from clinic on the
streets of Jacmel.





We travelled in Pastor Ewal's top-top to do some shopping in Jacmel one afternoon.



The beautiful
people of Jacmel,
Haiti.





On day 7 we flew back to Port Au Prince via a missionary plane. The experience was unforgettable!

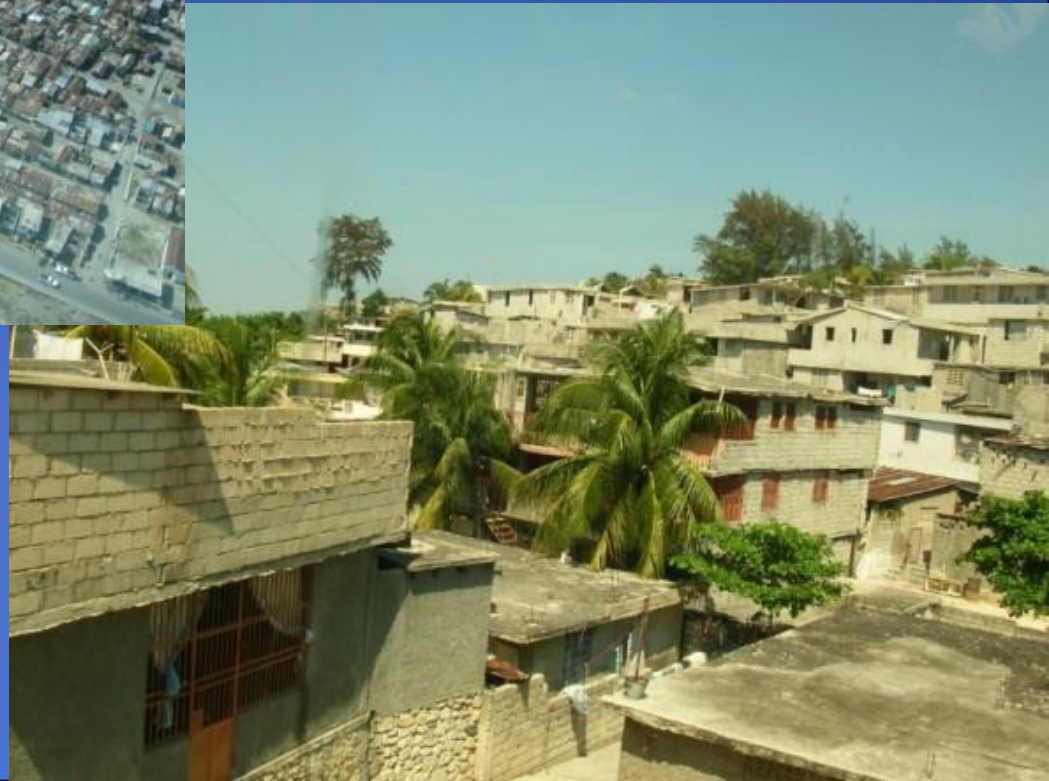


Incredible views from
above.





We arrive back in Port
Au Prince for clinic the
last two days.



The streets of Port Au Prince.



Days 7 & 8 at the Port Au Prince clinic.



Doctor Station



Dispensing Station



Doing God's work.

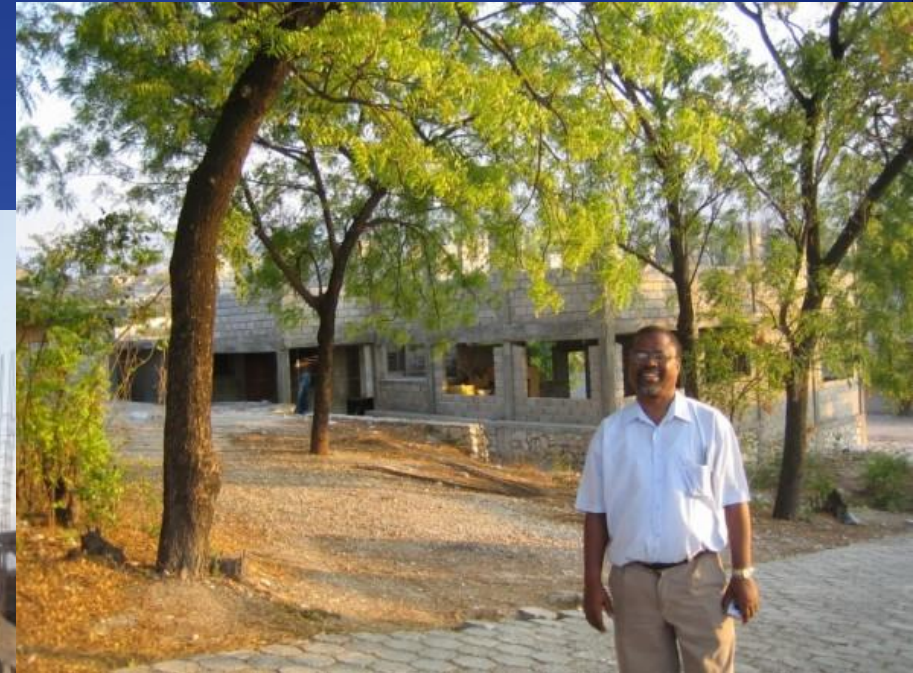
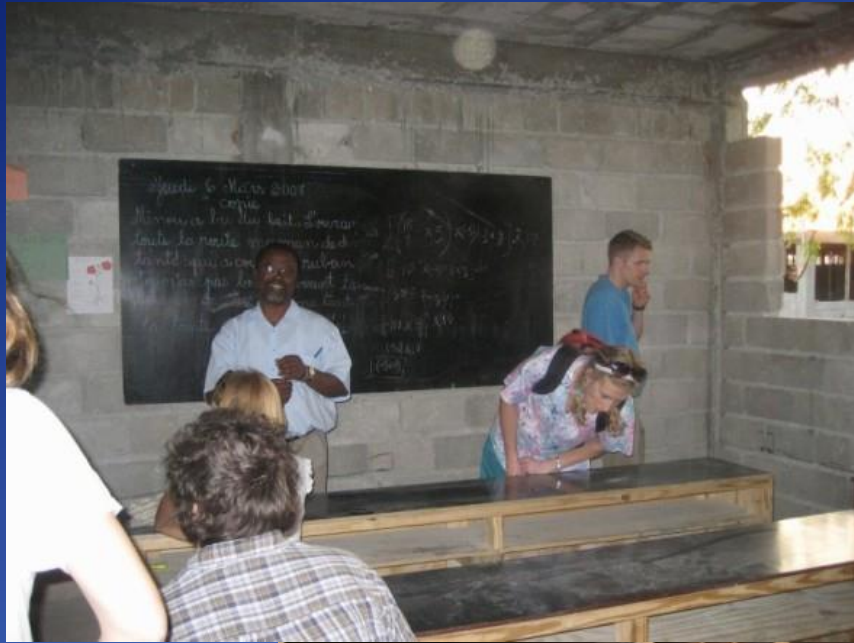


Dr. Ed and Christie
with their friends
and family of Haiti.



We gave out sunglasses
to the orphanage
children one of our last
nights in Haiti.





There is a new school and three-story hospital being built in Port Au Prince. Dr. Morquette showed us around the construction site.



Drs. Morquette were
our hosts while in
Port Au Prince.

The group stayed at their lovely
home where we were served
delicious meals and enjoyed
great fellowship.



Haiti Mission Trip 2008 Week Re-Cap

- 11 team members
- 9 day mission trip
- Consulted over 450 patients
- Gave out over 900 pairs of glasses
- Referred patients to the low vision clinic and other clinics for ocular help
- \$1,500 US dollars raised from consultations and glasses used to pay off church debts in Jacmel
- 2 people became Christians, several made re-commitments, and many new visitors have come to the church in Jacmel
- Many new friendships and memories were made in Haiti while God watched and guided us through the trip.



The End!