

Haiti - Clinics, part 2

On Thursday and Friday, 27 and 28 April, our CURE Clinic was held in the school at a remote place unofficially called Nordette. We had to walk nearly the last half kilometer because the vehicles could not handle the steep, muddy, and rutted pathway. This photo was taken of our team the morning of our second day, before our hike to the site. We wore our CURE red shirts the first day and scrubs the second day.



loading at the Wozo Plaza Hotel



Carrying our supplies up the muddy hill



Team on steps of school



introductions in chapel



first to be examined



Heather with Nordette founders



Patti taking temperature



Christine discussing symptoms



Bey learning things from local doctor



Andrea checking pulse and oxygen



Nancy and local nurse with family



Julie checking pharmacy goods



Rich running the pharmacy



Scott checking teeth



local dentist injecting pain killer



local doctor checking eyes



helper in pharmacy



local nurse and Andrea checking infant



welcoming at the registration table



elderly woman being carried to clinic



Heather checks her condition



local doctor also examines her



group discussion, grandson at left

The assessment was that she was dehydrated. We were not equipped to give IV fluids. We gave her an electrolyte solution. About an hour later she could sit up and eventually went home, likely with additional supplies for restoration of her health.



During lunch an elderly man was carried. Christine checks vital signs.



He was carried out later.

The man had been paralyzed for ten years but never told why. The team assessment was that it was a stroke.

After the second clinic at Nordette ended we went to the nearby Saut d'Eau falls. After a group photo, some of us climbed higher for a closer look, some after a change of clothes. Downstream looked like a tropical paradise.



Our accommodation in Mirebalais was at the Wozo Plaza Hotel. It resembled a resort, with pool, cottages, second floor rooms, tropical vegetation, and peafowl. We had some initial challenges of getting water and air conditioning started. There were a few later screams when tarantulas were found in or near our rooms. But it served our needs adequately. We did not use the pool, likely because of lack of interest.



Wozo entrance

van at registration

pool, with open air restaurant beyond



breakfast at Wozo

peacock greeting

After two days of clinics we packed for a return to the capital, Port-au-Prince.



loading van for Saturday trip to capital

city traffic

Photo as we were about to make a left turn in capital city traffic. Above was the nearly meaningless traffic signal. Many intersections have no traffic control signs or signals. Eye contact with other drivers seems to manage the traffic chaos.

We drove to the top of the mountain south of the city for a panoramic view of the city from the Observatoire. Coming down, we stopped at a large grocery store. Then we visited a ministry that was active in the coastal slum area, Cite Soleil. Our accommodation Saturday night was at the Marriott hotel, built after the earthquake.



Sunday morning view of Observatoire

After a night of torrential rain and street flooding, the morning had pleasant weather. The photo at the left was taken from the Marriott. In our room was another example of the metal art that we saw at the hospital in Mirebalais. This one showed birds in a tree, a favorite subject of mine. These were made from the lids of oil barrels.



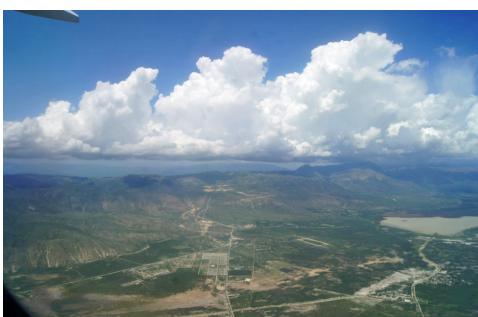
ready to leave Marriott



waiting at airport



airport terminal beyond wingtip at takeoff



The highway we took to the clinic areas

We returned to Denver, arriving late in the evening Sunday night. We were pleased with our medical mission accomplishments.

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