



# Friends of the Haiti School Nurse Project Newsletter

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A critical question for all of the “Friends” is how can we support the school nurse project in Leogane? This newsletter presents three ways that can happen.

1. An example just took place last week when committee member Dale Yoe and her husband Jim took a carload of medical supplies from here in Calvert County to Florida. Here is Dale’s description of the trip:

We received over this Covid time several donations of medical equipment and supplies for several sources, including from Dr. Debra Spatz and the Surgicenter in Prince Frederick. These items included first aid supplies, IV supplies and even laryngoscopes and intubation supplies. We also added the things requested by Dean Hilda Alcindor - 4 Glucometers and strips, Pedialyte dry packets- to be added to water, 4-pulse oximeters and a folding cot.

We drove a total of 2250 miles in a 4 day trek with a 1 ½ days rest in between. I was exhausted the Wednesday and Saturday even though we switched drivers every 2 hours. The first days we went @ 10 hours and the second @ 5 or so. Dr. Jessie and her husband have a garage full for supplies, and clothing to send down. Because we had things needed ASAP, Dr. Jessie said she will contact her shipping friend to take the supplies down soon.

As always, we didn’t mind going on this trip and will still gather donations as needed. Thanks, Dale



It is like a relay. It starts with Dale and others on the committee promoting the program in the medical community and their donating medical supplies and equipment. The next step in the relay is transporting the extensive supplies to FSIL board chair Jessie Colon’s home in Florida.

Jessie arranges for transporting supplies through a shipping friend. Once in Haiti, the supplies reach the FSIL nursing school. At FSIL, the supplies go to the school nurses (or where they can best be used). The school nurses (Claudine Cadio, Yola Clervil, and Alin Thevine) then use the supplies at the four schools in the program. What an amazing relay!

2. Provide financial support for the Haiti School Nurse program by making donations through our church. We need your continuing support. Please send contributions to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, PO Box 277, Lusby, MD 20657 with the notation: Haiti School Nurse Project.
3. Support the Haiti Nursing Foundation which also is providing support for the school nurse program at FSIL. They carry out the substantial task of supporting FSIL. They are sponsoring a virtual fundraiser on Saturday May 15 from 7 – 8 pm. The link for the event is below:

[www.haitinursing.org/fromhaitiwithlove](http://www.haitinursing.org/fromhaitiwithlove)

