



Friends of the Haiti School Nurse Project Newsletter

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Services being provided

The school nurses (Claudine Cadio, Yola Clervil, and Alin Thevine) continue to provide a range of nursing services at four schools in Leogane with a total school population of over 2,000. Middleham and St. Peter's School Nurse Team has been providing support for this program since 2018 and at other locations in Haiti since 2011.

For the latest report period (January – March 2021) the three school nurses, with support from the student nurses at FSIL, have provided the following:

- ✓ Student health assessments – 197
- ✓ Immediate health care – 172
- ✓ Referral to other health services – 25
- ✓ Health education sessions for students – 88 for parents – 147

Immediate care was provided most often for the following –

- ✓ Headache and fever – 35
- ✓ Stomach and related pain – 40
- ✓ Injuries (burns, scrapes, falls, etc.) – 20
- ✓ Skin disease – 20

Referrals were made to the following –

- ✓ Eye – ophthalmologist - 12
- ✓ dental - 1
- ✓ cardiologist - 1
- ✓ gynecologist - 1
- ✓ ENT - 1
- ✓ dermatologist - 9

About conditions in Haiti

Reports both from Dean Hilda Alcindor, Board Chair Jessie Colin and other news sources indicate that conditions are worsening both in terms of political unrest and covid incidence. At the outset of the pandemic, covid incidence in Haiti was relatively low compared to other Caribbean countries and the world. Just as covid has increased in areas not impacted early on, that is the case in Haiti. While efforts are under way to distribute vaccines around the world, none have reached Haiti as yet.

Further complicating this are the real limitations regarding keeping vaccines cold and the general distribution capability of the government.

In spite of these conditions, the FSIL Nursing School continues its remarkable work of training students to become nurses and reaching out into the community, including the four schools served by the nurses and student nurses.

We need your help

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.