

Enabling Health Care for the Poorest of the Poor – Gandou, Haiti

The Goal: Build a health care clinic which allows for delivery of regular, quality medical care otherwise not available to this community of approximately 10,000 people.

The Need: The community has no access to medical care beyond the services the ministry provides, and Gandou is a 5 to 6 hour walk to other medical care. Since 2006, the St. Anthony's/St. Louis' Haiti Ministry has completed twenty-six medical mission trips to Gandou. The most recent trip was in March 2021, during which 937 patients were seen by the visiting medical staff with many more seeking care.



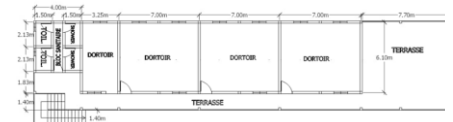
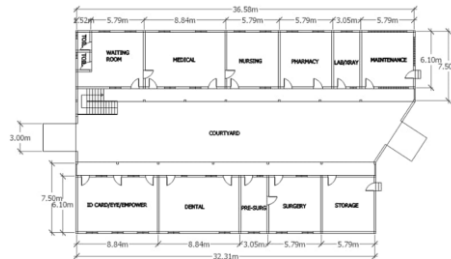
In June 2021, the ministry hired a doctor who is now in Gandou five days a week, joining the nurses which the ministry employs. In addition to addressing acute patient needs, the doctor and staff run programs focused on child malnourishment, high blood pressure and diabetes. The ministry has also trained midwives to serve the community.

Today, the medical staff works out of a very small building which existed prior to the founding of the ministry. The facility has minimal space for patient care or supplies, and it lacks electricity and running water. A larger, better equipped clinic will:

- Provide the safe, clean space required to elevate the level of care regularly available in Gandou.
- Allow the medical staff to perform minor surgery and other procedures.
- Create the opportunity to bring specialty care (dental, eye, OB/GYN, other) to the community.
- Provide the space required to initiate health care education for the Gandou population.



Selected Visuals - New Clinic Design:



To Donate: As the ministry is a 501(c)3 organization, donations are tax deductible. To donate to the clinic building fund, you can:

- Send a check to the St. Anthony Haiti Ministry, PO Box 3, Morris, IN, 47033. Please include "St Anthony/St Louis – New Clinic" in the memo line. This applies to both St. Anthony's and St. Louis as the ministry is combined.
- Send a donation via PayPal, using the email saintanthonyhaitiministry@yahoo.com.
- Donate stock. This often allows a donor to increase their gift while also providing a tax advantage. Contact your financial advisor. Jason Frey from Tri-County Financial LLC is also willing to answer questions concerning stock donations. Contact him at: jfrey@moneyconcepts.com or 812-934-2110.

100% of the funds donated go to the new clinic building fund. With this, quality controls are in place to protect donations from current instability in Haiti.

For More Information: Contact James Dickey, jdickey@etczone.com

Tell Us How to Contact You: When donating be sure to provide contact information so we can keep you up to date on clinic progress! Detach the slip below and include with your check or provide the same information with your electronic donation.

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Why Gandou, Haiti? As the ministry at St. Anthony/St. Louis formed in 2006, they chose to serve the poorest of the poor. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The people of Gandou are subsistence farmers with the vast majority struggling to feed their families on the poor, eroded mountainsides.



More about the St. Anthony's/St. Louis' Ministry:

Education is a major focus: The ministry built the first school in Gandou in 2008. Since then:

- The school has been enlarged three times and a new grade level has been added to the school each year. The first class of 8 students graduated from the school in Gandou in 2021.
- The school currently serves 465 children. US sponsors fund tuition, school uniforms and daily lunch.
- The ministry sponsors the salaries of the teachers and principal.
- Ten students have been sponsored to attend college. Nine of the graduate's work in Gandou as nurses or teachers.
- A future project is the addition of solar capability to the school, providing much needed electricity. Planning is underway.



Other Ways the Ministry has Served the Community of Gandou:

- Built a new church and rebuilt numerous homes after the earthquake destroyed them in 2010.
- Helped to purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle and motorcycle for the parish, the only vehicles in the entire parish area.
- Funded road repair as portions of the dirt road which allows access to Gandou frequently wash away during the hurricane season.
- Established an empowerment program whereby the ministry provides poor families identified by the Pastor with sewing machines or microloans to help them become self-sufficient.
- Established a clean water program in 2019. Six hundred families and each classroom in the school now have a bucket system to filter the water they collect from streams and rivers. This program has provided improvements to overall health of the community and household coverage increases annually.

