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Grateful.

That's how I feel leading ESPWA as we roll into 2022.

2021 wasn't a year of giant milestones or big moments for ESPWA. Last year marked a decade of service to our friends in Haiti. Year 11 will not be remembered as a year that was anything special. None of our team even made a trip to Haiti this past year. However, we kept the faith and kept moving forward. We were able to meet & exceed our commitments to our friends and projects in Haiti. Surprisingly, we even had one of our best years financially. We were able to continue the work we felt called to 11 years ago.

Our group continues to love & serve our friends. If you happened to pay attention to the world news, you'd be aware that Haitians faced a slew of challenges this past year. From an earthquake, to organized gang violence, to gas shortages to economic hardship due to the world economy & the pandemic. Anxiety, fear and uncertainty infiltrated every aspect of a Haitian's daily life.

As we reflect on this year and look forward, we wanted to hear from our Haitian friends. We wanted to hear from the voices of those on the front lines. The people in the trenches. Fighting the battles. Grinding every day.

Pushing forward. We've missed seeing them face to face. We've missed the dusty streets of Haiti. We've missed being "present" with these special people.



In the next few pages, you'll hear what our friends have to say about what is going on in Haiti. You'll read what they are fearful of, what brings them hope and how they are doing. You'll read of the progress in some of our projects. I'm excited to report we'll be partnering with

more Haitians in 2022 to increase local children's ministry & schooling. We'll also be partnering with Haitian leadership to expand our microfinance initiative. We'll continue our ongoing initiatives that include children's education, supporting a local doctor, village medical clinic & regional hospital, supporting a local pastor & his ministry and bringing clean water to communities.

Thank you. Thanks for the support. Thanks for your donations. Thanks for your prayers. Thanks for being part of our team. We really appreciate it. I'm grateful.

Chris Pfeiffer

Lespwa fè viv ~ Hope makes one live

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The Stories of Haiti, from the People of Haiti

Every day it seems, we see a new headline for another new challenge in Haiti: Covid-19. Political Unrest. Earthquakes. Inflation. Fuel Shortages. Gang Violence. Kidnappings. We asked our friends and partners about their own experiences and how their families, livelihoods, and communities are being impacted. They are doctors, business owners, students, mothers, fathers, pastors, missionaries and farmers. They shared with us their day to day challenges, big-picture concerns, and where they still find hope.

Frantz Louis Charles, Haitian Creole Tour & ESPWA Haiti Project Coordinator



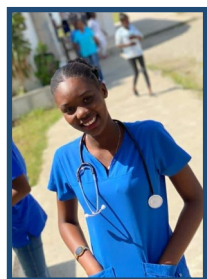
The fuel shortage and inflation are the most challenging for my family and our community right now. I live pretty far from the main road so without fuel it's super difficult to have access to the public market, school, and church.

Covid-19 has affected my business greatly. I have not had a tour in almost three years. The fuel shortage has also affected my job for ESPWA, as transportation is very expensive.

Our community and the whole country are tired of corrupted politicians; we are hopeless for change. The assassination of the president, the insecurity in Port-au-Prince, etc. The youth are fleeing to other countries, walking for months from Chili to Texas. Everyone wants to live anywhere else other than Haiti because they do not see when change is going to come.

Port-au-Prince is the center of everything, politics and businesses included, so the insecurity and political crisis in Port will always affect every other part of Haiti. But Cap Haitien and the surrounding communities don't have a similar story because life is a little easier, access to agriculture is easier, fishing, and closer to the borders, etc.

I find hope through the words of God. He says He will not abandon and will always provide. My family and I, we count on Him.



Bianca Dieusal, Nursing Student

There is a lot of insecurity and unemployment in the country but the most difficult thing for me is the problem of carburant (fuel). Due to the fuel problem, I am very disrupted in my school activities because I can't get a taxi to go to school at a price I can afford, like before.

Hospitals are unable to function, banks also have to operate only 3 days a week, which can lead to many problems in the community and gives stress to everyone here.

One difference is that here in Cap Haitien, we do not face the same insecurity they do in Port-au-Prince. We live in peace but the problem of drinking water, people who are hungry, naked and have no place to sleep is similar.

Now, I can find hope only in God. Please pray for Haiti.

Dr. Eugene Maklin, MD Haiti Medical Director and founder of New Hope Hospital



The situation remains fragile with the gangs operating all over Haiti, but worse in Port-au-Prince. Many towns are also experiencing moments of unrest with cases of kidnapping, roadblocks, riots, sexual harassment, etc. The scarcity of fuel is also a crucial problem. Everyone in my family is afraid of going out. We feel that we are traumatized with the situation. I find that my community is helpless, which is not fair.

In my daily work, the crisis affects me and my ability to serve people significantly. The hospitals and clinics cannot function normally due to lack of fuel. The paralysis of transport prevents employees from arriving at the place of work on time. Usually the roads are blocked with riots, bottles and stones throwing, burning tires, etc. That said, it is an opportunity for me to assist the Haitian people more, to continue providing health care to the population.

The whole community is worrying about their life. They are wondering when things will be better. Many of them lose hope and it is so sad. I find hope in the Supreme God and the unwavering accompaniment of my team, my family and the recognition of the population served.



Nick Stolberg CEO/Founder- New Roots Haiti

NRH exists to help families out of poverty, the farm is critical in this as it provides an economic engine that can drive local production. Restaurants and hotels have been slower and have experienced interruptions in their supply chains which can

mean that rely on us more for supplies. Production has slowed as we have not been able to get chicks as quickly, and that has led to slower sales.

I am regularly impressed by the spirit of the Haitians we work with. I listen to stories of how the guys have made friends with people who are blocking roads to let them through, how they have learned more trails to avoid blocked roads. Despite insane fuel costs they are still coming to work. For the community of Chiron nothing has become easier, prices keep going up, supplies are limited, access to healthcare has become more difficult, yet they keep moving on.



Dr. Paul Rodlin (Roro), St. Anthony's Clinic & his wife, Pierre Valerie

Pierre—The most difficult thing for me is to feed the family. The money I used to spend before to feed the house for a month is now gone in 2 weeks. So many people in the neighborhood are suffering with hunger. We are all facing

basic service issues and people are afraid if one day the situation in our community will be the same as Port-au-Prince.

As a mother, these events bring me so much worry. I always have fears when my husband goes to work or the children go to school because I know that at any moment there can be a big protest and often innocent people are the victims.

In the community where I live, people have become hopeless. They live with disgust because their own country never gives them the opportunity for a better life. I find hope in my faith in God, in the courage and dedication of my husband who believes in working and he always does his best to take care of the family.

Roro—The most challenging aspect for me is the management of my budgets with the constantly increasing prices. I worry about security for myself and my family when I am away from home for work and there are violent demonstrations in the streets. There is an absence of basic services, no electricity, no clean drinking water, hospitals are unable to work, and no garbage collection in the streets due to the fuel shortages.

As a doctor, my work is greatly impacted. Sick people cannot get to the clinic either for reasons of insecurity or they cannot afford

the high cost of a taxi. Sometimes I am forced to stay at home because I can't find a taxi or the roads are blocked by protestors. When patients come to the clinic, they don't complain only for their sickness but also about the hunger, some of them asking for money to buy food. Many of them think that there is no hope for a better life since things are going from bad to worse.

My hope is coming from God. I am thankful to ESPWA for giving me an opportunity to have a job with an income to take care of my family and help my fellow Haitians through healthcare.

Pastor Benjamin, Hoshama Ministries



The fuel shortage is very challenging. It's been months since we could get fuel and when the station has it, you have to literally fight to get it. There are fewer job opportunities, school is not working properly, some hospitals have ceased working due to electricity, and ice companies have shut down.

These events have affected our ministry greatly. In September, we tried to bring support to people in southern Haiti, who were affected by an earthquake. Outside of Port-au-Prince, gangs made us turn back. In October, we went to work with a children's club of over 170 children when gangs blocked the roads and asked that we pay them to go through and so we were forced to turn back again. The people in the community are living with fear, frustration, discouragement, and are hopeless. Psalm 11:3 says, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" and Habakkuk 2:4 says, "but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness." My hope comes from above.



Clean Water Project Success

Over the years partnering with medical clinics, we have seen many types of health conditions that could easily be prevented through access to clean drinking water. Many families traveled miles to obtain clean water and it is often contaminated.

ESPWA began partnering with Haiti Outreach to help to combat this issue. It is an organization that specializes in clean water initiatives and does it in a way that is sustain-

able through the organization of community groups, with the goal of creating water access that is not dependent on outside support. Funds collected in providing water are saved by the community, supervised publicly, and then used as needed for the upkeep of their community water well.

In 2021, ESPWA supported a well called Logalit #1 in the community of San Raphael. We provided funds for community support and education, the purchase of the manual hand pump, and a block and cement wash house that protects the well. Support also went to Ba Gwasamal, which is also in San Raphael. This new well will serve a community with 75 houses and 375 people.

The support from donors for water projects in 2021 was incredible with donor-designated funds reaching \$10,000. Looking forward to 2022, the Board has approved increased funding for additional projects pending support of our donors. *Please consider partnering with ESPWA to fund additional water projects in 2022!*



2021 Fundraising Activities

In August, Chris Pfeiffer led a group of cyclists along the Great Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP) from Cumberland to Pittsburgh in the annual Ride the GAP event. Raising nearly \$42,000, it was the largest single fundraising event in ESPWA's history!

While coordinating fundraising events during the pandemic has posed some challenges, the greatest support has come from individual donors and regular supporters. In 2021, we had 58 new

donors and we retained 81 donors. We have 16 donors giving regularly through recurring monthly gifts. This year, we had 3 donors go above and beyond with gifts of over \$5,000. Thank you!



Your Support Creates Impact!

St. Anthony's Clinic

\$12,660 invested

1298 patients seen who otherwise would not have local access to treatment

Ministry Outreach

\$16,000 invested

3 crusades & 3 services with over 300 new believers

Weekly devotions at a hospital and organized a mobile clinic

Peace & Joy Family Project

\$12,635 invested

20 kids supported with education expenses, medical coverage, & home sanitation needs

Farming/Education/Small Business

\$10,360 invested

46 jobs supported

6 students and businesses supported

Water Projects

\$8,000 invested

3 wells funded (2 built) and 775 community members with clean water

New Hope Hospital

\$7,500 invested

25,223 patients

410 surgeries

301 babies born

ESPWA Financial Information

Fiscal Year 2021 Income

\$109,692

Gross Income in fiscal year 2021

Fiscal Year 2021 Expenses

\$87,103

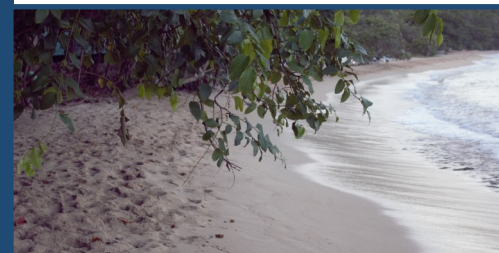
Program: \$74,381

Administrative: \$7,712

Fundraising: \$5,010

Net Assets in Fiscal Year 2021

\$66,644



OUR MISSION AND VALUES

ESPWA exists to develop projects that empower the people of Haiti, alleviate poverty, build relationships, and ultimately encourage hope through Christ's love. In carrying out our mission, we observe the following values:

1. We are Christ-focused.
2. We are committed to the poor.
3. We believe everything begins with relationships
4. We act as good stewards.
5. We recognize partnerships are critical to accomplishing our mission.
6. We work with local leaders and indigenous churches.
7. Our goal is to create sustainable solutions for poverty alleviation.
8. We strive for excellence in all we do.

Plan to support our efforts in 2022!

May 2022—Register and join us for the Pittsburgh Marathon—email Chris@espwa.com

August 2022—Register to Ride the GAP (reg opening soon!)

TBD—Hoops for Haiti returns!

Monthly—Become a monthly investor. Set up your donation to be deducted monthly through our website.

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