

Annual Report 2022

ESPWA



Friendship Island, Photo Credit: Seth Durbin

Espwa's commitment to our friends, partners & projects in Haiti will reach 12 years this fall. We've done our best to be faithful to the people God has brought into our lives. We've been blessed for another year to meet the commitments we felt called to, so many years ago. Thank you for the role you played—through prayer, encouragement or financial support. Unfortunately, none of our Espwa Team was able to travel to Haiti this past year. We hope to visit our friends and the country we love this year, Lord willing.

The challenges in Haiti are many. The struggle is real for our friends there. The hope and light of Jesus Christ compels us to continue this work. To shine the light into dark places. To love and to serve. To encourage and to offer grace. Thank you again for partnering with us in this important work.

Chris Pfeiffer, Executive Director



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Espwa Board Members at an annual gathering in May

As Haiti continues to struggle with a variety of political, social and economic challenges, our friends at New Hope Hospital continue to serve the Cap Haitian community to the best of their ability. The external roadblocks faced by Dr. Eugene Maklin and his staff to provide even basic care to people is often unfathomable. And yet, Dr. Maklin maintains his faith and positivity and presses on to provide critical medical care to those who would otherwise have no options. In his own words, Dr. Maklin shares an overview of the challenges of this past year.



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

Haiti is losing its stability every day. People are living in fear because of the rising violence and insecurity. Some people are dying because they do not have access to safe drinking water,

food, healthcare, and some women are subjected to sexual assault. The chaos is spreading day to day from the capital to the country sides, forcing people to move their families or migrate to the border or to the nearest quiet zone. The shortage of fuel and loss of electricity creates a significant problem. Many jobs have been lost, which impacts the rising poverty and leads to frustration, envy and anger. School is still threatened by gang violence, preventing children from having consistent access to education. Broken roads with extensive trash regularly slows down the traffic. The community is suffering and many people are hopeless. Poor people with limited earnings are mostly just surviving, rather than thinking about their own well-being.

The challenges in the community have also created significant challenges in our ability to provide care at New Hope Hospital. While most patients are grateful for the access to free care, we have had situations where we have been threatened and others have attempted to steal, especially when it comes to food or supply distribution. Due to the shortage of fuel, there are also difficulties in receiving medical and pharmaceutical supplies like certain medicines, oxygen, etc. The shortage also means less people come to the hospital to get access to care. Some of these people will try to use traditional medicines or treatments, which do not necessarily correspond to their sickness and can put them at more risk.

For those that are able to get to the hospital, patients will find there are continual improvements and our

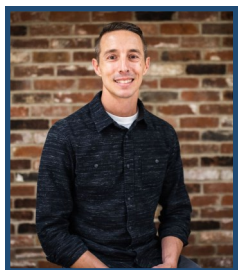
ability to provide certain care continues to expand. Many patients who have difficulty in paying for transport and laboratory costs find peace of mind when they come to New Hope Hospital and are able to do various tests and procedures all at one place. In addition, since the hospital is able to provide free primary care, patients are less afraid of coming for treatment. Many people come from different places for various diagnostic tests, surgeries, HIV programming, treatments for malnutrition and so on. So many people, especially those who struggle with poverty the most, are very grateful. They always show how great it is to have a place and people that can help save lives in many ways.

We continue to do our best to provide care to our community and invite others to join us in our mission. I believe strongly in this verse from Matthew (7:7): Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.



If you would like to help Dr. Maklin and New Hope Hospital, or any of our projects in a greater way, you can contribute to individual projects directly on the Espwa website:

<https://espwa.com/donate/designated-donations/>

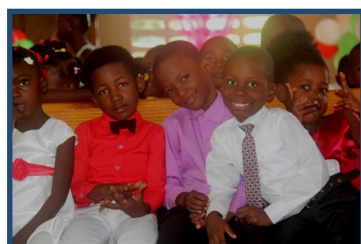


NEW in 2022 ~ Children's Ministry Partnership

Rev. Kevin Vinay, Pastor at Pleasant Hills Church

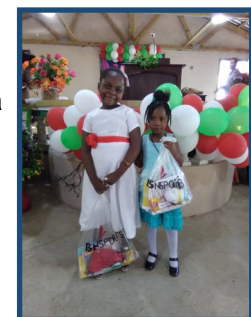
In 2013, a mission team from Pittsburgh walked along dusty paths up a mountainside- past huts and humble, one-room homes- to see first-hand a children's ministry in the small village of Bois-Neuf.

The ministry was only a few years old at that time but had already attracted almost 40 kids. The leaders met with the kids each Sunday to teach a Bible lesson, sing songs, and play games. Any efforts to provide for the needs of these kids' and their families came out of the leaders' own pockets. As the years went by, some of the very same mission team members prayerfully and financially supported the children's ministry. The leaders developed their weekly program, added several special events, paid tuition bills to send 12 of the kids to school, and began meeting even more needs within the community. The ministry grew so large that it was no longer sustainable for the few families that were supporting it.



Seeing the passion of the children's ministry leaders who were faithful with the little they received, the Espwa Foundation decided to provide more. Now, the children's ministry has an annual budget that sustains a weekly program for 80+ kids, the education of over 20 kids, an Easter celebration, a Christmas celebration, and a brand new Vacation Bible School program that welcomed 160 kids this past August. On several occasions, when conditions in Haiti were most dire, ministry leaders

distributed a week's supply of food to local families. This kind of development would have never been possible without Espwa.



In 2023, Espwa will work with local churches to create a family sponsorship program. This will give families in Pittsburgh an opportunity to personally build relationships with families in Bois-Neuf while simultaneously providing another avenue for monthly giving.

2022 Fundraising Activities



This year, we had the great support of runners and cyclists who took the streets and trails to raise over \$40,000 for the Espwa Foundation!

In May, three relay teams braved a cold, soggy and wet day to participate in the Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon. This was the sixth year participating in the event and teams raised over \$10,000!

Similarly, riders participating in the annual Ride the GAP bike ride dealt with punishing rains as they began their three day adventure along the trail, beginning in Cumberland, MD. Now an annual event, this year's ride included 12 participants and 2 volunteers that drove a support vehicle that carried rider gear and set up rest stations along the Great Allegheny Passage trail during the three day journey back to Point State Park in Pittsburgh.

This year's event raised over \$30,000 and has become the largest fundraiser for the Espwa Foundation!



Your Support Creates Impact!

St. Anthony's Clinic

\$21,804 invested

1,214 consultations with adults and children were reported

New Hope Hospital

\$9,800 invested

24,313 patients

324 surgeries

294 babies born

Children's Ministry

\$13,300 invested

Summer VBS with 160 kids, 27 families, 53 leaders/volunteers

Weekly Club: ~80 kids

Christmas Celebration: ~100 kids, their families and ministry leaders; Kids given gift bags, adults given food supplies

Water Projects

\$10,000 invested

Leadership training program support (in partnership with Haiti Outreach) aimed at members of Direction Nationale de l'Eau Potable et de l'Assainissement (DINEPA)

Support of a Reverse Osmosis water treatment system in partnership with New Roots.

Ministry Outreach

\$21,000 invested

4 Crusade events supported with 511 new believers

26 outreach events & 65 visits

200 food kits given to families

27 people supported with specific medical, educational, home and funeral expenses

Peace & Joy Family Project

\$11,359 invested

20 kids supported with education expenses, and medical coverage

Farming/Education/Small Business

\$9,831 invested

Agriculture jobs supported

1 student supported in advanced education

ESPWA Financial Information

Fiscal Year 2022 Income

\$95,256

Gross Income in Fiscal Year 2022

Fiscal Year 2022 Expenses

\$125,247

Program: \$110,634

Administrative: \$9,134

Fundraising: \$5,479

Net Assets at end of 2022

\$36,656



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 2023!

May 7, 2023—Register and join us for the Pittsburgh Marathon (on a relay team or as an individual participant) — email Chris@espwa.com for more info!

August 4-6, 2023—Register to Ride the GAP (reg opening soon!)

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



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