

# Haiti Needs You 2016 Newsletter

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Dear Friends of Haiti,

Thank you for the ways you have lived this Year of Mercy. Through your support, numerous works of mercy have been carried out ... you have fed the hungry, given clean water to the thirsty, cared for the sick, sheltered the homeless, educated the children, and comforted those in need. Through your generosity, these works of mercy will continue to bless our friends in the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. As always, thank you for helping Haiti!

*Tim Ryan*

## January, 2016, Seguin Dental Mission



*My first trip to Haiti with this Dental crew was definitely one for the books. I hope to be a part of another mission trip to Seguin soon. It was incredible to be a part of the difference we made in the health and oral care of the people in the area. After six full days of clinic, we had 749 patients come through our dental clinic, pulled 960 teeth, and performed 54 cleanings. It was a long 6-day clinic, and I was so thankful to be able to take that long awaited shower back in Port au Prince after 8-days of traveling and clinics. All in all, I am so thankful to have been able to be a part of this trip, and I am proud to have made such a difference in the Haitian community. I will be back next year! ~Allison J. Bartosh*

## April, 2016, High School Trip ~ Unique Adventure

March 30, 2016 Blog Entry ~ *The flight that was supposed to land in Port au Prince was diverted to the Dominican Republic due to weather concerns. From there, they are now travelling back to Fort Lauderdale, Florida tonight. Tomorrow morning they will be on the 6:10am flight bound for Port au Prince. Who knew that to get to Haiti they would travel from the U.S. to the Dominican Republic to the U.S. and then to Haiti?!*

*April 7, 2016 and we are headed home. My time in Haiti was certainly eye opening. The abject poverty and the lack of basic resources we take for granted is everywhere. But also is the compassion and gratefulness of the people of Seguin. However, this blog is more about the fifteen girls who chose to give up their spring break to serve those less fortunate. In a word....impressive. These young ladies are strong, smart and*

*compassionate. They never hesitated to "roll up their sleeves" and do what was needed to make life just a little better for people they will likely never see again. There were a lot of physically and emotionally challenging moments, and the girls never complained, never wavered in their desire to help. That they are good kids is an understatement, they are an inspiration to me and everyone they come in contact with. Thank you to Tim, Dan, Michael and every one of the fifteen girls for teaching me how to be more compassionate, loving and unselfish. God bless them all.*



~Tom Krueger

## May, 2016, Fond Parisien Dental Mission



*Our journey is nearly over. The day was a very special one. Being with the children and babies at Mother Theresa's House is touching. They love to be snuggled and hugged. Putting them back into their beds is the hard part. It is sad to leave them crying to be held more. The young boys loved the soccer balls. We enjoyed watching them play. The afternoon was seeing the sights of Haiti and shopping for special things to bring home. Though it will be good to be home I find leaving Haiti sad. This was a week that was very special. Because of the accomplishments and the joy of being with this team.....Tim, a faithful friend of Haiti and my mentor, Lavina who works so hard and is*

*always with the traveling team. Having my son and two grandchildren be a part of the dental clinic was such a blessing. I am grateful! ~ Terry Swanson*

## October, 2016, Hurricane Matthew

*Gerry, We are sending funds and praying for the people of Sassier after this disaster. They have always been in my heart since I had the privilege of leading a medical team that went there after the earthquake. Take care and God Bless! ~Tim*



*Tim, How wonderful to hear from you and to know of your love and compassion for our sisters and brothers in Sassier. So far we have focused our funds on providing food to people in the Sassier area, provided 1100 metal roofing sheets to allow people to get their homes under roof again, and provided funds for a work for pay program to clean up the roads, common areas (e.g. schools) and the property of those who are unable to help themselves. We will continue those activities. In addition, we are ramping up to reopen schools next week, so cleaning up schools, providing school supplies, etc. and providing a hot meal each school day will be our new targets. God bless you! ~Gerry Keenan*

## October, 2016, Roger's House

As many of you know, a group of friends of Roger, a blind man, helped build him a house, latrine, and cooking shed. Due to the hurricane, the latrine and cooking shed were destroyed. His house withstood the storm, and we are working to rebuild the rest.



**Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**

*Tim Ryan*

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Emma Moore, Video of Spring Break Team in Seguin

Lauren Buczkowski, Video of Spring Break Trip Travel

Daniel Swanson, Video of Fond Parisien Dental Mission