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You may recognize the masthead above from our website <u>http://haitimedicalmission.com</u>. The website shares individual & team photos, videos, personal stories, mission trip details & application material, organizational & historical data & more ... it's a great place to feel good about what you've done.

What countries in Central & South America, and Europe are the birthplaces of our most frequent non-USA volunteers?

In what 29 U.S. states (other than Wisconsin) do many HMMW volunteers and donors reside?

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for the answers and other interesting information.



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Ist Edition

Upcoming HMMW Trips to Thiotte, Haiti

General Surgery & Medical Team:

04-12 November 2016

The HMMW General Surgery and Medical Team will be composed of 10 to 12 volunteers. The team will partner with Haitian professionals to provide general surgery and medical care. **Volunteer Position open for November: I to 2 OR/Surgical Technician(s)** to assist general surgeons.

Recent Surgical Team pauses to say "Cheese".

2017 MEDICAL MISSION TEAMS Please apply early for one of our 2017 or future teams. More details forthcoming – <u>check website for</u> <u>updates.</u>

<u>Pediatrics, Dental Sealant & Medical Team</u>: 11-18 February 2017 <u>General Surgery & Medical Team</u>: 20 - 27 May 2017 <u>Eye Health & Medical Team</u>: 2017 Date To Be Determined



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More details ...

2017 HMMW trips to Thiotte, Haiti

Pediatrics, Dental Sealant & Medical Team: 11-18 February 2017

HMMW's Dental Health & Pediatrics Team is composed of 13 enthusiastic volunteers. The team will provide dental sealants and pediatric care for children, many who are known to be "the poorest of the poor" in this community. Our dental team will also provide extractions and restorations for pediatric and adult dental patients. <u>Apply</u> today.

<u>General Surgery & Medical Team</u>: 20 - 27 May 2017

The General Surgery and Medical Team is composed of 12-14 dedicated volunteers. The team will provide general surgery and medical care. Positions for which we are recruiting will be posted soon. <u>Apply</u> now to be considered for this or a future team.

Eye Health & Medical Team: 2017 Date To Be Determined

Our Eye Health & Medical Team is composed of 15 passionate volunteers who work alongside Haitian eye health professionals. The team will provide vision screening, eyeglasses, and eye surgery. Eye patients will also receive medical care from our team. <u>Apply</u> now to be considered for this dynamic team.



Since 1997, over 500 people have been volunteers and/or donors to Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin for the people of Thiotte.

It's not always easy to stay in touch. Yet, a common bond

unites us all through the time and resources we've shared with the people of SouthEast Haiti, and with each other.

Please help us reconnect the HMMW family by sending the following info:

Name: Year(s) Volunteered: Your Role or Specialty: Specialty Focus of your Team or Committee: Preferred Communication Method: Address, City, St, Zip: Email: Phone: Team Members with whom you communicate: Memorable Story in Thiotte or with HMMW:

Complete online at:

haitimedicalmission.com/contact-us.html

or send to:

info@haitimedical.com or HMMW 125 15th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913



A few 2015 Dental+Maternal/Child Health Team smiles

Haiti August I - August 5

Several members of the Dental + Maternal Child Health Team are traveling to Thiotte in August. The team members will: assess children identified as "vulnerable" by local Haitians; inventory and organize supplies/equipment; talk with clinic leadership about our collaborative efforts and how we may better assist the Haitian clinic staff to address health care needs of their community; and arrange final delivery of dental chairs provided by the Pruhs Family. Thank you Kathy, Terry, Rich, Gail, Maribeth, Ruth, and Leanne.



Phase III developing for CSST & HMMW

Medical volunteers on our teams have seen for themselves the harsh realities of life for Haitians in the Thiotte area. Haitians wait in lines to fill a bucket of water after walking for miles; they waited for years for accessible primary healthcare before the clinic was built; and they wait for HMMW medical teams for dental, eye, and surgical care each year. With your help, we can improve or eliminate the wait times!



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Phase I of HMMW originated in 1997 with Dr. Maureen Murphy asking colleagues to join her in providing otherwise non-existent healthcare for the people of Thiotte.

Phase II of HMMW occurred upon the completion of the clinic and surgery center Centre de Santé Sacré-Cœur de Thiotte (CSST) through the work of friends including the DeGiovanni and Vrabec families.



Phase III of HMMW & CSST ... gearing up for Haitian Dental, Eye, and Surgery professionals to mirror the Primary Care provided by Dr. Judeson at CSST in Thiotte, with ongoing partnership by HMMW volunteers.

Phase III is providing an important solution to a problem that has existed in Thiotte for decades. Please join us by donating at <u>haitimedicalmission.com/share-a-gift</u>

It's been said many times that with friends anything is possible. It's true, and we're asking you, as a friend, to reach out to *your* network of friends to help us meet an ambitious Phase III goal of providing year-round dental, eye and surgical care in Thiotte by 2020.



The goal includes generating \$95,000 or 190 gifts of \$500 by Sept. 28, 2016. Every gift, of any amount, will help retain Haitian clinicians (locum tenens) and complete the planning stage of Phase III.



Please reach out to your network of friends to share our story and goal. Together, it is achievable. Please share gifts at <u>haitimedicalmission.com/share-a-gift</u>



HaitiMedicalMission.com

Visit <u>haitimedicalmission.com</u> to view fellow volunteers and teams smiling. Why smiles in such a serious setting? Because helping other people feels good.

Explore the website's many menus for more photos and additional information. You can see the website on a mobile device by simply scrolling down to see the extra pages. And you can donate to a great cause right from the website at: <u>haitimedicalmission.com/share-a-gift</u>





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