

**St. Francis-Haiti**  
**Outreach Ministry**  
**Bob's Clinic**  
**Challenge**  
**Help us raise \$10,000!!**  
**Saturday, August 25—**  
**feast of St. Louis to**  
**Friday, October 4—feast**  
**of St. Francis**  
**September 2020**



**Meet the two doctors at Bob's Clinic, Dr. Nathalie Flora Bernard and Dr. Jean Marat.**

**The Bob's Clinic Challenge began on August 25<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of St. Louis King of France and continues through October 4<sup>th</sup>, Feast day of our patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi. **Bob's Clinic Challenge Funds** will assist the medical staff in continuing to battle Covid-19 and delivering more effective healthcare to their patients by supplementing their limited resources. Use the donation form on the reverse side of this newsletter to explore several ways that you might help to continue this great health ministry! The Haitian people continue to extend their thanks to all who remember their community.

**Bob's Clinic is doing its part to battle COVID-19**—We were terrified at the beginning of this pandemic that the coronavirus would tear through Haiti and cause the deaths of many. God has protected the community of Pointe-a-Raquette through the clinic's educational outreach. Immediately the clinic devised protocols and obtained protective gear for the staff and doctors. The community was given masks and the importance of wearing them was stressed. Hand washing was mandated. To date, the clinic has not had a case. We are looking for ways to help with this goal! The Bob's Clinic team is passionate about continuing to learn and to teach the local community members.



**Your Support Means More than Just an Emergency Visit for Fabio and His Family**



**Meet Fabio**—He is a young man with a seizure disorder who has never been able to afford medicine to control the seizures. Fabio had a seizure and fell into the open cooking fire at his home. He suffered 3rd degree burns on his arm and trunk. With these horrible burn wounds, he was still climbing plantain trees every day to provide for

his family to eat. He was able to come to the clinic, where the doctors surgically removed the dead and contaminated skin. The pharmacy was able to give Fabio enough burn cream and bandages for the healing process. In addition, the staff also has provided counseling for the family and community about seizures. Fabio, his family and the



community have been learning more about his seizure disorder through education, and he is being accepted in his community as the people learn that his condition is medical and not a sign of a curse. (The people are often ignorant about physical and mental conditions and so attribute the unexplainable to other causes.) We are working to find a good source for the medicine he needs to control his seizures.

***Thank you, Lord that the clinic could help this young man heal completely from his burn wound and grant that he continue to complete healing through controlling his seizures.***

**Bob's Clinic Challenge 2020:** The clinic has limited resources. It is difficult to meet the extreme needs of patients with infectious diseases, severe injuries, and high risk expectant mothers in normal times. Covid-19 has brought additional trials. Diagnostic testing can be a challenge. Inconsistent electricity is supplemented by solar power and batteries. The availability of adequate medicine is a continuous problem. And Fr. Augustin writes in a recent email: *The situation becomes more difficult in Haiti. Not only is food very expensive but the price of a gallon of gas is now \$ 9 US in Pointe-a-Raquette. We really need to pray for Haiti. All this affects the increase in food prices. And people are not able to travel to transport commodities to the community because of the Coronavirus which creates scarcity and high prices of fuel.*

Through your support, Bob's Clinic has been able to meet many of these challenges, but on-going support is necessary. Please prayerfully consider how you might help.

**Help us raise \$10,000!!**

I enclose:

- \$25 to provide electricity for a week
- \$50 to provide Emergency Transportation for a patient
- \$100 to fund Diagnostic Equipment
- \$250 to fund Diabetes medicine and supplies
- \$500 to keep the Pharmacy stocked
- Any amount to help provide healthcare

DONOR Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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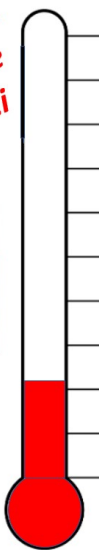
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***Men anpil chay pa lou. Many hands make the load lighter. Bondye beni ou. God bless you.***

The St. Francis Haiti Outreach Committee is extremely grateful to an anonymous parishioner who has issued this challenge for many years. Without this support, healthcare delivery in the community of Pointe-a-Raquette would not be possible!

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**Bob's Clinic Challenge for Haiti**



**\$10,000**  
\$8,000  
\$6,000  
\$4,000  
\$2,000



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The lab technician Gertrude in the lab.