



## St. Francis-Haiti Outreach

118 N. New Street  
Staunton, VA 24401

# BOB'S CLINIC CHALLENGE 2017

Runs from:  
**August 25** – the feast of St.  
Louis King of France  
to  
**October 4**—the feast of St.  
Francis of Assisi



The pictures above show Bob's Clinic, our new clinic physician, Dr. Klevson Lamothe, and the new parish boat (a joint project of the Staunton Rotary Club, the Staunton-Augusta Rotary Club, the District Rotary and St. Francis Parish).

**News from Bob's Clinic:** St. Francis Parish has worked with the Haitian twin parish of St. Louis, King of France, in Pointe-à-Raquette on the island of LaGonave for many years. LaGonave Island is approximately 35 miles west from the mainland of Haiti. A key ministry in the community is Bob's Clinic, a medical clinic located on the parish campus. The clinic is open Monday through Friday, with the doctor available for emergency care at all times. Medicines and supplies are bought as much as possible through Haitian sources in order to help the economy there. Bob's Clinic is staffed by Haitian medical personnel.

**Meet Dr. Lamothe:** We welcome our new doctor, Dr. Klevson Lamothe! He graduated in 2013 from the Université Notre Dame d'Haïti/ Faculté de Médecine et des Sciences de la Santé (in medicine and health sciences.) He is a very dynamic and motivated man with a deep sense of responsibility to the people. He has special training with pediatrics and diabetes management. We are so fortunate that he has joined the Bob's Clinic team!

**Bob's Clinic Challenge 2017:** 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. Diagnostic testing can be a challenge. Inconsistent electricity is supplemented by solar power and batteries. The availability of adequate medicine is a continuous problem. The boat has made it possible for the people of LaGonave to be transported to the mainland as emergencies arise. It also allows for supplies to be purchased and brought to the island as needed. Through your support, Bob's Clinic has been able to meet many of these challenges, but on-going support is necessary. **Bob's Clinic Challenge Funds** will assist the medical staff in 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 have done so much for their community.

**Bob's Clinic Challenge begins 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. You have done so much throughout our years of twinning with St. Louis. Please prayerfully consider how you might help! We appreciate every single gift and prayer.

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! For more information about our programs, please contact Marie Thomas, 540-255-3166 or [stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com).



# THE CHALLENGE

• \$25 will provide **electricity** for a week. Having reliable power will help provide safe, appropriate and timely medical care, especially for deliveries and small surgeries done at the clinic. Solar batteries can be expensive and need to be replaced.

• \$50 will provide **Emergency Transportation** for one patient. Clinic patients sometimes need to be transported to the mainland to the hospital for emergency care. Through a generous grant from the Staunton-Augusta Rotary Clubs, the clinic will now have a small boat to transport patients. However, diesel is expensive for the journey to and from the mainland.

• \$100 will help **fund Diagnostic Equipment**. In health clinics, one's blood, feces, urine and secretions can be used to diagnose a wide array of diseases and conditions. All of these diagnostic procedures, however, rely on a set of specific diagnostic tests that are often unavailable in the developing world. At Bobs Clinic, the doctors make their diagnoses based on observing a set of symptoms. However many symptoms such as fever, chills, or diarrhea can be common to a variety of different diseases, so diagnostic equipment and technologies would help both doctors and patients.

• \$250 will help **fund Diabetes Medicines and Supplies**. Diabetes medicines and supplies are very important to be available in Pointe-a-Raquette. The number of diabetic patients in low-income communities is growing.

• \$500 will help **stock the Clinic Pharmacy**. Stock-outs occur when the demand for an item cannot be met by the current inventory, and this often includes basic drugs or vaccines. High blood pressure is a common complication in the community of Pointe-a-Raquette, and it is important to keep these medications on hand.

## How to Give

- Write a check **now** to St. Francis Haiti Outreach, put Bob's Clinic Challenge in the memo, and drop it in the collection basket.
- Fill out the form below and **mail** to Haiti Outreach, 118 N. New St, Staunton, VA 24401
- Give **online** through the parish E-giving at <https://e-giving.org/egivinglogin.asp?id=1523>. Make sure to designate Bob's Clinic as the recipient.

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



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### Acknowledgement Information

I would like to make this donation in honor/memory (circle one) of:

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