



St. Francis-Haiti Outreach
118 N. New Street
Staunton, VA 24401

BOB'S
CLINIC
CHALLENGE
2016

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, the reception area and patient care rooms.

Picture our AHC Urgent Care Center. The buzzing of the fluorescent lights, the cabinets full of medicines, the several doctors hurrying about making notes on their smart phones, the sounds of the phone ringing, the hum from the x-ray machine. A simple call will transport an emergency patient to the hospital. Bob's Clinic in Haiti provides a different image. Electricity is spotty and relies on solar panels and batteries, the medicine cabinets often lack needed medicine, diagnostic tests are difficult, emergency patients often cannot get transport, and the doctors work with limited resources to provide the difficult medical attention for acute, infectious diseases, for childbearing, and for injuries. Bob's Clinic, through your support, has been able to meet many of these difficulties, but on-going support is necessary. Thank you for all you do!

Bob's Clinic Challenge Funds will aid the doctors in delivering more effective healthcare to their patients by supplementing their limited resources. **Bob's Clinic CHALLENGE begins this week on August 25—the Feast of St. Louis King of France!** Please remember our twin parish in Haiti in your prayers in a special way on this feast day. The hundreds of people blessed through Bob's Clinic are GRATEFUL for your support of this wonderful ministry! Here is some information about St. Louis—he has an interesting connection to St. Francis. St. Louis is an inspiration for giving!! **Please give as you are able.**

St. Louis began to rule France in 1235. Even in childhood, his compassion for the poor and suffering people had been obvious to all who knew him and when he became king, it burst into full flower. Over a hundred poor people ate in his house on ordinary days and many more on holidays. Often the king served these guests himself.

Such acts of charity, coupled with his devout religious practices, gave rise to the legend that he joined the Third Order of St. Francis, people who lived simply in their own homes and devoted much time to prayer and service to the poor. Though it is unlikely that Louis did join the order, his life and actions certainly proclaimed him one of them in spirit. Louis also gave generous gifts of money to poor people whether others considered them worthy or not. Monks and nuns, widows and prostitutes, gentlefolk fallen on hard times and nistrels too old or sict to perform. Louis gave happily to them all.

In addition, he built hospitals and homes for those who needed them. A hostel outside Paris became home to women who had been driven by poverty to prostitution. Louis called it the House of the Daughters of God. Louis wrote out his ideas of government in a set of precepts which he gave to his son, Philip.

They say, in essence: "Love God, do justice, and serve the poor."

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, Haiti, on the island of La Gonave would not be possible! See over for ways you can help!!

For more information about our programs, please contact Marie Thomas, 540-255-3166 or stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com.



THE CHALLENGE

The Opportunities

- **\$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 keep the Clinic Pharmacy stocked**
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.



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Acknowledgement Information

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