



Bob's Clinic Challenge 2018

August 25th --Feast of
St. Louis King of France
to
October 4th--Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi



The pictures above show two patients at the clinic—
one for a severe eye injury and the other a baby well check-up!

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. The people who live there are desperately poor and lack basic services such as electricity and adequate sanitation. Food is scarce, and there are few jobs available. Through the generosity of the parishioners of St. Francis, we are able to support Father Augustin in his efforts to maintain the many humanitarian projects necessary for the health and welfare of the people of LaGonave. Dr. Wisly Étienne, physician for Bob's Clinic, services the people of LaGonave, Monday through Friday. He is also available at all times for emergency care. He is assisted by Haitian medical personnel. We are fortunate to now have a dentist on staff, Dr. Louis Wilzner who comes to the clinic 4 days per month to see patients!



Dr Wilzner, DDS



Bob's Clinic Challenge 2018: 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 parish boat which was made possible by funds from the clinic challenge in 2016 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. Bob's Clinic Challenge Funds will assist the medical staff in delivering more effective healthcare to their patients by supplementing their limited resources. This young patient has been helped through the years as he battles rickets. The clinic has helped him with vitamin supplements, specialist appointments, and crutches. He would not be able to be mobile without the clinic's help! YOU have given him hope! Please 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 runs from August 25th, Feast of St. Louis King of France through October 4th, Feast day of our patron saint, St. 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 Outreach Committee extends their deepest thanks to an anonymous parishioner who has issued this challenge for many years. Thank you so much!



Bob's Clinic 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 we continue to work to replace them.
- **\$50** will provide emergency transportation for one patient. Clinic patients sometimes need to be transported to the mainland hospital for emergency care. Through a generous grant from the Staunton-Augusta Rotary Clubs, the clinic has a small boat to transport patients. Diesel is expensive and needs to be purchased 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 Bob's 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; drop it in the collection basket.
- Fill out the form below and mail to **Haiti Outreach, 118 N. New Street, Staunton, VA 24401**
- Give online through the parish E-giving at <https://e-giving.org/egivinglogin.asp?id=1523> . Be sure to designate Bob's Clinic as the recipient.

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- _____ \$250 to fund diabetes medicine and supplies
- _____ \$500 to keep the pharmacy stocked
- _____ Any amount to help provide healthcare

Please make check to: St. Francis Haiti Outreach

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Acknowledgement Information:

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

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