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Dear Friends,

Today we ran operations out of The Christ Love Center, which is the standard location where Angel Wings (AW) has their clinic until a permanent structure can be built here in Jacmel.

We treated more than 60 patients. Their symptoms ranged from stomach pains to minor surgery procedures and severely advanced pneumonia. Our youngest patient only a few months old, lost her mother in the earthquake and was brought into the clinic by a distant aunt. The baby had been pulled from rubble only a few feet from her mother, and had miraculously survived the devastation.



One of the major issues that continues to present problems is the lack of basic medical care. For years, Haitians have been afflicted and dying of illnesses that could be resolved with a something as simple as an antibiotic. One of the caregivers today had a friend pass away last year due to a bladder infection they were unable to receive a care for... antibiotics and a catheter would have resolved the illness.

Today Andy and I had a Myrlande (the founder of AW), we should pay the Haitian

translators that were assisting AW doctors. It was a sad conversation. We had to decide if we were going to pay standard wages of \$5/day, or pay them something more decision was compounded by the fact that our funds are paid them a fair wage, we would not have enough to run clinical operations, if we paid them their standard continue to run the clinic for several more weekly rotations. Ultimately we decided on something "in the middle," but it was sobering to realize that money for my Soy-Milk Latte at Starbucks would provide nursing care for an entire day in Haiti.



discussion with about how much nurses and and sobering them their "fair." The very limited. If we a few more days of wages, we could

Our AW team continues to be amazed by the fact that, there are NO ambulances to provided emergency care. Basically, if you are in an automobile accident in Haiti, you are at the mercy of the general public. If you are lucky someone will have the compassion and means to drive you to the hospital. Keep in mind that, although Jacmel has a population of 800,000, the nearest hospital that provides basic emergency care is in Port-au-Prince... a four hour drive away.



The "Cutco Team" assisted in moving the patients through the hospital stations, translating & retrieving medical supplies for the doctors, and organizing the thousands of pounds of supplies that were received yesterday. The day ended blissfully as we were graced with the sound of little voices and beauty smiling faces singing in unison.



Yours in the Adventure,

Carl & Cutco AW Team