



CHALLENGE

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A Great Day for Bayonnais!

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January 28, 2017 was a great day for Bayonnais! A celebration was held to welcome Dr. Faustin Charles as the new Director of the Bethesda Health Center of Bayonnais. His arrival was celebrated with a program which included speeches, music, dancing, refreshments and much excitement from the community. Dr. Charles spoke about his devotion to the community and his desire to serve its people. After welcoming speeches by Actionnel Fleurisma, Kenold Decimus, Reverend Pastor Toussaint Saint-Louis (head of the new Community Healthworkers team) and others, Actionnel presented Dr. Charles with the keys to the clinic.

The clinic has been a work in progress since 1999 when the first land was purchased for a future medical center. Faustin Charles graduated from the OFCB high school in 2003, a member of its first graduating class. The anticipated clinic would need a doctor and Faustin was selected to go to medical school in order to fill that need. Since then Faustin has completed medical school (2009), internship (2009-2010), government service (2011) and a residency in general surgery (2013-2017). In the time between government service and his residency Dr. Charles, in collaboration with Actionnel Fleurisma, established the Bethesda Health Center. Dr. Charles served as the first director of the new clinic and led the treatment program during the cholera epidemic.

In 2009 the San Francisco professional chapter of the Engineers Without Borders (EWB) developed plans for a hospital on the original land plus additionally purchased land. In 2011 the first phase of the building was begun, with the construction being done by Haitians in conjunction with the EWB engineers and Kenold Decimus, a professional Civil Engineer who is also the director of the OFCB school system.

A doctor, dentist, 4 nurses, and an administrator have staffed the clinic since 2012 bringing modern medicine to the 80,000 people of Bayonnais. In 2016 a lab technician was added. Also in 2016 thirteen Community Healthcare Workers completed their training by the clinic staff and were hired to serve to the people who live in the surrounding mountains by connecting them with the clinic.

On February 1 Dr. Charles began his role as Director of the clinic.



EXPLORING RELATIONAL MISSIONS

WHEN?

Haiti

May 17-23

September 13-19

Uganda

October 18-27



INCLUDED

- Round Trip Airfare from Charlotte, NC to Destination
- All in-country transportation
- All meals in-country
- Accommodations

NOT INCLUDED

- Trip Insurance (Can be purchased for an additional fee)
- Meals in-route
- Transportation to airport in Charlotte

COST?

Haiti: \$1250

Uganda: \$3,000-\$3500 (Cost finalized by July 15)

World of God works to ensure a strong relationship between sponsors and sponsored child AND your church and OFCB and Acres of Hope. These trips are meant to be life-shaping and relationship building. You will be responding to the “GO” part of the great commission. You will learn about the people who live Bayonnais, Haiti and Nebbi, Uganda. You will learn about the ministry at OFCB and Acres of Hope. You will demonstrate God’s love to the children and adults in those areas. You will worship, you will play, you will grow, you will laugh, you will be challenged, and you will never be the same.

You will be safe and well cared for while on the trip by our in-country host. You will have safe water to drink and meals will be prepared by our host or local restaurants. Many trip participants gain weight on their trips because they are so well fed. The lodging is very basic by US standards, but clean and comfortable. In Haiti, your lodging is dorm style with 6 bunk beds in a room and two shared bathrooms. In Uganda, you will stay in a hotel with private bathroom connected to each room.



Name _____

Email _____

Voice _____

YES! I'm ready to go, sign me up:

HAITI HAITI UGANDA

May 17-23

Sep 13-19

Oct 18-27

I would like more information, please contact me.



DEPOSITS/FEES

May Trip to Haiti

\$200 Deposit Upon Reservation (Refundable prior April 1st)

\$500 April 1st

\$500 May 1st

September Trip to Haiti

\$200 Deposit Upon Reservation (Refundable prior to August 1st)

\$500 August 1st

\$500 September 1st

Uganda

\$500 Deposit Upon Reservation (Refundable prior to June 1st)

\$1000 June 1st

World of God will help you set-up a personal fundraising page, if you would like to ask for support from friends and family.

If you would like to originate your trip in another airport besides Charlotte, we will work with you to find flights and such.

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

HAITI

DAY 1: Travel to Haiti and OFCB Ministries

DAY 2

- Walk to Market
- Introduction OFCB Ministries — School, Church, Clinic, and Agronomy
- Time with Children/Community

DAY 3 Options

- Hike to Nicolas
- Time with Children
- Assist at Clinic

DAY 4: Day in the Community

DAY 5

- Worship
- Lunch with Community

DAY 6

- Explore Opportunities for Long-Term Missions

UGANDA

DAYS 1 & 2: Travel to Uganda

DAY 3: Travel to Acres of Hope

DAYS 4-6: Time with Children Acres of Hope and community

DAY 7: Safari or other enrichment activity

DAY 8: Worship with local congregation and time with children of Acres of Hope

DAYS 9 & 10: Travel to US

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN ANY OF THESE TRIPS CONTACT
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