



Dear Nineteenth Street Baptist Church:

It's a blessing to reach out to you in the year 2022!

Words really can't express our appreciation for your on-going support of VillageMED and our Healthy Child's project. It has been an honor working with you during the annual Haiti' Walk 5K. Your sustained prayers and support have buoyed VillageMED as we have faced a series of challenges that have affected our project and timeline. Who could have imagined when we first conceived of building a pediatric clinic in Haiti that the country would descend into utter chaos and the world would face a once in a century health pandemic? But that really is the nature of humanitarian work...you go where God leads you... follow his will... and persevere in his name.

I welcome this opportunity to update you on VillageMED's plans for building the pediatric clinic in Haiti as well as share information about our continued work in the country. Since VillageMED last communicated with you, I have shared with Rev. Roberts and Sister Phillis Cooke, chair of Global Missions Ministry, our plans for moving forward.

Background:

- VillageMED's initial plan was to build a pediatric clinic in Layaye, a remote community in the mountains of Haiti. The community had identified a plot of land and generously donated it to VillageMED for our use. Under the guidance of Deacon Stan Britt, a renowned architect, we were slated to break ground and proceed with building a pediatric clinic for the community.
- Unfortunately, the first wave of political unrest in Haiti coincided with our plans and adversely impacted VillageMED's project timeline. As originally conceived the plan included VillageMED volunteers heavily involved in the day-to-day oversight and project management. Because of the sustained political unrest in Haiti, VillageMED asked Urielle Bender, a trusted Haitian-American advisor and medical volunteer, to assist us in formulating a Plan B for our pediatric project in Haiti.
- At present, the world is in the midst of a global pandemic that is challenging all aspects of our lives.
- Prior to the pandemic, VillageMED elevated Mrs. Bender to an official capacity, serving as our Liaison for our project in Haiti. This enabled her to enter into discussions with interested parties and potential partners in Haiti. As a result, she presented VillageMED with a plan that meets our primary goal...building a pediatric clinic in Haiti that will provide sustainable healthcare to children in Haiti.

Proposed Plan B:

- VillageMED's Haiti Liaison entered into discussions with Mr. Acfenes Antoine, a trained architect who is also headmaster of Ecole Communicataire Paul and Isabelle Cote, a school in Juanaria, Haiti. In the midst of Haiti's unrest, Mr. Antoine served as both architect and project manager for the successful building of the school. Most recently, he completed a library on the grounds that service the students. Many of the students also live in Layaye, our initial community.
- Eager to provide a full spectrum of care for the over 400 students who attend Ecole Communicataire, Mr. Antoine offered to donate land in close proximity and owned by the school to VillageMED to construct a pediatric clinic. He also proposes that he serve as architect and project manager.
- Following a series of Zoom meetings that included our liaison and president of our Haiti Advisory Group, Mr. Antoine submitted a proposal that reflects the phased construction of our pediatric facility.
- The construction of the proposed pediatric clinic compound will take place in four phases, the initial phase will be the construction of a building to house an office, 3 treatment rooms, a pharmacy and a reception and waiting area.

Next Steps:

- VillageMED's Haiti Advisory Group has extended an invitation for Mr. Antoine to travel to New Brunswick, New Jersey in March 2022 to make a formal presentation to VillageMED officials and stakeholders. While our Haiti Liaison has met Mr. Antoine and those he has worked with, this is an opportunity for me and other stakeholders to meet with him beyond Zoom.
- During his weekend visit, Mr. Antoine will also join our Haiti Advisory Group for a "Meet and Greet" to discuss the situation in Haiti and its effect on the Haitian diaspora.
- Sister Phillis Cooke will join VillageMed in New Brunswick, NJ as we evaluate Mr. Antoine's project proposal and revised timeline.

Pandemic guidelines withstanding, VillageMED's hope is too once again host a reception at Nineteenth Street in April to thank you in person and present our vetted and revised plan for the building of our pediatric clinic in Haiti. Again, it has been my pleasure to provide you with this update on VillageMED's pediatric clinic and to thank you for your on-going support and prayers.

Blessings,

Nancy Quincy

Nancy Quincy
President, VillageMED