

Working Together for Health in Limonade

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Dear friends of Konbit,

Life continues to be difficult in Haiti. Covid, then political unrest and lack of security has made a visit by an American team impossible since February 2020. Communication had been limited to texts until earlier this month when we had our first Zoom meeting with the Haitian team, Dr. Myrthil, our four ajan sante (community health workers), and Nurse Thelice from the State Clinic. Together, we were grateful to see each other's faces and hear each other's voices to discuss progress and ongoing concerns.

The ajan sante continue to visit homes, conduct community health education meetings, and distribute basic hygiene/health supplies, (the "ti resous" or little resources - soap, rehydrating serums, Clorox to purify water, condoms, etc.). They also visit new mothers and give them serums to have on hand in case the babies develop diarrhea, which can be deadly there. One result of their effort of having visited 1500 people in May alone, was there were NO cholera deaths reported in their service area.

We asked the Haiti team how to address their most pressing need. They all agreed on a mobile clinic event to reach those who have no healthcare access, either because they have no resources to travel to the State Clinic, and/or cannot afford to pay for care and medicines once they are there.

Please help us make mobile clinics a reality!

Dr. Myrthil indicates that a budget of **\$3000.00** will fund the medicines needed for mobile clinics at 4 remote village sites over 2 days, seeing 100-125 patients at each site. He will recruit other Haitian doctors, and the ajan sante will help to plan and execute the clinics. Nurse Thelice will attend with any childhood vaccinations that are available to give.

Additionally, we seek funds for more "ti resous" that the ajan sante provide as needed during their home visits. **\$1000.00** covers the cost of these critical supplies for about 6 months.

We have donors willing to match funds up to \$2000!

To donate, go to: <u>https://konbitlasante.org/donate/</u>. You can use the QR code below to donate online, or mail your check to: Konbit Lasante pou Limonad, PO Box 1801, Columbus IN 47202.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the board members listed below. On behalf of the Konbit Board and our Haitian partners, "Mesi Anpil". Thank you very much!

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