

[Homeopaths Without Borders: Haiti Mission Three Completed](#)

Homeopaths Without Borders-NA sent another team to Haiti the week of July 17-25. Six months after the earthquake, the situation in Haiti is no longer considered an emergency; however, this poor nation has hundreds of thousands of people living in tent cities, as well as in tents and makeshift plastic housing along the streets. Malaria is already visible.

With a shift away from emergency status, personnel at the Hopital Francais, a private facility, informed HWB-NA there was no longer a need for their services where HWB-NA had treated thousands of patients on previous missions. The goals of this current team: 1) explore a venue where treatment of patients was still considered an urgent need and 2) establish a relationship with an institution where homeopathy could be taught to health care personnel.

The efforts of the team, consisting of Kim Sikorski, M.D., team leader; Lauri Grossman, D.C.; Lisette Narragon, CHC and Myrna Merron, EdD, resulted in the attainment of those objectives. HWB-NA treated children and adults with serious maladies at St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children. Additionally, they met with a distinguished surgeon (at Hopital Canape Vert) sympathetic to the desire of HWB-NA to promote health care independence through homeopathy. That meeting led to a conversation with the head nurse at a university in Port Au Prince; the group is also exploring an opportunity to teach nurses at a facility in Leogane, 30 miles from Port Au Prince.

The ultimate goal of HWB-NA is to continue treating at St. Vincent's while conducting teaching programs at medical institutions. The plan includes establishing a number of teams that will work in Haiti on a rotating basis. At this time, Haiti is a nation dependent on charity from the outside; HWB-NA hopes to champion self-sufficiency.

[Homeopaths Without Borders-North America makes Second Trip to Haiti](#)

Volunteers from Homeopaths Without Borders-North America (HWB) conducted their second successful emergency response clinic in Port Au Prince March 23-30.

Working out of tents on the grounds of the Hopital Francais d'Haiti, Sushila Lalsingh, Lauri Grossman, Helen Hardinge-Field, Robin Murphy and Andrew Lustig, all experienced homeopathic practitioners, treated approximately 500 patients each day. Warmly greeted by the Haitian people on their return, they received positive feedback from patients aided during the first mission in February.

For this second mission, the focus shifted from acute to chronic illness treatment. Basic health care was foremost with an emphasis on nutritional issues. Additionally, the group was confronted with skin and eye problems, hypertension, women's maladies,

fever and colds. As Haiti enters the rainy season, HWB personnel are preparing for the onset of tropical diseases on their return to Haiti in midsummer.

HWB-NA has the dual goals of providing both treatment and education to populations in need; thus, the group laid the groundwork for the training of medical personnel in Port Au Prince. In response to enthusiasm and cooperation demonstrated by health care professionals at the Hopital Francais, Sushila and Robin met with individual doctors to introduce them to homeopathy. Plans are underway for a large-scale teaching seminar during the summer mission.

As a result of the success of the clinic, HWB is also responding to a request from *Mother Mary of Mercy* orphanage in Port Au Prince to minister to the children residing there. This undertaking will begin in the summer and run concurrently with the clinic; as a component of the program, caretakers will receive instruction in the basics of homeopathy.

The ultimate goal of HWB-NA is to establish a permanent clinic in Port Au Prince with Haitian health care professionals actively participating under the supervision of HWB volunteers.

To continue its efforts in Haiti and to achieve this objective, the organization needs the continued generous support of the homeopathic community at large. Tax deductible donations may be made via the website: homeopathswithoutborders-na.org or by mail: Homeopaths Without Borders-NA, PO Box 5301, Titusville, FL 32783

[Homeopathy & Haiti: A Successful First Trip and Plans for More](#)

In the initial phase of its mission in Haiti, Homeopaths Without Borders-North America (HWB-NA) overcame many obstacles to send a homeopathic team to Haiti. With the Port au Prince airport closed, six volunteers flew to the Dominican Republic and made the arduous overland journey to bring their healing skills to the stricken people of Port au Prince.

Philippe Armand, owner of the Hospital Francais d'Haiti, provided two working tents for the treatment of patients along with two rooms at the hospital for volunteer shelter, 24-hour security and a permanent room for the safekeeping of supplies.

The HWB-NA group treated patients daily from 6 a.m. until late afternoon. Common ailments included burns, physical trauma and injuries, fear, dizziness, headaches, urinary tract infections, eye problems and dehydration. Hunger was a universal underlying factor. There is grave concern that with the onset of the rainy season there will be a great need for remedies to treat dengue, malaria, cholera and other tropical diseases.

The HWB-NA volunteers treated more than 2000 people and were warmly welcomed by their Haitian patients as well as by the medical staff at the hospital who demonstrated an eagerness to learn homeopathy.

Homeopaths Without Borders-North America (HWB-NA) returned from their first visit to Haiti energized by what they accomplished, eager to continue HWB's work, and just plain exhausted. They were grateful for the support of the homeopathic community and the warmth of Mr. Philippe Armand and the entire staff of the hospital.

To support its efforts, Homeopaths Without Borders welcomes the financial and pharmaceutical support of the homeopathic community. Homeopaths Without Borders-NA is a non-profit 501 (c-3) corporation. Monetary donations may be made by going to their website: www.homeopathswithoutborders-na.org.

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