



Photo above: Dr. Alan Goldsmith (center) and Police Commissioner Justin Marc (L) with Tabarre School students.

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Message From The President

During the most recent mission (July 11-15th), a major advancement took place regarding the land necessary for the medical center, children's safe haven and school. A deed/letter was obtained, which finalized the donation of a large parcel of land to the JRF from the municipal government of Léogâne. A billboard was erected at the construction site and the local community was very excited to see drawings of the future facilities that will be constructed there by the JRFO and its partners Allied Environmental (Syracuse, NY), and Global Giving Advisors LLC (NY, NY). A next step is providing required documents to the NY Haitian Consulate so that we may operate as a non-profit business entity in Haiti.

Seizing another opportunity presented during the trip, the JRFO and Police Commissioner Justin Marc, in charge of the International Airport in Port-au-Prince, have committed to funding a small elementary school in Port-au-Prince for one year. The Tabarre School currently operates out of a plywood room, with no electricity or air conditioning, and provides education to forty children, aged 5 to 9, all who live in a nearby tent city. The school "adoption" came about when two Haitian National Police Commissioners, who were assisting during the mission, explained how they had been paying for the operation of the school out of their own paychecks for the past several months. After calculations were performed, the JRFO decided the project was more than feasible, with a modest amount of funds going a very long way. The

school's capacity is estimated to double with upon receipt of the JRFO support. In NJ, the JRFO conducts a School-Based Youth Services program. It is envisioned that these NJ students will be trained to become "youth ambassadors"; thereby performing additional fundraising activities and traveling to Haiti to meet the Tabarre students in December with holiday gifts. Look inside to see the beautiful logo and shirts that will become the school uniform.

Regarding medical outcomes, a surprising amount of glaucoma was discovered during the past mission. A plan will be developed to address this issue during the group's next visit (August or Sept.) at which time, further medical mission work will take place at the Haitian National Police Department's SWAT compound in Port-au-Prince. Also, the JRFO made appointments for several National Police Officers to be measured for prostheses with Dr. Diane Jean-François in a facility in Port-au-Prince, which is being managed by *Hanger Orthopedic Group* and *Innovative Neurotronics*. Read all about our efforts now to build a team to address these issues when we return again to Haiti in the late summer. Thank you for your ongoing interest, support and contributions to Operation Lifeline—Haiti. On page 4 and on the back cover of this issue, you can find all the ways that you can participate in this important project.

—Dr. Alan Goldsmith, President



THE TABARRE NEEDS LIST

We are accepting monetary donations and items:

School books in Creole, English and French

Supplies such as pencils, erasers, bookbags and furniture

Funds to provide a school uniform—the embroidered logo is opposite page right.



MAXIMIZING OUR INVESTMENTS THE TABARRE SCHOOL in PORT AU PRINCE

Doubling the Capacity of a Tent City School

When asked why he funds a small tent city classroom out of his own paycheck, Police Commissioner Justin Marc, featured in our cover photo, replied: "These kids cannot go to school because of money; they cannot even eat. I did it because they are my neighbors; in one word this is the society where I live." Founded by Commissioner Marc and Commissioner Principal Dr. Audemar Francois (photo left) in 2009, the school had been operating with three teachers making less than \$100 per month, 4 small benches that had to hold ten children each, no uniform or supplies and one small blackboard. The JRCM funds will obtain supplies, learning materials, a uniform, furniture and more staffing. As you can see in the photos above and to the right,

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the school has no floor, electricity, a conditioning or secure structure.

Students of the JRF Youth Services Programs in NJ will be trained to be come "goodwill youth ambassadors and create and perform additional fundraising activities of their own. The goal is to travel to Haiti to meet the Tabarre students in December bringing holiday gifts.

The JRF was selected by Commissioners Marc and Francois based on the proven track record of the JRF for medical mission work and community redevelopment underway in Haiti.



Vision Outcomes

We treated a crowd of police officers and their family members for vision needs.

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Future Medical Work

This coming mission, scheduled for August—September, will include further medical mission work that will take place at the Haitian National Police Department's SWAT Compound in Port-au-Prince

Behind the Scenes Staff
 Top: Jenni Vitek
 Below: Tracy Jordan



It was all hands on deck, as Jonathan Ryan (L), and Dr. Alan Goldsmith (above) assist with the vision exams for the Haitian National Police.

Conducting a Vision Exam Clinic for the National Police

