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with a strong foundation in Christ*



## MEET THE BOARD

### Teri Curnutt

*Arcadia Christian Church  
Forwarding Agent for Damou  
Visited Damou Christian Mission in  
2014 with a group from ACC.*

### Kim Dunn

*Michigantown Christian Church  
Tina spoke at our church many  
years ago and I immediately fell in  
love with this mission.*

### Kelli Hoeflinger

*First Christian Church, Columbus, IN  
I have visited Damou on different  
trips with five family members,  
including both of my kids.*

### Mason McQuinn

*White River Christian Church,  
Noblesville, IN  
My first trip was 2010 and I have  
been back several times since  
with different family members. My  
favorite times are visiting homes,  
hearing people's stories and being  
able to pray with them.*

### Matt Wallace

*Relevant Church, Grand Rapids, MI  
Alissa and I have two sons born in  
Haiti and work for FSI Ministries, a  
Damou Mission Partner. My first trip  
was in 1996 and I grew up with Tina  
Isenhower, the founder of the mission.*

## DAMOU CHRISTIAN MISSION SUPPORTERS,

The board of directors made the decision to pull the Eugenes, and Jessie, out of Haiti at the end of March. It was a tough decision for the Eugenes to leave behind their Haitian family and friends. Though they knew this was the wisest choice to protect the health of their family, they still long for the mission to be a beacon of light and hope during dark and difficult times. The Eugenes are riding out the storm and plan to return as soon as possible. Meanwhile, they are still coordinating daily activities at the mission, alongside the hard-working Haitian staff.

We cannot say "thank you" enough to all of you that have contributed to our mission, whether small or big! We could not be where we are without you and we know, without a doubt, that God has raised us up through your willingness to serve. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, especially in such a time as this.

Thank you very much.  
God bless you!  
*Mèsi anpil! Bondye beni ou!*

In Him,  
The Eugene family,  
and the rest of the staff at  
Damou Christian Mission ♥



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**DAMOU MEDICAL CLINIC UPDATE**

**Please pray for the Eugene Family:**  
Loubens, Jessica, Phillipe, LJ and Dianah



## THE NEW MEDICAL CLINIC HIGHLIGHT

**Damou Christian Mission** is a three-part ministry, consisting of the church, the school and now the clinic. The Damou Medical Clinic opened to patients in January of 2019. The mission wants to be diligent to foster growth in the clinic to maximize its impact as well.

The Damou Medical Clinic (DMC) serves the community of Cyvadier, Jacmel. It is located just around the corner from the school and church. Use of the clinic is expected to rise with the hiring of a gynecologist (will start in October) and two maternity nurses. The nurses have set days at the clinic and are also on call should any of our ladies in the Milk for Mothers program go into labor. The DMC is blessed as well by Dr. Francky, a graduate of Damou's sponsorship program, who has completed his medical training and decided to fulfill his required year of service to the Haitian government with us. These recent additions to our staff have increased the number and types of patients we can serve. The clinic

now has the capacity to attend to people who would have previously needed to travel to St. Michel, the larger hospital in downtown Jacmel.

These recent expansions are exciting because we see the opportunity to touch more lives with each new staff member. Our two nurses, Iphigenie and Darline, and Dr. Claude have already been impacting members of the community since the doors opened.

Medicine is a unique medium for ministry. It provides unique and powerful opportunities to reach the lost. This theory stands for medicine anywhere in the world but has proven even more potent in Haiti. Medical professionals have the chance to be there for people at some of the lowest and most vulnerable moments

of their lives. Many patients wait until their condition is severe to acknowledge the problem and seek help. This is the space where staff gets to provide comfort while pointing them back to Jesus. It is for this reason that we have prayerfully selected our physicians and supporting staff.

**WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE TO EACH PATIENT THAT COMES THROUGH OUR GATES. IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE; IT IS ABOUT HELPING THEM BE HEALTHY AND WHOLE TO BEST GLORIFY OUR GOD.**

The special thing about the clinic's staff, as we have briefly mentioned, is that several of them were brought up in the school's sponsorship program. **Our mission believes one good indicator of successful ministry is recipients who decide to give back—to serve**



**alongside the program which served them.** Loubens, director, is one example of many mission-wide who have chosen to stay with Damou. It is a blessing that this trend is occurring at the clinic as well, and certainly has helped us find those special staff members to carry out our impact vision.

Medicine in a developing nation naturally looks and functions much differently than in the United States. The DMC is a beautiful space and has potential to be even more efficient with a few easy changes.

Loubens, Jessica, and Jessie, Damou's recent medical intern, have discussed ways to further streamline how the clinic operates. The goal is not to make our clinic resemble western medicine—that is not reasonable for most healthcare institutions in Haiti. We just want to maximize the space and equipment we have been blessed with.

One main area that can be currently improved is the sustainability of the clinic. This differs again from the healthcare systems in the United States. **Damou is a nonprofit organization and the**

**clinic is special because the patients are not charged for their consultations.** This results in the purchase of medications being the clinic's sole current source of income. The mission does not regret making the decision to make consultations free, but does experience some financial strain when covering the cost of supplies, medications and payroll. Income will improve with the addition of ultrasounds, and X-rays. We have taken other practical steps recently to reduce costs, such as installing the solar panels and digging a separate septic system for our laboratory. The solar panels will cut the cost it takes to run the generator and the septic system will cut the cost of waste disposal.

The DMC also works monthly to account for purchases and find ways to further streamline them. The mission is very grateful for donors who help make up for financial deficits at the clinic as we are still working out these "bugs."

We are hopeful that the clinic's sustainability will continue to improve, with the goal of eventually being self-sufficient. ♥



## MILK FOR MOTHERS ADAPTS DURING COVID-19

The Milk for Mothers program is continuing in a modified format. Distribution is now every three weeks with increased supplies given and interaction is limited to meet COVID-19 guidance. This service is vital for the survival of these women and families. ♥

## VILLAGE OF HOPE

Linda Roller is in Haiti and is overseeing the Village of Hope, elderly program. The elderly are adhering to the shelter-in-place guidance and any outside interaction has been cut off to protect their health. A doctor from the clinic is checking on them weekly. ♥





## SCHOOL & CHURCH AMIDST COVID-19

We would also like to update you on the current status of the other parts of our ministry during the COVID-19 wave. The mission's work will not stop, thanks to electronic communication and effective leadership on the ground by our many incredible Haitian staff. The school is currently closed and the church is not gathering on

Sunday's (online sermons), but the mission is maintaining its functions after having adjusted to the government's COVID-19 regulations. The school is scheduled to resume classes at the end of April, God-willing. We look forward to getting back to serving at full capacity again but we trust that God's plans for this time are good. ♥

## A STORY OF HOPE: BEFORE & AFTER

When little Kerry was brought to DCM, he was just a year a half old, weighing a mere 8 pounds. He was developmentally behind and not thriving, unable to walk or crawl. After 2 months in our care, he weighs a healthy 16 pounds! He has changed dramatically and now is crawling and on the verge of walking. ♥



## \$30 A MONTH TO *change a life.*

Damou Christian Mission is currently seeking individual sponsors at \$30/month to give Haitian children a Christ-centered education, one meal a day, uniforms, and books. Your gift will impact a child's future forever. **Set it up today at [damouhaiti.org](http://damouhaiti.org).**

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray the Eugene family can return safely once the crisis has calmed down so they can assist in serving the community where the current needs may be.
- That the clinic can become more self-sufficient and more donors join efforts to help provide the necessary materials needed.
- Pray for protection over Haiti as they have been hit so hard already.
- That God can use Damou as the light that shines in the darkness.

## CURRENT NEEDS

- Sponsorship for all 535 children in the school **\$30 monthly**
- Funds to add a maternity wing to the clinic **\$15,000**
- Vehicle fund for the missionaries **\$20,000**
- Solar project for the school and church. **Price has not been estimated.**

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