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Check out the video from the trip!  
<https://youtu.be/VsAMeJ85Nqk>

## Oh, the Places We'll Go...



### Day 1

The team arrived in Haiti, toured the neighborhood, and played soccer with the local kids.



### Day 3

The medical clinic in Les Cayes was a success!



### Day 2

After church, the team headed to Les Cayes to prepare for their first clinic.

### Day 4

This time in Savannette, the clinic included a hygiene presentation sponsored by 3P.



### Day 6

Museums and shopping, followed by goodbyes before heading home the following day.



### Day 5

The final clinic in Morne Boulag included another hygiene presentation.

With each trip I feel that we are able to sharpen our focus as an organization and discover where our gifts can best be put to use. This most recent trip highlighted to me the value in building relationships with only two or three communities in need instead of trying to do so with every community possible. Focusing the majority of our efforts on them will better allow us to support their health needs in the long-term and allow us to make a sustainable impact.

Jordan Place

# Traveler's Log

Both trips to Haiti have amazed me. The people and the scenery especially. The views are wonderful in all directions pretty much everywhere you look. God's creation really shows in Haiti. I was blessed to be able to experience more of the Haitian countryside during this recent trip. The people of Haiti have this really generous spirit that exists regardless of the amount of need, it seems. While some people have enough, other folks have nearly nothing, but anyone would give you the shirt they were wearing if you were in need. They really look out for each other. It's very encouraging and a wonderful example for non-Haitians.

Leigha Tosh

I spent 6-7 hours a day traveling to/from clinics on the bed of a pick up truck. What a way to experience this beautiful country! I better understood my role in 3P and where I'd like to see the Community Education and Development committee go (more educational projects, building relations with our teachers, and finding pathways to increase sustainability in the clinics). I stepped outside of the medical school bubble, breathed, and remembered why I wanted to go into medicine in the first place (fighting and providing for the underserved).

Aaron Acosta

Everything was brand new to me in Haiti; the food, the culture, the existence of tap taps and much more all made for an overall awesome and eye-opening experience. The most impactful moments, though, came from clinic days. For me, this included time spent administering surveys, observing the Haitian physicians, and generally getting a feel for how the mobile clinics operate. It's one thing to know intellectually that the Haiti Medical Project provides medical care. It's another to see first-hand, and understand emotionally, the crucial role that this organization is playing in providing care to the communities that need it.

Zack Wickline

One of the most impactful moments for me was attending the medical clinics that were hosted by Project Piti Pami and the Haiti Medical Project. Two of the three medical clinics were completely funded by Project Piti Pami, allowing the Haitian physicians to see over 300 patients over the two clinics. Without Project Piti Pami and the money we fundraised, those clinics would not have happened, and the patients would not have received any medication. It was incredibly rewarding to see the behind-the-scenes fundraising work that we do state-side being used before our eyes to help provide healthcare to Haitians. I love what we (Project Piti Pami) do as a nonprofit and it was encouraging to see a reminder of why we do what we do.

Tom Taugher

## 3P's Top 3 from CE&D Community Education and Development

1. Project Piti Pami assisted in a medical clinic in Les Cayes (all the way at the tip of the south peninsula) and completely funded two additional clinics at both Savannette and Morne Boulaj. That's over 450 people who were able to see a doctor and receive medications, if needed!
2. Our team interviewed doctors and community members about what they felt they needed most, helping narrow our focus and vision; they know their needs best and that's important to always remember.
3. While there, the team piloted our first preventive health education program (woohoo for preventive health!).

It is so surreal when you have God answering your prayers and has you watching and participating in a traveling medical clinic that was financially supported by Project Piti Pami. Medicine has always been important to me as I plan on joining the MSU COM (Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine) students in the medical field one day and I feel that God has called me to help serve these people in Haiti by helping with these clinics. Being able to travel to three mountainous areas where people are not able to easily receive medical treatment and pharmaceuticals was the most rewarding thing I feel I have ever been a part of. Knowing that we (3P) supported these clinics that possibly would not have happened, shows that citizens of America may not fully understand how blessed we are to have easy access to these medical care facilities. With the help of 3P, we are able to learn more about the Haitians and their pathologies and we are becoming one step closer to having them receive continued care, treatment of their symptoms and prescriptions to carry on a healthy every day life.

Kathlyn Underwood