



Red hibiscus, Haiti's national flower, depicted on steel drum art

Blooming in the desert

The desert and the dry ground will be glad.

The dry places will be full of joy.

Flowers will grow there.

Like the first crocus in the spring,

2 the desert will bloom with flowers.

It will be very glad and shout for joy...

Everyone will see the glory of the Lord.

They will see the beauty of our God. Isaiah 35: 1-2

2022 AT-A-GLANCE

858 children and youth direct beneficiaries

1580 women age 20+ direct beneficiaries

364 women in Start Right classes

70% institutional deliveries (HAPI or hospital referrals)

6475 clinic visits; 4036 direct beneficiaries

5 nurses, 2 physicians trained in basic EKG and ultrasound

105 HAPITech student enrollment

90 youth participated in 'Pass-the-Gift'

'Heart2Heart' field report

Gertrude Frederique participated in a 400 person community survey to assess prevalence of hypertension and diabetes. She is treated with dignity and respect by Dr. Gelin and HAPI's Preventative Cardiac Workers (PCW). The results have been compiled and a report is forthcoming. The data will drive the development of HAPI's outreach plan to B.E.A.T. hypertension in women.

Hope grows in unexpected places

Kathy L. Gilbert

United Methodist News Service

HAPI's empowerment ministries 'bloom' in stark contrast to the gray landscape of hunger and violence in the nation's capitol. [Read more](#)

HAPI is an Advance of The United Methodist Church. [Project# 3020490](#).



Join the fight against Haiti's top killers - heart disease and stroke - and fight for equitable health care of all persons. Faith and love in action!

SPECIAL REQUEST: looking for cardiologists....

Six degrees of separation is the idea that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other.
Whose in your circle?

Please share the letter below to any cardiologists, health care professionals, technicians or educators who have an interest to **invest in helping Haiti achieve national self-sufficiency and sustainability in cardiovascular care to patients regardless of their economic resources.** This (and subsequent) training will not only improve diagnosis and treatment in Mizak but will lay the foundation of **HAPI's training center** to spread this knowledge to nurses and doctors throughout the country. We are seeking international health care collaborators who share our empowerment philosophy to walk alongside. *Let's go!*

Greetings!

My name is Valerie Mossman-Celestin. In 1955, my grandmother underwent experimental aortic valve surgery performed by cardiac pioneer Dr. Claude Beck at Cleveland Clinic Heart Center. The surgery was considered a 'success' because she lived and her procedure contributed to valuable research in valve transplants—but it did nothing to mitigate the progression of her rheumatic heart disease that began with an untreated strep throat infection at age 13.

I took my grandmother's maiden name, *Mossman*, in honor of her profound spiritual influence on my life. She had a joyful spirit, loved God, and had great faith that carried her through more years than given her by any 'earthly' physician. *Celestin* is my married name. My husband is Haitian and Haiti is where God calls me to serve. My name represents both my faith and my passion.

In 2022, HAPI (Haitian Assets for Peace International) co-founded *Haiti Hispaniola Heart Institute* with geriatric cardiologist, Dr. Gedeon Gelin, and Pastor 'RoRo' Eustache of Emmanuel Hospital of Peredo (Haiti) of Haitian Christian Outreach.

In an exciting development, *CardioStart International*, a current partner, notified us of two donated echocardiogram units and they have offered to send echocardiogram trainers to train nurses and physicians from both HAPI's Felisane Health Center and Hospital Emmanuel. The course is full time for one year. The targeted start date is July 2023.

This significant opportunity is outside of our current budget and the timing is urgent. To receive the donated echocardiogram units, **we need funding to receive the training of approximately \$60,000 for one year.** CardioStart has provided a MOU and will begin to solicit qualified trainers, contingent on funding.

Funding would cover the salaries to 'back fill' HAPI staff positions for those who would be full-time students; students would retain their current salaries. Training would be held both in two locations and require funds for transportation and room and board of staff and instructors.

CardioStart welcomes hands-on trainers!

We would also appreciate guidance to foundations who may be interested in a financial contribution to this work or in fulfilling future needs, such as pharmaceuticals.

The *Haiti Hispaniola Heart Institute's* (HHHI) guiding philosophy is that **trained Haitian nurses and doctors in rural communities are essential to sustain advancement of cardiovascular treatment in Haiti.** We are forging strategic, emerging partnerships including Dr. Pedro Ureña Velásquez, Director Médico *Medicina Cardiovascular Asociada* and *Presidente Fundación HeartCare Dominicana* and also *Haiti Cardiac Alliance*.

We will each offer core services while each also develops unique and complimentary specializations. We will be "one body, many parts" as expressed in 1 Corinthians 12:12.

As HAPI pursues our goal for reducing cardiovascular disease—especially among women—I can't help but feel a sense of destiny. I feel my grandmother's presence in this ministry, as if she is guiding me with a little 'heart-to-heart.' We covet your support in an effort that extends the power of Christ's healing to God's people in Haiti.

Peace,
Valerie Mossman-Celestin

Valerie Mossman-Celestin
U.S. Executive Director, HAPI
United Methodist Deaconess
Chair, UMC Michigan Conference Haiti Task Force
616-446-9558
valeriemcelestin@gmail.com

"HAPI and Haiti Hispaniola Heart Intstitute deliver local training of Haitian health care providers in advanced technology to deliver care in rural communities. Join us!"

Your gift saves lives.

Keep another heart BEATing!

B = basic training for nurses and doctors

E = education on prevention

A = awareness / mobilization

T = treatment

Give from the heart!



Our Contact Information

{{Organization Name}}

{{Organization Address}}

{{Organization Phone}}

{{Organization Website}}

{{Unsubscribe}}

