

## Spring, 2022 Newsletter



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**MIVO Family Fun Day!**  
*William Kain Park - Lake Redman  
 Catfish Pavilion  
 Saturday June 18th @ 12 noon*

*All Are Welcome!*

- » FOOD, GAMES, RAFFLE PRIZES, AUCTION, AND FUN!
- » 274 HESS FARM RD  
 YORK, PA 17407

## Christ Centered Action Servant Team (CCAST)

**WE NEED YOU !**



This team is currently visiting and recruiting **churches** in the region to come alongside MIVO as we intentionally **PRAY** for Haiti's spiritual and physical needs. We are presently working with approximately two dozen church prayer groups. Do you know a church or prayer group that would join us in these efforts? If so, please contact us at <https://www.mivofoundation.org/> and we will gladly reach out to them with more information. THANK YOU!

**1 Peter 4:7** "The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray."

## The Face of Faith

The everyday state of our world can easily discourage even the most optimistic and faith-filled person. Although there are miracles happening around us, tragedies occupy the bulk of the highlight pages that most of us scroll through. The hope that we have in Jesus Christ is as real today as it was when the stone rolled away from the tomb and He rose from the dead.

In spite of two cancelled trips, we are glad to report that MIVO is still functioning very well. The crew in Haiti is relentless in their delivery of competent care with Christ-centered compassion. It has not been easy because of the scarcity of resources. However, the mission of the foundation is undoubtedly being upheld.

There is a committed administrative and supporting staff. In this newsletter, we would like to highlight the wonderful work of the medical personnel.

We are delighted to announce that Dr. James Souffrant agrees to join MIVO. Although the details are still being worked out, we can certainly say that Dr. James is an answer to prayers. Everyone who has the privilege of working with him is profoundly impressed by his heart, his character, and his skills. He is a devoted Christ-disciple and is strongly anchored in his faith. It is so refreshing to listen to him. We promise you an exclusive on him. Meanwhile, accept a simple introduction for now.

Our nurses continue to exhibit a high level of professionalism in spite of the adversities. Through the help of technology, they tap into the experience and expertise of two volunteer orthopaedic surgeons to care for numerous patients at the "Centre Orthopedic MIVO". We will spare you the details, but we want to mention the case of CS. She is a cute little girl (sorry for my soft heart) born via a traumatic vaginal delivery. She consequently sustained bilateral shoulder dislocation. She presented to the center with the shoulders locked in internal rotation at the age of 3 months. The nurses were able to perform the appropriate maneuvering technique to realign the shoulders. CS later recovered full function of her shoulders and upper extremities. Stories like little CS's and others are the reason why we feel confident reporting that MIVO is still functioning well and staying true to our stated mission. WE WILL NOT BE DISMAYED!!!

Love Always,

Reverend Doctor Gracia Etienne

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41: 10



Our nurses, from left to right:  
Houdeline, Milea, Shelda, Woudeline,  
Eveline, Sherline, (Absent: Nancy)



Dr. Gracia Etienne and  
Dr. James Souffrant

## Stateside Volunteers: Key to the MIVO Clinic's Success

We continue to broaden our MIVO family through partnerships with local and international organizations and with servant-minded individuals. Stateside volunteers have been extremely busy picking up donations and sorting them using a new streamlined sorting process to pack essential medical supplies. These critical items are packed onto a skid, transported to Florida, then to Port au Prince, Haiti, where they are then picked up by our security staff and volunteers to be transported to the clinic. Items such as casting supplies, slings, and certain medications are not available to be purchased in Haiti. Without the blessing of donations and our volunteer's time, MIVO would be unable to open our clinic doors. We again say, "Thank you!" to all of you out there. We welcome recent, new volunteers and are always looking to add others. Please complete the stateside registration form on our website if you are interested in finding out more about our stateside needs: <https://www.mivofoundation.org/volunteer>



### Why Was I There?



On a cold, windy Saturday morning in April, I decided to help MIVO sort and pack donated medical supplies for the next shipment to Haiti despite my sore back. I had just confided in a friend there that I didn't really know what good I was doing there that morning, since I didn't have a medical background and didn't know what half of the supplies were.

Then something amazing happened. I was resting in the alley, when I noticed a lady walking on the street. She was limping because of an ankle injury while carrying two small bags of groceries. After introducing myself to *Midna*, I offered to drive her home. She declined but I pursued more insistently. She explained her situation as she was recently in an automobile accident with an unlicensed driver and her car was not drive-able, thus she was forced to retrieve groceries on foot. I was led to offer her a seat as I inquired about getting her some assistance with her hurting ankle from two physical therapists helping us that morning.

After an assessment and amazingly finding an ankle brace, followed by Midna's emotional outburst of tears, a group of us were privileged to pray for her healing and God's blessing upon her current situation. Shortly thereafter, someone declared, "God showed up this morning!" But obviously, He was already there. To answer the above question, "I now know why I was there!"

To God Be the Glory,  
Stu Brenneman

## MIVO Rests in God's Care

Spring is here and we rejoice in the reminders of New Life! It has been a long winter, yet these next months promise to be filled with continued hope. Many prayers are being answered as we navigate the challenges of care delivery unlike any time in MIVO's past. New opportunities for growth are being revealed as we explore new strategies and recruit some fresh faces. Be on the lookout via our website and social media for exciting news!

We, as a foundation, are grateful to God for having come this far. He is our Sustainer. Along the journey, there are moments which change each of us and individuals who stamp their impressions upon our hearts forever. This shared, MIVO would like to honor Dennis Shue, whom God called to His side in January of 2022. Dennis was a dedicated stateside volunteer and could be spotted most likely any time we were packing, wrapping, and transporting supplies. If the outing involved anything "on wheels", one could be sure Dennis would be there as possible. Mary, our stateside coordinator, recently shared how much Dennis taught her over this last year about packing and shipping as we explored new ways to get supplies to the clinic. You see, Dennis was retired from the trucking business and had a flair for sharing his "tips". When things were looking a bit shaky, Dennis would remain positive, encouraging everyone, "We can do this!" He would then jump right in and help however was needed with his truck or simply with his time-worn hands. He was always fixin' something. Our prayers for comfort remain with Dennis' family, especially Deb, his beloved wife and member of our Executive Committee. We miss him dearly yet thank the Lord for the time we had together. Heaven now holds an incredible helper.



Do you want to help those in Haiti in a greater way? Maybe you are already helping yet are inspired to do more? As demands increase, the people of Haiti and The MIVO Foundation are in greater need. Here are the basics:

**GO:** If you are considering partnering with us on a future mission trip to the clinic in the next 12 months, we are presently developing a list of interested individuals. We believe God is preparing hearts and opening doors for our future teams.

**STAY:** Donations of medical supplies are key to our capability to operate the clinic. Stateside volunteers are needed in many capacities from social media skills, research, gathering and sorting supplies, help with upcoming events...to list a few.

**PRAY:** We believe that prayer is an integral component of our success. Partner with us, introduce us to your church or request to join the MIVO Prayer Group on Facebook. We believe that through God's grace and mercy:

- 1) The country of Haiti will be unified under God and find peace. Restoration and healing will be brought to the people. (Colossians 1: 16-17)
- 2) The MIVO Foundation will be a key component used by God to bring healing to many. May the clinic offer hope physically, spiritually, and emotionally to all who enter in. Miracles will occur and lives will be change for eternity. (James 5: 15, Acts 4: 30)

We, at MIVO, are thankful for your response via email at [info@mivofoundation.org](mailto:info@mivofoundation.org), to the MIVO Foundation's Facebook page or via written correspondence to The MIVO Foundation to 1441 South Duke St., York, PA, 17403. We give God praise for each and every one of you, near or far.