

Winter, 2022 Newsletter



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Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a song is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".

The Christmas season is upon us which also means that we are approaching the end of 2022. It is at this special time of the year that we express our appreciation for how much time, treasures, and talents have been used to help improve the lives of those who are less fortunate or need extra support.

*In some very exciting news, we are diligently working behind the scenes on a comprehensive strategic planning to propel our foundation forward. With the assistance of a competent consultant, we used the "down-time" to develop a roadmap with specific guidelines for the success of the foundation. MIVO remains committed to our mission.

*I am extremely pleased that we finally hired a medical director and an administrator for the centre in Haïti. They are charged with the arduous tasks of the day-to-day operation of the centre while cultivating the Christ-centered culture of the foundation. **STAY TUNED!**

*Walt Disney once said: "You can design and create and build the most wonderful place in the world. But, it takes people to make the dream a reality". This is certainly the case for MIVO. Our success could not have happened without a great deal of commitment and support from the Executive Committee, the volunteers, and the contributors. I can't thank everyone enough for your endless hours of volunteering, donating, and doing everything you could to support our mission.

* Jointly with generous public support, we have been able to raise our profile in the community while enhancing MIVO's public image and awareness. Now, I can confirm that we have the best foundation in the world. Thank you!

I also need to reveal a very well-kept secret. I've been making my list and checking it twice to see who has been naughty or nice. I am very happy to see you are on my list of "nice". Therefore:

I take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

I hope that you are able to spend quality time with your family and friends and reflect on the great achievements in 2022.

Keep safe and well!

I also wish you a prosperous New Year and look forward to your support in 2023.

Before I close, I'd like to add a wonderful praise report. A member of the MIVO family recently received miraculous supernatural healing from insulin-dependent diabetes. Please, refer to our website if you want to read the full testimony.

Reverend Doctor Gracia Etienne

MIVO Stateside Efforts

As MIVO's stateside family grows, we not only wish to offer our thanks, we also desire to have an ongoing relationship for the future. Partners are critical to the success of our mission and to our future.

While MIVO's incredible executive committee members are the backbone of this foundation, those of you who continue to offer volunteer hours and to give of your time and efforts here in the United States are essential. Our stateside volunteers carry on with picking up and sorting medical supplies as new donors are offering supplies on a regular basis. We extend a warm welcome to our newest stateside volunteers.

The stateside aspect of the MIVO Foundation continues to broaden its scope as we prepare for our eventual return to the MIVO Centre in Haiti with our medical mission teams. Kirsten Merges is coming on board as an assistant, and we have worked together to better define and document our support base here in the United States. Although we have shipping challenges, we continue to have faith in Jehovah-Jireh (our Lord will provide) and in each one of you.

Would you please consider lifting a daily prayer asking God to settle the uncertainties that exist in Haiti today? May we soon have open doors to be able to ship a full skid of much needed medical supplies to our clinic in L'Estere, and to ship our packed trailers through the port at Saint-Marc. Our God is able.

Thank you,
Mary Uffelman
MIVO Stateside Coordinator

Roman 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"



Faith in Action Award

Beginning in the third quarter of 2022, the MIVO Foundation established a **Faith in Action** award program. This quarterly award will be given to an extraordinary MIVO Stateside Volunteer individual or organization in honor of their outstanding Christian servanthood as they partner with our foundation in bringing hope to *"the least of these"* in Haiti.

On September 30, 2022, at MIVO's 5th Annual Golf Tournament, **Dennis Winand** of Abbottstown, PA received our initial Faith in Action Award. Dennis and his wife, Rosie, have been involved in mission work in Haiti for years. Since 2017, Dennis has faithfully assisted MIVO in acquiring and repairing shipping trailers used for our clinic's supplies. He has provided us with space to load and then to physically park the trailers on his own property while offering countless other services and financial support to enhance MIVO's transport processes.

Dennis truly reflects the instruction given to us in 1st John 3: 18: *"Let us not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."* Thank you, Dennis from all of us at The MIVO Foundation.

Fifth Annual MIVO Golf Outing

The 2022 MIVO Golf Outing at Honey Run Golf course was a great success! God blessed us with good weather and a record number of golfers. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser as we were able to raise over \$7500! All of the proceeds from this year's event are being allocated toward the expansion of our current facility in Haiti to provide a safe, private lodging area for patients' families when their loved ones require an overnight stay at the Centre.

There is no event that can happen without volunteers, and MIVO is blessed to be able to work with such an amazing team. Thank you to everyone who made the event a success, from gathering raffle baskets, to organizing the event and coordinating the details of that awesome day at the golf course.

Mark your calendars for next year's outing at Honey Run Golf course on **September 29, 2023!** Look for more details in the coming year. We hope to see you there!



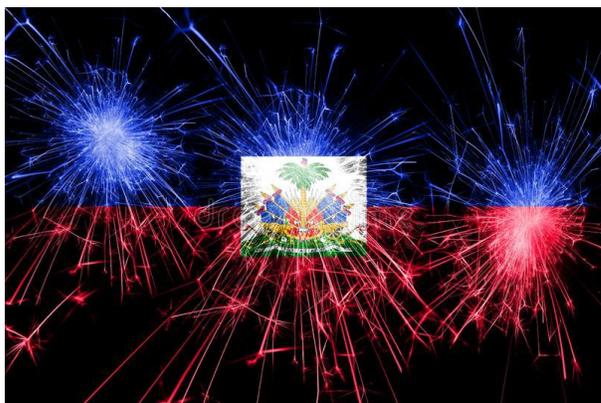
A Peek into a Haitian Christmas

Let's explore "*Reveillon*": The tradition of *Reveillon* comes from the French word "réveil" which means "waking".

In Haitian culture, December 24th begins the official holiday with *Reveillon*. Christmas Eve is a time to commemorate the **awakening of Christ with a grand feast**. Many people attend late-night church services on Christmas Eve, and afterwards enjoy a dinner feast with friends and family to celebrate Christ's birth. Many times, this lasts into the early hours of the morning.

Traditional foods can include rice with djon djon (Haitian mushrooms), rice and beans, chicken creole, fried okra, specialty entrees prepared with goat meat, pineapple upside down cake or orange cake. This feast can last the entire night as people dance and sing in celebration. Christmas Day is often a quieter day. Many Christians attend a special Christmas church service with the remainder of the day spent with friends and family.

JWAYE NWEL & BONNE ANE (*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in Haitian*)





Happy Holidays from Our Family to Yours

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is that time of year to dig a little deeper and to think about everyone near and far. The MIVO Foundation is raising money for a new outdoor patient waiting area. We were hit by many rain storms this past year and are looking to rebuild. As you see in the picture, the structure is not strong. Should we get hit with another massive storm, it could cause major issues.

Your gracious donation would help to rebuild this area. The roof not only keeps the rain out, but it also shields our patients from the heat of the sun. The stronger structure will also help our patients feel safer. The new structure is planned to have concrete posts for structural stability and durability with little maintenance. The metal sheets would be repurposed as possible and new, stronger roofing material will be used to withstand the weather.

Please consider making a donation to help make this project a reality. You can do so at www.mivofoundation.org or on the MIVO Facebook page attention to: Christmas 2022 Campaign.

We also ask that you cover this project with your continued prayers. Thank you!

Stewart
MIVO Executive Committee

Wondering How You Can Help?

We, at The MIVO Foundation, are in the process of preparing for greater things. Everyone reading this newsletter holds an invitation to become more involved with us as we grow. Although there are many unknowns, we do know the One who holds our future. In that knowledge and by faith, we are requesting a "call to action"! Would you please consider this call?

- Become a Stateside Volunteer.** Simply complete a registration form on our website and someone will be back in touch with you regarding present opportunities. <https://www.mivofoundation.org/stateside-volunteer-1>
- Give the gift of Prayer** for the people of Haiti and for MIVO. Refer your church to our Prayer Subcommittee. There is power in unified prayer! Send your preferred contact information or referral to info@mivofoundation.org. An Executive Committee member will reply with prayer points and next steps.
- Offer your tax-deductible Financial Support** via PayPal on www.mivofoundation.org or checks can be mailed to: MIVO Foundation, 1441 South Duke St., York, PA, 17403.
- Share your personal MIVO story** to inspire and encourage others. This will be shared in future MIVO publications or on the upcoming testimonial section on the MIVO website. Offer to be our guest at one of MIVO's monthly meetings. Send your story or inquiry to info@mivofoundation.org.
- Join us in Praising God** for His faithfulness to sustain and restore. God is always up to something good! Haitian leadership for our Centre is being established to direct this next phase of patient care delivery. MIVO's partnership base in the United States and in Haiti is growing. Or fundraisers have been successful. We extend our deepest gratitude.

There is no donation offered too small, no prayer presented to our Father unheard, no amount of time spent not appreciated. Thank you again to each and every one of you. **May this season of HOPE continue on in your hearts and in your families.**

From the MIVO Foundation Executive Committee