



MISSION: The MIVO Foundation serves the people of Haiti by offering treatment options for Orthopedic problems. Consistent with a Christian faith, we believe these problems are physical, emotional, and spiritual illnesses. Through Christ-centered care, we integrate these aspects of life to enhance a path to recovery, offering hope from a biblical perspective.

MIVO's 2018 Annual Summary

Rivers in the Desert

Three hundred and sixty-five days passed quickly by us all in 2018. Each and every day; a gift from God, as 2018 brought about an outpouring of His blessings to all involved with The MIVO Foundation near and far. The evidence of God's hand upon us is clear as we pause to look back. Where life was once barren and hopeless for some, there is now hope. Where there was once just dry, barren ground, the MIVO Orthopedique Centre now rises up out of the desert, while flowers bloom and avocado trees grace our MIVO lane to the clinic. Shade is found for the weary traveler.

Encompassing four mission trips, each lasting 9 days, our Centre cared for over 2,310 patients and performed over 152 surgeries / procedures. The Lord provided us with 55 individuals saying "YES" to a mission trip they will never forget! A large percentage of that 55 saw the great need for their compassion and professional skills on their first trip and indeed returned for second and third trips in 2018. This number of team members outranks any former year's annual team numbers. The April trip even came with their own warehouse and organization crew. We served God's people through provision of medical, surgical, spiritual and emotional care in and outside of those neon green walls! As we attempt to crunch other numbers, we can honestly say that thousands of much-needed prescriptions were provided, hundreds of intra-articular joint injections were given, and countless friendships were made. Some of these relationships were made for a day, while others, for a lifetime. We have been blessed to welcome the return of Debbie Kyle and to appoint our newest member, Mary Uffelman to our Executive Committee. Our stateside volunteer base grew in 2018 as did our donor base of support, be it in reference to supplies, dollar donations or in prayer covering. The majority of our financial support contributions were made through Christian church affiliations; while new families and friends came to know us and support us from many areas of Pennsylvania and even our country. Our foundation of relationships broadened to provide greater opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We give Our Father thanks for all.

MIVO was finally able to purchase our very own 60KW diesel, electrical generator to support our electrical needs at the clinic. We purchased and have packed 3 semi-tractor trailer beds with much needed medical and surgical supplies. Those trailers will be transported to Haiti in 2019 pending sufficient funds. Funds were used to build a shade pavilion in our clinic's front yard where patients could comfortably wait.

All of us that know and love MIVO's founder and friend, Dr. Gracia Etienne joined him in celebrating his ordination this past year as Reverend Doctor Gracia Etienne. Under his and our Lord's leadership, MIVO continued to employ the Haitian clinic staff as they offered services five days per week throughout the year. Hundreds of patients were seen by them over the course of 2018. The Haitian nurses learned a higher level of nursing and medical care through the teaching of many team members. We expanded our advisory board membership and our intercessory prayer group base. Four "porch" church services were held on Sunday mornings when teams were in country. On the same note, each clinic day continued to start with a hymn of praise and prayer with our patients awaiting to be seen. It is indeed in those moments when hearts are forever impacted by the God we serve. He then carries our teams through each and every action, as a unified group and as individual participants in a Cause greater than we can imagine. There are not sufficient words to describe the work of the Holy Spirit at the clinic. Miracles large and small occurred with each and every trip and here at home as we worked together.

On our Family Funday, we had an incredible time of fellowship at the Sicuranza farm with MIVO family and friends in York, PA. Our major fundraiser for the year was the Inaugural MIVO Golf Tournament held in September at Regents' Glen. This event proved fruitful financially and in many other ways. A second golf event is planned for 2019.

While we end the year thankful for all God has done through us and for us, we contemplate the challenges of 2019. As it is written in Isaiah 43, we, at MIVO believe our God has new things in store for us in the year ahead. The foundation is in need of approximately \$40,000 in donations to send our trailers of supplies to the clinic and to build a small building around the new generator to protect it from the harsh elements found in Haiti. The acuity of our patients and their surgical needs continues to rise as the clinic's reputation grows. Haiti, as a country, and as a people, is in dire need of "a new thing" from its Creator. We, at MIVO, pray we can continue to be used of God to make roads in the wilderness and rivers in the desert in our beloved L'Estere. We are trusting God to bring life to His words.

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:16-19

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