A registered 501c3 faith based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals, families and communities 'in need', to help themselves, in culturally relevant ways.

The primary mission of FHM is to enhance the physical and spiritual family health in underserved areas. Currently, FHM supports programs in maternal & child health, education and church development in Haiti, Guatemala, Tanzania and North Carolina.

The premise of FHM is built on relationships. We work with community leaders to identify problems, develop strategies, and help resource the solutions.

It is through our relationship with others that we can make change in the lives of those in need.

**Spiritual Support and Church Development**
- FHM supports Leon Dorlean’s and the Community Church of Cite Soleil through a Bible distribution program, seminary scholarships, and Vacation Bible School program.
- FHM supports Louis and Gayla Barber and their work with the Bethlehem Church to provide care to an underserved area of Durham, NC.

**Other Ministry Activities**
- Library Ministry: brings books to school libraries
- Spring course offered through the Duke University Theology and Medicine Program: Issues in Healing in Developing Countries and Care of the Underserved.
- American medical teams spend a week in an urban slum in June and rural mountains in November providing medical care in Haiti.
- An American team spends a week in July providing VBS to children in Haiti.

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**Current Projects**

**Women’s Health**

Jean-Claude Fertillien identified cervical cancer prevention as a top priority for Hopital Ste. Croix, Leogane, Haiti in 1993. In a country where cervical cancer is not routinely screened, the incidence of untreatable cancer is 3-4%. This is considered a very isolating and painful way to die.

Since that time FHM has built a cervical cancer clinic, employed a Haitian physician Dr. Merisier, and screened over 1400 women in the last two years.

In 2004, FHM began a four year project with Duke University in Tanzania, Africa. Plans are underway for two Tanzanian gynecologists to travel to Haiti to study cervical cancer screening with Dr. Merisier. Not only will the work in Haiti serve to provide women with a better quality of life, but now this knowledge will be shared with the many women of Africa.

**Fondwa Children’s Programs**

Fondwa is a mountainous community located approximately 2.5 hours south of Port-au-Prince. The community leaders include Fr. Joseph, Sister Carmelle, and Sister Simone. FHM supports the orphanage “Fatima House” and the Sainte Antoine School.

**Fatima House** is home to 50 children ages 2 to 18 years. Most of the children are from poverty stricken homes where the family is unable to care for and feed them. This is one of the harsh realities of living in Haiti. Fatima House provides a safe, secure, and nurturing environment.

**Sainte Antoine School** is one of the keys to breaking the cycle of poverty. 700 children from preschool through 11th grade attend the school. FHM supports teacher salaries, the nutrition program, and provides such needed resources as textbooks and school supplies.

In addition to financial resources, FHM has two missionaries who live in the community and work full time in the school, orphanage and coordinate the US based school sponsorship program.

**Blanchard Health Center**

Leon Dorleans, senior pastor of the Christian Community Church identified the need of a health center in the community of Blanchard. This suburb of Port-au-Prince has no affordable access to health care.

The vision for this facility includes a community outreach program that will engage families to promote health and prevent illness. The clinic is expected to eventually employ a Haitian physician, nurse, and administrative support staff. Presently 3 public health workers are surveying the community to identify specific health needs.

Goals of the clinic include:

- Providing basic health care and lab services
- Providing prenatal care and safer childbirth experience
- Well child health education and nutrition programs
- Providing health promotion and disease prevention programs