



# Jeff Cherubin Domond Foundation

## “Partners with Haiti”

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**Come Join Us  
for**

**Our 7th Annual  
Fundraiser  
Event**

**November 8, 2015**

**6PM – 11PM**

**\$60 per person**

### **Location**

**Pat & Chris Shaner’s  
Estate**

**695 W. Via Espirito  
Santos  
Claremont,  
CA 91711**

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## “The Medical Mission Trip” by Bibi Yusuf

In January this year, Joe Domond, sent out an email, requesting volunteers for this year’s mission trip. By the end of January 2014, he was still uncertain how many would be on the team, maybe four. No dentist, yet. No doctor yet.

He and a faithful group from the Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church were earnestly seeking financial support to cover the enormous expense of the trip.

Yes, volunteers pay for their room, board and transportation, but the amount we pay do not nearly cover all the expenses incurred. Meanwhile, Rita and her faithful group of women are raising support of a different kind.

A group of about 20 women from around the world and the US – part of Rita’s International Women’s Prayer and Bible Study Group at Pomona First Baptist Church continuously pray for each detail of the trip, team members, and those who will be recipients of the ministry of the medical team.

Other supporters donate kids clothes and hygiene supplies.



*2014 Mission trip volunteers*

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Long before January 2014, Joe and Rita Domond were already parking their cars on the driveway of their home in Claremont, California because their garage was gradually being converted into a warehouse - stockpiling medical supplies, equipment and medications, clothes and supplies for the kids in the school and orphanage in Haiti; and the hundreds of items needed for this one trip.

Simultaneously, in Port-au-Prince and Marbial, Haiti, members of the Domond family, priests, nuns and some paid workers were preparing living accommodations, buying foodstuff, arranging for transportation, getting the Catholic church used as the medical team's "hospital" reorganized to accommodate hundreds of patients each day.

On March 7, some of the team left California, Canada and Georgia. We arrived in Port Au Prince the next afternoon. Dozens of bags to clear through customs. What a headache for poor Joe!



*Dr. Anne Rose Ulysse*



*High School students & other patients  
awaiting to be served*

About two hours later we sit down to a delicious Haitian dinner and music from a group of local musicians. Then comes the giant task of sorting out the contents of the bags – from medications, eyeglasses and anti-biotics to therapy supplies, batteries for equipment, clothes for kids, and pressure cooker. Pressure cooker? Yes, for sterilization of dental equipment!

Each team –medical, dental, optometry, therapy – pack their equipment in separate bags ready for transportation the next morning.

In a few hours we will wake up, eat breakfast and be on our five-six hour trip out of Port-au-Prince, zig-zagging our way up the steep mountain road, then across the dry portions of the river bed, the only way to access the villages in the area.

Finally we are in Marbial! We unpack our equipment and set up clinics quickly before it gets dark. We are joined by our other team members – doctor, dentist, dental assistant, nurse, and translators who live in Haiti.



“The Medical Mission Trip” by Bibi Yusuf (cont)

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*Jenene Craig in Therapy Clinic*

Marbial is in the South-eastern part of Haiti. There are no roads, no electricity, no central water system, no doctor in residence, no dentist in residence, and certainly no therapist.

The priests and nuns serve as doctors, midwives, nurses, teacher, counselor, and general helper for all of the villagers’ needs. They served us as translators, managers for crowd control, and “go-fers” for any thing anyone needed. They gave up their beds, rooms, and time to be available for us.

Each morning, long before we arrive at the clinics, the villagers had started walking down the mountain trails, some for five to six hours to get to the church building. This was their one chance to get medical treatment. They may not see another doctor, dentist, optometrist, or therapist until the team returns next year.

Each day between two to three hundred patients will be seen. We can’t keep count sometimes. The patient’s day starts with prayer led by the priest, the medical team’s day starts with prayer led by a team member.

We quickly do “triage” – sorting patients out by the severity of their injury or illness. The sicker ones and babies are seen first. Patients often sit patiently for hours, waiting their turn, no food or water, and often no complaints.

This is my third time going with the Domond Foundation, as part of the medical team. I have been going on medical missions trips for the past 38 years, sometimes alone, other times with teams from the World Health Organization and American Baptists groups.

Being with the Domonds has enabled me to do what I love doing – training folks in third world countries to take control of their health needs and learning how to care for the needs of their community.



*Dr. Elizabeth Kohler & Kristen Craig in Therapy Clinic*

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## “The Medical Mission Trip” by Bibi Yusuf (cont)

This is not charity, this is not an opportunity for us to add to our academic resumes that we've been a volunteer in a “third world country” or a photo opportunity for us to bring photos back to North America to show the extreme hunger and destitution of folks somewhere in a foreign country, to elicit funds so that we can help “those poor people”.

We have a strong personal connection to the people we go to, we were born in third world countries. We know that most folks in the areas where we serve have no voice to let their needs be known, we know that many folks who go to serve often congregate in the cities, and rarely ever go to villages so remote, we know that without the help given by our team, the villagers will not be able to pay for transportation and medical expenses even if they were to try to get medical help even in the nearest city.

I go because I don't want to give them a hand out, but rather a hand up -training them to take care of the disabled, diseased, and injured in their communities. A person with a bad tooth, or an infection can go to a dentist or doctor for one visit and receive treatment and medications that will effectively deal with his medical problem. A person with a broken leg, burnt arm, or festering ulcer cannot be seen for only one treatment.

A therapist needs to continue to see that patient for a period of time, before there is restoration of function or healing. Since there are no therapists in the villages surrounding Marbial each time I go to a village, I treat patients, but I also train village folks in basic Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy techniques so that they can continue to work with the patients we see in the clinics.

This year it was a great blessing to have two other therapists and two soon to be therapists join our team. Together we were able to treat all of the patients coming for rehab, and to continue training with 22 of the 39 folks who came last year for training. These rehab trainees faithfully continued going up and down those village trails helping their patients. What a joy it was to us to see the dedication of these young (and old) trainees! This is what our ministry is all about, empowering others to be a blessing in their communities!



Bibi Yusuf

### 2015 Mission Trip!

Consider joining us on our next medical mission trip.

March 13 through 22, 2015

It could be a life changing experience!