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Dear Supporters

If you are reading about CHAMPs for the first time, 3 of the 4 team members are new this year. In 2022 traveling ANY distance became a physical danger to everyone. Feuding gangs with assault weaponry over-powered Haiti National police in Port au Prince. CHAMPs team physician, Dr. Peterson was shot at close range on his motorcycle 22 mo. ago; another member was carjacked at gunpoint. Everyone survived and recovered. THIS year started differently, as the board was introduced to local medical staff living in Trianon. Removal of these long commutes erased the worry and increased travel risk. And reduced fuel costs proved satisfying too.

Despite CHAMPs Clinic success, (the mountain location has been safer) the continued stories of gang violence, and government chaos are frightfully true. The Dominican Republic had its borders closed for weeks at a time, mostly related to a shared water canal dispute. But that closure has limited food flow across Haiti, and 30% inflation has yielded higher grocery and fuel prices. We recognize the daily stress of staying physically safe AND making ends meet for their loved ones.

The board communicates through WHATSAPP; sometimes several times a week. Each time I hear their stories, I am in awe at their persistence. October 6, Dr. Vania wrote saying she wouldn't be able to get to clinic because of a road block; but said, "That's ok, my husband, (who is also a physician) will be doing the clinic today; it will be covered." This is dedication! With every challenge, they walk as a team, with grace.

Our Haitian team is willing to devote time and commitment, amid chaos and fear around them, I know we can afford to pay a fair wage stipend for their work, plus keep med and supply shelves full. Trianon Vilage now has clean water because of CHAMPs. Help us sustain the continuity of care with our physician, RN, dentist and clinical assistant. year round!

I know it's been a difficult year on all of us in our first-world country financially. I'm asking that you **give from your heart to our REAL CHAMPs in Haiti.** Thank you.

Kay Anderson – President

