

# Humanitarian Mission to Haiti

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# Outline

- Haiti
  - Demographics
  - Health Care Statistics
- Our Mission
- Lessons Learned







# Demographics

- Population: 8,308,504
- Capital: Port-au-Prince - 1,764,000
- Languages: Creole and French
- Ethnicity/race: Black 95%, Mulatto and White 5%
- Religions: Roman Catholic 80%, Protestant 16%





# Healthcare Statistics

- Infant mortality rate: 72 deaths/1000 live births
  - USA: 6 deaths/1,000 live births
- One of eight children will die before age 5
- Life expectancy: 53 years
- Highest prevalence of HIV of any country outside Africa



The logo of St. Francis of Assisi, featuring a bird (the Holy Spirit) perched on a branch, with a cross and a book below it.

# St. Francis of Assisi

- Haiti Committee - Group of concerned parishioners
  - Oversee relations with sister parish, St. Paul's in Leon, Haiti
  - Quarterly donations taken to support this work
  - Supports three medical missions
    - Teams of physicians, nurses, and other volunteers
    - Travel to Haiti to provide medical care for thousands who otherwise would receive no treatment
    - <http://www.sfadw.org/haiti.php>



# Our Mission







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- Mission sponsored for last 10 years
- Medication logistics
- Prophylaxis for healthcare workers
- Voluntary mission
  - Airfare
  - Leave



# Transportation





# Pharmacy – Jeremie





# Village





# School





# St. Paul's, Leon, Haiti







# Accommodations





# Waiting Area







# Hospital







# Pharmacy Team 2006





# Pharmacy







# Patient Counseling







# Countryside





# Outreach







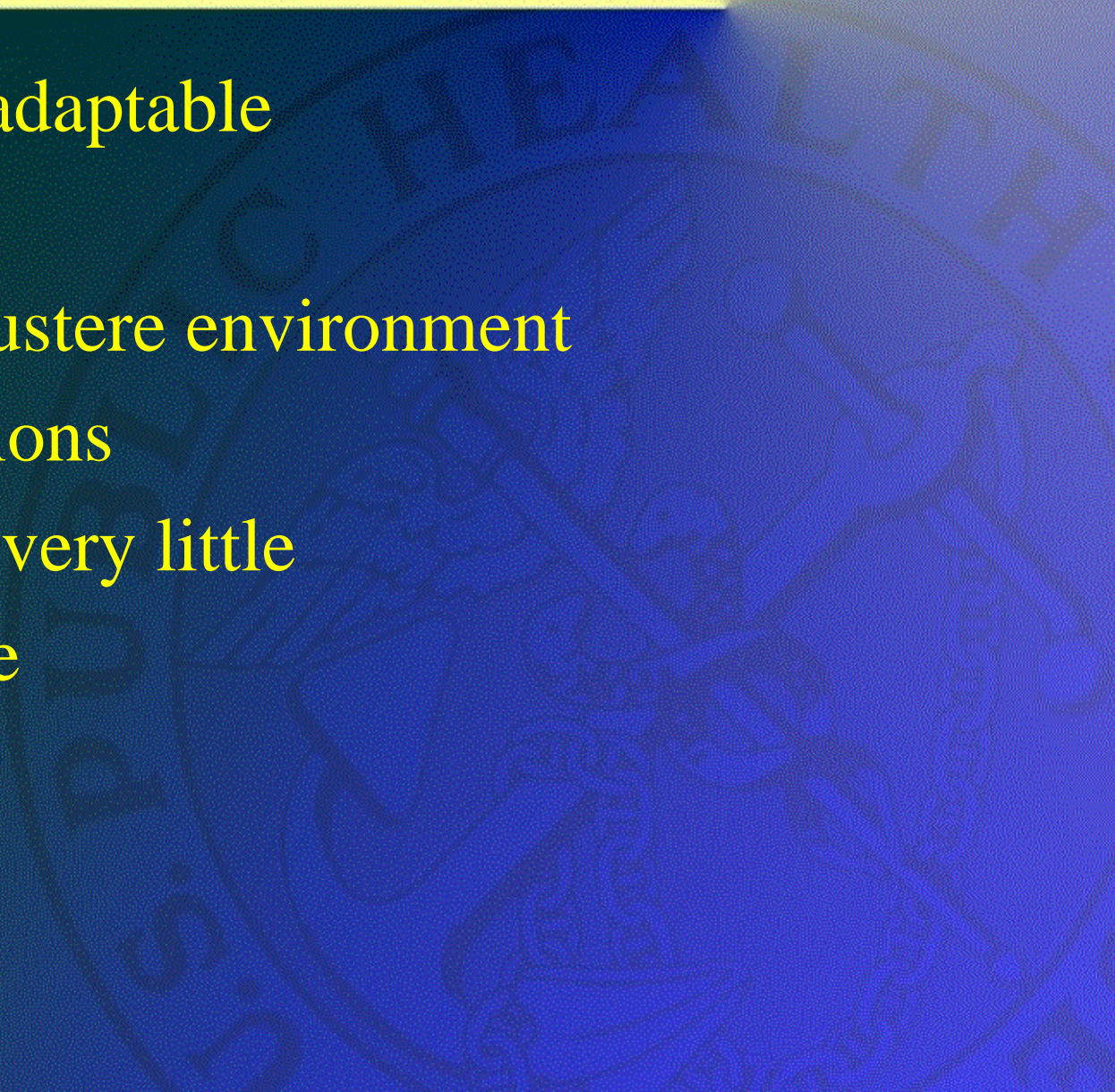
# Treatment Statistics

- Approximately 1300 patients are seen in one week
- Approximately 4000 – 5000 prescriptions are dispensed
- Common conditions
  - Anemia, malnutrition
  - Parasitic and fungal infections





# Lessons Learned

- Flexible and adaptable
  - Resourceful
  - Function in austere environment
  - Control emotions
  - Do a lot with very little
  - Reverse triage
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# PHS Volunteers

- CAPT Bob Ball
- CAPT Leslie Ball
- CAPT (ret.) Frank Nice
- CAPT Rick Niska
- CAPT Tan Nguyen
- CAPT Julienne Vaillancourt
- CDR Jeff Fritsch
- LCDR Betty Hastings
- LCDR Uduak Inokon
- LT Wanda Pamphile
- LT Debra Yeskey



# QUESTIONS?

