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Taking Care of One Another

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As La Gonâve enters the new year, community health staff are energized to support their communities. In keeping with the training plan established by Dr. Lazar, this large group of matrones and ajen sante (community health workers) completed their continuing education at the end of December. This year, the clinic organized a celebration to honor their achievement and service. All staff gathered to share a meal and present certificates.

Head nurse, Aline Dupont presents a certificate as midwives Vilana, Soisilia and Dr. Lazar look proudly on.



Dr. Lazar poses with Matrones and Ajén Sante

Matrones deliver the majority of babies on the island, making them integral to the health and longevity of the communities they work in. Ajén Sante are the hands and feet of the healthcare network, providing the first line of care in rural communities. Ajén Sante and Matrones visit the Health Center every month or two to receive ongoing education and refill their supplies.



Child being weighed in clinic!

The new library and computer lab building in Palma is almost complete! The building received its final coat of paint last week. Next up--laptops and solar!



Freshly painted library and computer lab

A monthly mobile clinic at St. Jean Baptiste Church in Plaine Mapou provided prenatal exams and care for malnourished infants. Nurse Guerdie worked with the local ajen sante to dispense Medika Mamba and teach mothers how to feed their low-weight children with it. The staff once again has access to this wonderful therapeutic food.



Nurse Guerdie Jean Pierre and her driver Timothee on the way to Plaine Mapou

Haitian leadership deftly guided the parish in a productive direction this past year, despite scarcity, inflation, and isolation. We look forward to another fruitful year in support of these 11 resilient communities. La Gonâve Haiti Partners remain committed to overcoming each obstacle and celebrating each success as partners.

Your generous donations allowed us to raise \$67,000 for our Annual Fund! These vital funds provide flexibility to meet the constantly changing situation in Haiti, where costs have increased due to the instability. Your gifts assure that we can continue to teach, feed and treat the people (and their animals) on La Gonave. Follow along on our Facebook or Instagram for weekly updates about La Gonâve in 2025!