A trip to Haiti

MSU nurses collecting supplies for orphanage

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Nurses from Minot State University and MSU alumni will visit an orphanage at Croix Des Bouquets, Haiti, from Feb. 15 to 24. They are seeking donations to buy supplies before their trip.

Members of the Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International will partner with Third World Health and travel to Haiti Feb. 15-24. Local members include nurses Renee Duncan, a
nursing instructor at Minot State University; Melissa Fettig, director of student health at MSU; community nurse Jamie Hammer, associate nursing professor Diane Sjol, and MSU alumni.

According to Sjol, they will work at an orphanage in a small town not far from Port au Prince called Croix des Bouquets.

“We will assess more than 80 children who live there, help them in their bakery and work in their local clinic and a clinic in the mountains,” said Sjol. “There also 500 children who attend school at the foundation and they feed them every day. They are in dire need of every type of medical supplies you can imagine. They go through over 26 bottles of Tylenol and ibuprofen every week… Pepto Bismol, cough medicine, bandaids etc. We only have a month to collect supplies so you will see a pink bin outside of the nursing office with a list taped to it. If you can, please donate some of the supplies we need. We have eight bins to fill. We will also accept monetary donations.

Sjol said people who want to donate can log on to www.thirdworldmissions.org and donate through Paypal. In the spot that says ‘Instructions to seller,’ they should put ‘for Minot Nurses Trip’ or Sjol’s name. When Third World Missions processes the donation, Sjol said the group will send the nurses a check for the full amount so they can purchase the supplies.

People who would prefer to write a check can make the check out to: Third World Missions and mail it to Melissa Fettig, director of Student Health at Minot State University, 500 University Ave. W, Minot, ND 58707

Those who have questions can email Sjol at diane.sjol@minotstateu.edu. She said a member of the group would be happy to pick up items if people have things they want to donate. Those who want to donate should email Sjol the location where items can be picked up.

**Nursing crew will do true good in Haiti**

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Good luck and Godspeed to the members of the Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International who will be traveling to Haiti next month to help provide service to children in an orphanage.

Local members include nurses Renee Duncan, a nursing instructor at Minot State University; Melissa Fettig, director of student health at MSU; community nurse Jamie Hammer, associate nursing professor Diane Sjol, and MSU alumni. They will be helping children in the town of Croix des Bouquets, Feb. 15-24.
Minot and our region see many volunteers in various professions going on relief efforts, mission trips and other service efforts around the country and around the world. This is one of the things that best illustrates the decency, charity and compassion of North Dakota culture. Every person who goes is an ambassador of good will from our community and a hero.

Haiti is one of the most chronically troubled places in our hemisphere, plagued by numerous disadvantages and tragedies. Yes, in the aftermath of some of these events, it is spotlighted and charities raise money and aid is sent in. Sadly, much of that is a waste. Too many charities revolving around Haiti turn out to be less than effective and too many aid efforts are hampered by corruption, waste and the mismanagement that comes from bureaucracy. This isn’t the fault of the Haitian people, who are delightful despite their frequent conditions of horror, but they are the ones who bear the burden of wasted efforts.

Hands-on helping is never a waste and always reaches the right place, the right people. That’s why this nurse-centric effort is so important and so admirable. They need our help and there are several ways to offer assistance. Send an email to Diane Sjol at diane.sjol@minotstateu.edu and inquire about how best to support this most noble effort.