



**HCAS**

HAITIAN CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

## PALTO REPORT 2017

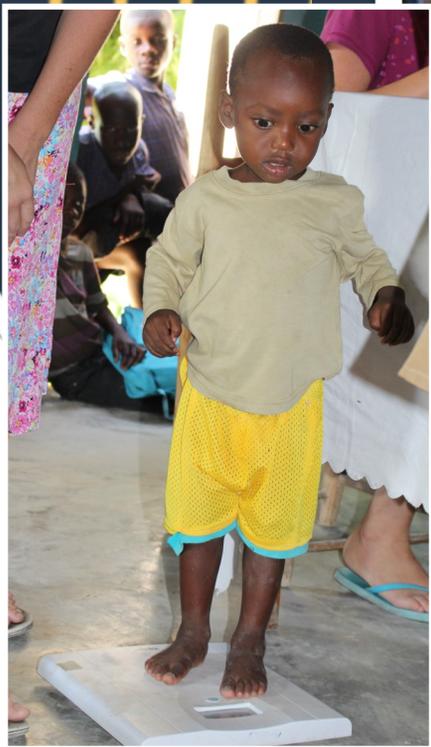
## “ANDEYO”

Palto is a small village considered a zone "andeyo" by all Haitian people. This is to say that it is a remote area where the people of the village often have limited access to the larger towns/cities. Many of them have never been too far outside of their zone. Palto is approximately an 80 minutes from Haiti Children's home and most of the road to get there is dirt/gravel. There is an area where the road washed out so we go through a makeshift route that was someone's garden at one time. The road is very rough and rainy season can make it a difficult journey.

HCAS started working in Palto in June 2014 with volunteer missionaries Melissa and Juanita who administer and run the program at Palto. They go to Palto every other week for the children's program, and once per month for the seniors/special needs program. Three out of Four weeks they go to Palto. In addition to distribution of products, they weigh and record children's progress and provide basic medical care. At this current time Juanita, and her husband Wendy Noel are administering the program as Melissa has recently had a baby. Wendy is a local Haitian and spends his time talking with the people of Palto and connecting with them on a spiritual level in a way the missionaries are not able to. A local nurse, Nunel, acts as a representative in the zone and is there when the programs are run as well. He informs Melissa and Juanita of family situations that are in need of help as well as being solely responsible for distribution of the seniors/special needs program.



We currently have 163 in the children's program. That is not to say that the program does not help more children, but these are the ones who come get weighed and tracked on a bi-weekly basis. We know that when the rice makes it to the home of the children, there are likely many more that benefit from the rice. That's part of the way they live. In the seniors/special program needs we help 77 individuals.



Another mother told us "my child would have died". She came to us with her newborn baby 2 years ago who looked almost dead and now is a somewhat healthy looking 2 year old. Picture Below



In 2017 approximately 550 boxes of Manna Packs and 40 boxes of Medical Grade Peanut Butter for the children's program and 120 boxes of Manna Packs for the senior/special needs program which began in August 2017.

In regards to graduating children, there is a harsh reality to this program. It is on a totally different scale than the programs run out of HCH. In reality, we have successfully graduated one child since the program started. This is because if we would take out/graduate the others, we would see a rapid decline in their situation. We have lost 2 children through death. We have also had to remove a few children due to negligence on their parents' behalf as they would have months where they would not show up for the program.

Thank you to all of you who make this program possible. We could not do what we do without your support. The program has been hugely beneficial to so many individuals and though these names and faces may not be known to many, you have made a difference! May God bless your generosity!



**Juanita with Special Needs program recipient Mikerlange Charles. Mikerlange came to the program in May 2016 weighing 50 lbs at 10 years old, she now weighs 68 lbs.**

**Praise be to God!**

As you can see from the photos, this program has not "fixed" the problems that this zone faces, but has been a tremendous help. There are so many aspects to the hunger problem and dealing with the people and cultural issues that simply giving food does not solve the malnutrition we see. But, we have only been there 3 years and we are only a few people. This program has a lot of potential and by God's grace, we will continue! It has changed this zone a lot but there is still a lot to do!

## “HISTORICAL INFORMATION”

Palto was first brought to HCAS attention in 2014 when then Field Director Shane Trusz paired up with local Pastor Vogly who was from the area and saw a great need. Supplying Manna & Mamba began in June 2014, and 4 drilled wells in Spring 2015 providing clean drinking water to approx. 9000 people.



## “PROGRAM INFORMATION”

**Manna Packs - fortified rice and protein meals. Includes vitamins and minerals in addition to the ever lacking protein from Haitian diets.**

**Medika Mamba - Medical Grade, nutrient dense peanut butter, used in cases of extreme malnutrition.**





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