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Hello to you, our dear benefactors of Saint Ambroise Parish.

Thank you for the support app thank you for the support given to the community of Gaspard it is thanks to you that we were able to relieve misery and make the parish work. The emergency that had to be treated was cholera.

Most of the funds sent were used for this. We were able to pay the clinic employees until January and we gave them a bonus for traveling to Jean-Clair from the team.

The situation in Jean-Clair is quite complicated the need is there for the reopening of the clinic this will require greater planning the nurse who was there before asks me for a higher salary, she asks me for a salary equivalent to 350 dollars per month which is not possible at the moment. I am in discussion with other nurses I hope to find one who can provide services to the clinic even part-time, it will not be possible for every day but the clinic will have to be repaired first. At least 6 people died of cholera in Jean Clair. One died on the yard even when we arrived at Jean Clair on February 10th.

I can't find a nurse in Jean Clair. It must come from elsewhere, this generates additional blows. At the moment I cannot put drugs on Jean-Clair to provide services.

The teachers received three months' salary.

For the Gaspard clinic, we treated 47 cases of cholera and 9 of acute diarrhoea. Cholera cases are not hospitalized at the clinic. We give the necessary care and when it is beyond our control, the cases are transported on a stretcher to the foot of the mountain. We are seeing a decrease in cases it did not rain for much of February. Perhaps thanks to this, there is no spread of the microbe. There is now a serious water crisis. Our cisterns were nearly empty. It's raining this morning, I think they will be filled.

We brought in engineers to study the catchment for repair, but the springs were dry.

We will have to study another source downstream but which cannot arrive by gravity because of a mountain. The other possibility is to dig a bit lower in the same springs which are now dry to see if there is any water. I haven't done it yet because I couldn't afford it.

The chlorine is there to distribute to 100 families. We are making motivations to re-educate people about the need not to consume water coming directly from springs. We do this with the health ministry of the Parish.

It is not yet possible to start buying laboratory equipment because I have to go to Port au Prince for this and the prices are exploding. There are at least 3 gang groups controlling the road to get to Port au Prince. A lab embryo will cost at least \$5,000 now.

The community is always counting on your help and praying for you. I am available for all your questions and you can contact Mr. John for more explanations.

Happy Lent to all of you!!!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R.P. Julio Honoré", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

R.P. Julio Honoré, Administrateur