

Local men have been patrolling around the outside of the clinic property at night for the past couple of years. Early last week, one of the men was stabbed while on patrol. They took him to the hospital in Pignon, but the people there sent him on to the government hospital in Hinche. The distance between St. Raphael and Hinche is about 46 km (25 miles), and it would take at least an hour to drive that distance.

When I saw the picture, I thought the man had been stabbed in the front, but then realized what I was seeing was a major sternum-to-low abdomen incision, and the actual wound was in the left flank. A knife blade can go anywhere, and without modern equipment to do internal evaluations the only choice was major exploration to determine what injuries may have taken place. Whatever was damaged was readily repaired, and the man is doing well. We are grateful that the injury was not more serious.

It would not be surprising if the family had to pay for the fuel needed to power the generators for the operating room. That has happened in the past when there have been major fuel shortages. The prices for gas have been running \$30-35 US, and transport in the night would be exorbitant due to the menace of gangs along the route.

As you might imagine, medical care is terribly expensive. I am grateful to God that He has provided the means to meet this need, for Missionary Flights taking the funds to Haiti so promptly, and for faithful supporters who made the assistance possible.

My last prayer letter mentioned assistance for widows. I am including pictures of some of the ladies who were recently helped by a friend. All dressed up and very grateful!



I trust you have had special times with families and friends this week. May we never forget how blessed we are with all riches in Christ. Thanks for praying!

In our Lord's service,

Dr. Anne