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Wise Regional Health System Sends Relief to Haiti

Decatur, TX - Wise Regional Health System will be taking part in the relief efforts in Haiti over the next few months. The hospital is sending much needed medical and surgical supplies, clothing and personal items, in addition to some hospital personnel who have volunteered their time.

Heading the effort is Sean Gipson, owner of Sleep Specialties who manages the Sleep Studies service at Wise Regional. Gipson has been an active participant with Inglesias Alianza Cristiana y Misionera, a not-for-profit medical Christian Mission effort in Haiti, for the past four years. This mission is affiliated with Hope International Medical Missions (rgvhelpshaiti.com).

“When the earthquake happened, our group already had contacts with the United Nations. They reached out to us to attend to the immediate surgical needs. The earthquake happened on a Thursday and we were there by the following Saturday. We sent a trauma team the first week and have sent surgical teams every week thereafter,” Gipson said.

The missionary medical teams stay in Haiti for one week. Every Saturday a new team goes out and one returns. According to Gipson, the group is booked through the first week in March with medical volunteers. The primary concern is the availability of medical supplies, as it is taking as long two weeks to arrive. The airport in Haiti only has one runway, which allows up to 16 flights per day. The supplies are being left on the runway and there is a difficulty in getting them to where they need to be.

Several Wise Regional staff members will be accompanying Gipson in March to Haiti.

“We are glad to be able to support such an important effort,” said Steve Summers, CEO, Wise Regional Health System. “Our employees have come together in all of our departments to help find ways to assist Mr. Gipson, the Mission and the people of Haiti.”

Wise Regional would like the community to know that it is gathering non-perishable goods and products at its West Campus facility to be delivered to Haiti. With this desperate need, donations of clothing, shoes, home medical supplies such as bandages and gauzes, walkers, wheelchairs, canes, etc. are

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welcome. Also bottled water, mosquito netting, linens, blankets and the like are greatly needed.

Please deliver these items to our West Campus back dock. A tax deductible receipt for the donation can be provided by personnel on the West Campus. Please call 940-626-4095 for the West Campus Security Desk to advise of your donation and to receive an authorized tax deductible receipt.

Also, if anyone in the community is interested in providing other assistance such as directly assisting in this effort, you may contact Sean Gipson via his email address at sgipson@centurytel.net.

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