Background
Thomazeau, pronounced Tom-ā-zō, is a rural community with a population of 52,000 approximately 1½ hour drive northeast of Port-au-Prince. The deforested area to the north-west of Thomazeau is an area called Roman Woods (French: Bois Romain) which has lost all its forests and much of its topsoil over the past 100 years. Farmers still try to grow crops, but many families often go hungry due to lack of water and poor soil. The children are greatly impacted by the poverty conditions with 75% of the population living on less than $2/day. Due to the cost of education, only 20% of children complete 6th grade.

In 2011, Hope for Haiti’s Children (HFHC) began construction of a Hope Center on 21 acres in the Roman Woods area of Thomazeau which now includes an orphanage, a micro-farm, a community water system, Camp Hope facilities, the Thomazeau Eglise du Christ church building with over 200 members, a 22-bed mission team house, and the Thomazeau Christian School. This school currently has 406 HFHC-sponsored children enrolled from preschool to 7th Grade.

The Need
Many children suffer from preventable and/or treatable conditions such as skin and eye infections, minor burns, diarrhea, dehydration, and urinary tract infections. There is no health clinic in the Roman Woods area of Thomazeau and due to the cost of transportation, medical examinations, and medicine, families rarely can afford to take their sick children to the Thomazeau community clinic several miles away.

Licensed nurse Louslande Dorcius, who grew up at the Cazeau Christian Orphanage, is now permanently living at the Hope Center and assisting the Thomazeau Christian School as a nurse. She is educating the children in basic hygiene and disease prevention, following up on medical, dental, and vision cases identified in HFHC’s child care clinics, and identifying children in need of medical attention. With few medical supplies, without a resident doctor, and with no pharmacy, Louslande does her best to treat children in an empty classroom and, when necessary, arrange transportation for the children to go with their parents to see a doctor. Unfortunately, many parents are unavailable during the day as they struggle to provide an income for their family, and many do not own a cell phone. This leaves many children without timely medical care.

The Solution: Hope Center Health Clinic
Plans are completed and capital campaign launched to construct Phase 1 of an urgently needed 960 square foot health clinic at the Hope Center (see reverse side). The clinic will house a doctor’s and nurse’s office, three treatment rooms, a lab, a pharmacy, and an educational room. Staffed by a local doctor, the clinic will significantly aid the school children and will be a huge blessing to the church and community. U.S. medical mission teams will now have a dedicated health facility, providing additional treatment capabilities and a permanent pharmacy.
Funding Plan

Phase 1: Construction of Basic Structure ($100,000)
Target Funding Date: December 31, 2020
Target Completion Date: April 1, 2021 (before school opens)

Phase 2: Medical Beds / Medical Equipment / Lab Equipment / Pharmacy / Medicines / Solar Electrical System / Educational Equipment with Videos ($100,000)
Target Funding Date: September 1, 2021
Target Completion Date: December 31, 2021

Architectural Plan

[Image of architectural plan showing various rooms and spaces labeled with names like Provider #1 Office, Provider #2 Office, Treatment Room #1, Treatment Room #2, Treatment Room #3, etc.]

HFHC Hope Center
Health & Wellness Clinic