



HEALING FOR HAITI FAQ'S

What is the UCCC Teaching Hospital and why is it important?

The Teaching Hospital will be a full hospital with 13 departments. This facility will provide medical care for Caïman and the surrounding region, and serve as the main avenue for the medical and nursing students from the UCCC University to gain valuable clinical experience. Currently UCI's health center is recognized by the Haitian government for its medical, dental, nutritional clinic and extensive laboratory. This is Phase 3 of the teaching hospital that will add a surgical unit that will help the community. It will also provide a safe and secure place for young doctors to learn and practice their medical skills, far from the violence that is taking place in Haiti's South.

What are we raising money for?

We are raising money to expand the current UCI Health Center and take the next step to becoming a fully functional hospital including operating and recovery rooms, offices, and medical storage rooms. This will allow our graduating students to locally do their residency as well as to catch the vision of sharing the healing power of the gospel of Jesus along with the healing power of quality medical care.

Is it wise to build a Teaching Hospital in Haiti during these times of political unrest?

We believe God is calling UCI to make this investment. The ministry is located in rural Haiti where gangs have not been active. Hospitals in Haiti have been concentrated in the South. With the instability, many of these hospitals are not able to function. Investing in the Teaching Hospital is an opportunity to strengthen and unify Haiti.

Why did UCI decide on a Surgical Center as the next step for the Teaching Hospital? Will there be enough surgeons?

UCI has been praying about this surgical center for over 2 years. There have been several affirmations about why Surgery is the next step in the development of the Teaching Hospital vision. We have several surgeons working for the university that have been urging us to pursue this as they will be willing and able to add our hospital to their surgical rotations. We also have seen the toll on community members who have had to travel long distances for surgery or have been unable to obtain surgery due to the unrest in the south where most of the surgical centers are.

Where will UCI find the surgical equipment needed?

UCI has contacted many non-profit missions that specialize in sending medical equipment to developing nations. We have already received a large amount of the supplies and equipment needed for this surgical center.

Why are the operating suites so large?

As a part of the teaching hospital needed for our medical program, the operating rooms need to be large enough for groups of students to watch and experience the surgery.

What is the cost of not raising the money or coming up short?

If we did not embark on this campaign, our local community would either have to continue without life-saving operations or travel excess distances and pay unreasonable rates to receive the medical care they so desperately need. Also, our graduating doctors would be scattered around Haiti in order to complete their residency, meaning more expenses. They also would not receive the extra training to share the good news.

If we come up short, then we will build to whatever amount God provides and wait on Him to provide the rest in His timing.

How much is it going to cost?

We estimate the cost to be \$1,000,000, which includes the building costs and the medical equipment, most of which is being donated or purchased through non-profit organizations.

Who will be contributing to this campaign?

Over 40 churches in Haiti have committed to be in prayer with us during this campaign. They are very excited about what God is doing and how a Surgery Center will greatly benefit the region. The first donor is a UCI employee

of the university that donated 3 months of her salary.

What can I do?

1. Pray – Join us for 40 days of prayer
2. Seek – Tell God you will follow His leadership
3. Listen – Ask how God might lead you in supporting this campaign
4. Obey – Do what God asks – nothing more and nothing less!

How do I use the Pledge card?

The pledge cards allow UCI to financially plan for the money you intend to give, knowing it may not all come immediately. We want to honor how God has asked you to manage and share your resources.

1. Send a pledge card to indicate your commitment to donate before April 30.
2. Return the pledge card with your donation or the first portion of your donation (donations can be made now, in 2024).
3. The pledge card is not required; you can go to <https://ucihaiti.org/healing-for-haiti>, and click on the “Donate” link at the top of the page.

When is the pledge due?

You are welcome to pledge anytime between now and February 15th, 2025. However, after a season of prayer, we will have an official week of collecting pledges and donations February 10-15, 2025.

Does it matter when I fulfill my pledge?

You can fulfill your pledge anytime between now and April 30th, 2025. But for those who have some flexibility in timing, earlier is better than later because the sooner we secure the funds, the sooner we can start construction crews working on the hospital.

What happens if the pledges are greater than the \$1,000,000 needed?

If God were to choose to bless us, we would take the additional funds and invest in more hospital equipment as well as invest in promising young doctors who will carry the UCI vision to the rest of Haiti.

Is there anything I should consider when determining how much to pledge or gift to the Healing for Haiti campaign?

You can start by reviewing the document called “God-directed Giving.” Then pray and ask God about creative ways to give what He is showing you. You might consider cash from savings, a tax refund for this year, or proceeds from a garage sale. Also, consider reducing your expenses or deferring major purchases as a sacrifice to God. Involve your whole family in giving a specific amount. There are many ways to give. Cash, credit card, stocks, or asset donations can be accepted. These gifts can be noted on the pledge form. For questions, you can contact Molly Paulsrud by email at ucitreasurer@gmail.com.



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