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## Local resident launches 10-day mission to Haiti

In 2006, Georgetown resident Eric Doubt found himself in a Jeep with an armed driver winding through the tangled, boisterous streets of Port au Prince on his way to a volunteer mission with Healing Hands for Haiti. Although the scene unfolding before him was completely alien, Doubt had an inexplicable but unmistakable feeling of being where he was supposed to be.

Over the next few years, Doubt returned to volunteer and work in Haiti in the physical medicine and rehabilitation sector learning about the plight, needs and care of the more than 800,000 persons living with disabilities in Haiti. From 2009 to 2011 he was the Executive Director of Healing Hands for Haiti before and after the catastrophic earthquake and during the recovery and rebuilding phase. Since 2011, he has travelled back to work with several other NGOs.

Through the experience, Doubt has been deeply moved by seeing and participating in the care and treatment of abandoned infants with disabilities, isolated elderly stroke victims, courageous amputees adapting to prostheses and many other vulnerable persons living in destitute circumstances

with inadequate medical or social support. According to Doubt, what he witnessed in Haiti was life at the bottom.

A few years ago, this connection led Doubt to a personal initiative to explore and document the many aspects of disability in Haiti and to tell the stories of the persons with disability, their families, caregivers and support groups. Doubt dubbed it ability-haiti.

With a lot of planning, fundraising and encouraging support from friends and family, Doubt and his son, Scott, who is a professional photographer, launched a 10-day exploratory mission to Haiti that took place May 9-18, on the tenth anniversary of Doubt's first visit there. What they witnessed on this trip validates the notion that there is always hope even in the most desperate circumstance. The dedication, love and skills of the medical professionals, caregivers, volunteers and compassionate administrators that put smiles on kids in wheelchairs, create laughter in patients with mental disabilities and a spark in the spirit of those nearly broken by time and neglect, is testimony to humanitarianism at its best.

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