

PT Volunteers needed in Haiti May 12- May 21 and May 19- May 28

My name is Justin Dunaway. Morgan Denny and I are both Physical Therapists and cofounders of a non-profit organization called STAND (Sustainable Therapy And New Development). STAND is a purely volunteer nonprofit organization that puts together interdisciplinary teams of physical therapists, prosthetists, orthotists, general medical, and rehabilitation providers. These teams travel to one of the poorest cities in Haiti, where we have set up an outpatient rehab clinic, prosthetics laboratory, and dormitory for volunteers.



#### **A Snapshot of the Clinic:**

At one table, Sara uses needling and manual therapy to treat low back pain. Meanwhile, Melissa debrides a woman's infected hand, the result of a knife wound treated with oil. Up front, in pediatrics, an infant suffering from a neurological disability is outfitted with an assistive device to help her stand, while Seth treats the mother's UTI. On the terrace, a man's arm is cast while, below, a girl is learning to walk on her new prosthetic leg. Stories like these are repeated in infinite variety all day.

#### **Teams:**

Teams consist of approximately 15-25 professionals and trips last one to two weeks. Our interdisciplinary approach allows us to provide complete care and treat each patient effectively and efficiently in a way that no other group does. We have found manual therapy skills to be highly effective for this population, but we are also looking for variety in our practitioners. This allows us to truly treat each patient to the best of the *team's* abilities. We generally treat from sunup to sundown and then share skills and practice at night. Previous volunteers have coined these trips as both "manual therapy bootcamp" and "personal and professional growth with purpose."

During these trips, we work very very hard and the results are more than rewarding. On our last 2 week trip we treated well over 1800 patients.



**Volunteer with STAND:**

We are currently recruiting physical therapists for the May 12th-21st team and the May 18th-28th team. Volunteer slots are limited! If you are interested in volunteering for this life changing experience or have any questions, please email us at

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Additionally, if you know anyone who may be interested, or have the ability to spread the word about our organization and its current need for volunteers, we encourage you to do so!

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For more information about STAND, check out our website at:

[www.StandHaitiProject.org](http://www.StandHaitiProject.org)

Be sure to check out the 15 min documentary about the project here:

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