

# Medical Report Fall 2022

Our medical director, Dr. Joseph Vento, led the first post COVID medical mission to Jamaica on September 29, 2022 - the day after Ian hit Naples. The team also included 2 nurse practitioners and an assistant. Local volunteers also assisted. They saw 188 patients, many with hypertension, diabetes, asthma, STDs, skin rashes, arthritis, depression. The clinicians checked blood pressure, pulse oxygen, vision and more. Physical exams were performed and when needed mobile EKGs, finger stick glucose test and urine analysis test were performed.

At the board's request, the team visited the Village of Antonio Gabriele where a group of elderly Jamaicans are cared for and housed. It is an inspirational and effective community in the midst of a dangerous area of Kingston. (See article on p..)

In Kingston, the team went to St. Pius and Immaculate Conception in Kingston. This was the first time a team visited Immaculate Conception Church in Stoney Hill area of Kingston. The reception by the community was overwhelming. Patients waited cheerfully to be seen under an outdoor tent - even in the rain. The trip from Kingston to Montego Bay was long and rainy - but well worth it. One day was spent in Seaford Town. It was wonderful to finally be back at Sacred Heart Parish.

The last day of the mission, the team went to St. Mary's Church in the town of Revival about 2 hours from Montego Bay. Franciscans - Father Colin King and Brother John were our hosts. We were happy to be there on the feast of St. Francis. It was a very meaningful mission, and the team is anxiously awaiting the moment when they can head out on their next mission.

