

JAMAICA OUTREACH PROGRAM

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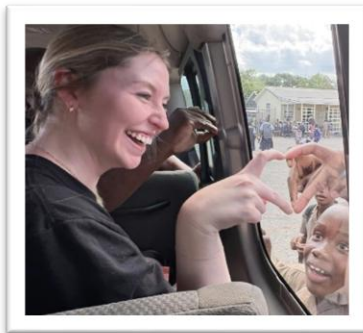
Re: Dental Mission to St. Pius—Kingston, Jamaica; April 14 – 18, 2026

From: Michele LaBasi, MEd, BS, RDH

April 2026 Clinical Team and Jamaican Support Staff



New: Jaden Cohen, RDH (MO), Sashsuana Huslin, DN (JA), Jeevanthy Sadachcharam, RDH (ON) *Returning:* Dr Ernesto Vera (VA), Dr. Vejay Ravindran (NC), Madison Hoffman, RDH (MO), Bella Davis, DA (GA), Camille Savory, RDH (ON), Jhenelle Thompson, RDH (JA), Primrose Francis, DA (JA), Marie Mattai (JA), Rosemarie Warren (JA), Michele LaBasi (OH) *Not in photo:* Dr. Sarah Tibby (JA), Tiara Anderson, DA (JA), Crisette Leon, DA (JA), Keváun Harvey, UTech Dental Student, (JA), Sasha-Gaye Hart, RDH, (JA), Boxer (JA) Total providers/clinicians: 15



Treatments Provided

The April mission was a continuation of preventive, restorative, and surgical care to adult patients, while prioritizing dental treatment for DuPont students for prevention and early intervention.

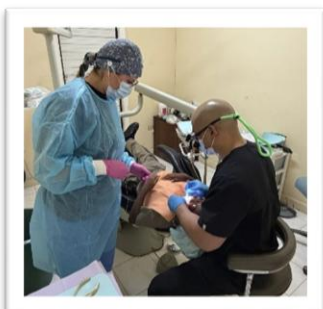
(Photo: Jaden exchanging love with the students upon arrival. They always look forward to seeing us.)

St Patrick's Primary School

The oral health program for St. Patrick's Primary School was repeated for April with an additional 25 students being transported under the guidance of Ms. Amanda Hall, Practical Nurse. These students received cleanings, preventive, and restorative care in the clinic. New to this mission was having two team members, Jeevy and Bella along with Marie provide an oral health program to all the 1st and 2nd graders (195 students).



Jeevanthy Sadachcharam, RDH



Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Ernesto Vera (4th mission) providing the highest quality of pediatric dentistry with the equipment that is available. He normally has more advanced technology at his fingertips but he was still able to provide excellence in his treatment and care of each child as a whole. We appreciate his skills and reliability. It makes a life-long difference.

Bella Davis, DA and Dr Vera

Mobile Dentistry

We made use of the portable unit (*see photo on right*) that was brought down from Seaford Town. The other unit is still in the repair shop. Dr. Tibby / Tiara (*photo on right*) and Maddie, RDH (*left*) were able to see patients in the computer room on different days which helped keep the patient load moving. It was also beneficial to students with sensory issues to prevent overstimulation in a quieter room. Dr. Tibby is a General Dentist in Kingston along with being a dental school professor and dentist for JDF (Jamaican Defense Force).



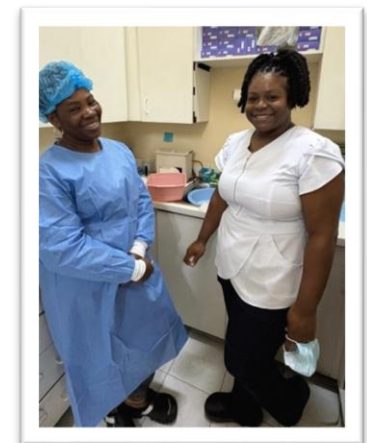
DuPont School Support

Special thanks always to Mr. Gregory Williams for his guidance and to the teachers who are understanding of our interruptions to retrieve children from the classroom. In total, 365 students were seen in the gazebo for the OH Program in addition to the 449 from March completed screening the entire student body. There were 83 students treated in the clinic which includes the 25 from St. Patrick's.

New to this mission was Jamaican Dental Nurse Sashsuana Huslin (pictured at right). She is a Registered Dental Hygienist with advanced training, equivalent to an Advanced Dental Hygiene Therapist in the United States, which permits her to drill, place restorations, and perform extractions. Her contributions were invaluable as we worked to see as many children as possible in the dental clinic and address disease with significant oral-systemic implications.



Also delighted to have Keváun Harvey (*left*) return as an upper classman dental student from UTech in Kingston. It's been a joy to have him participate in our missions while he's been advancing in his studies.



Primrose Francis and Sashsuana Huslin, DN



Dr Ravindran and Camille Savory



Jaden Cohen rotating through Triage

April 2026	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	TOTAL
HYGIENE PATIENTS	26	26	25	77
FILLINGS	14	10	2	26
EXTRACTIONS	23	20	23	66
Exam only, Ref, or Elev B/P	3	1	2	6
SDF and Sealant sites	6 0	0 2	0 0	6 2
TOTAL PTS SEEN	52	49	46	147

Infrastructure and Maintenance Concerns

Same issues as previously reported that need to be addressed asap.

Looking Ahead

At this time, no additional missions are scheduled or in active development.

Support Opportunities

For more information about volunteering or donating tax-deductible dental supplies, please contact:
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Mission in Photos

[2026.4 JOP Dental Mission - St. Pius](#) (click to see album)

The following items are determined to be needed for the next mission:

- Handpieces (new or like new - must work)
- Absorbable sutures
- Monojet 30 ml syringes
- Dry Socket Paste
- Cavit
- SDF
- Fluoride Varnish
- Activa Bulk fill
- Bond
- Dycal
- Bur blocks - new or like new
- Carbide footballs
- Patient bibs
- 2x2 gauze squares
- 4x4 gauze squares
- Nitrile gloves
- Cavicide wipes
- 2.75 or 3.5 x 10 sterilization pouches
- Toothpaste - 1200 ct
- Floss - 1200 ct
- Bags for tb/tp/floss - 1200 ct
- Disposable mirrors - 1200 ct
- Overgloves - 1200 ct
- AA and AAA Batteries - 4 of each
- Toys/stickers/hairbows/pencils/pens/school supplies - *(Can be purchased inexpensively through the school – just need cash)*