

## Maudelin Mesadieu, MD



Dr. Maudelin Mesadieu was born on May 15, 1981 in Mombin Crochu, a mountain town in northeastern Haiti four hours south of Cap-Haitien on bumpy roads. When Maudelin was only 9, he and his 4 siblings suffered the loss of their father to an unknown illness. His mother remarried and had 2 more children (7 in total). The deaths of his father and other community members inspired Maudelin to become a doctor. When Maudelin was 16, his infant brother was badly burned when he fell into hot water. A mission group working in Mombin took his brother back to Tampa, Florida for medical care. When the group

returned with his brother, they got to know Maudelin better and offered to sponsor his higher education. After completing high school in Pignon, Maudelin attended university in Port-Au-Prince, a total of 7 years for combined undergraduate and medical degrees, finishing in 2010. As he returned to his home in northern Haiti, the health department of the Departement-du-Nord suggested he start a clinic in **Ft. Bourgeois**, an underserved area just northwest of Cap Haitien. His chosen location was an old residence on the main road, and he named it **ULS**, which stands for [Unite de Lutte pour la Santé](#), which translates to “unit fighting for health”. Maudelin has also started a clinic in his hometown of [Mombin](#) with extra hypertension and diabetes medicines made available to him at Ft. Bourgeois.

While in medical school, Maudelin met his wife. Their **daughter** was born in May 2013 and their **son** was born in November 2014. He and his family live in Cap Haitien. His wife, originally from Plaisance, attends nursing school in Cap Haitien. Her mother helps with the children while she and Maudelin pursue their careers.

Maudelin divides his time between his clinics in Ft. Bourgeois and Mombin. He **does not own a vehicle**, but transports himself via hired motorcycle. It takes 30 min and costs 25 gourde (53 cents) to travel from his home in Cap Haitien to Ft. Bourgeois. It takes 2.5 hours and costs 500 gourde (\$10.57) to travel from his home in Cap Haitien to his clinic in Mombin. He works weekdays and most Saturdays.

Maudelin receives no money from the government for his services, though he gets some medicine and supplies from the government. His **only source of income** is what his patients can pay. He asks patients for 100 gourde (about \$2.00) per visit, because he needs it to keep going and pay his own staff, but he **never refuses to see a patient** because of a patient’s inability to pay or failure to pay for prior visits.