

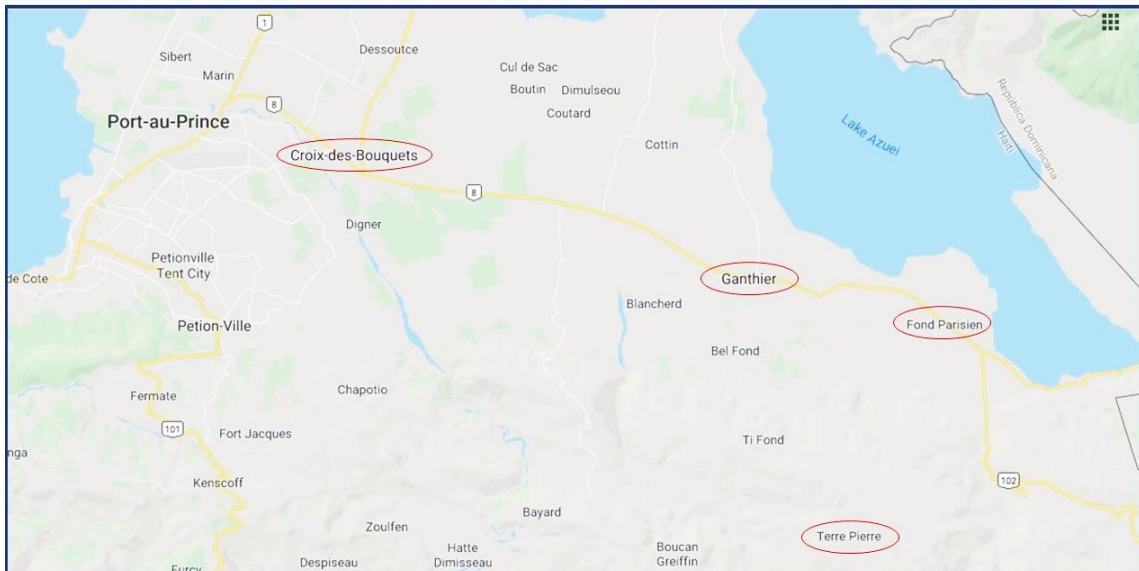
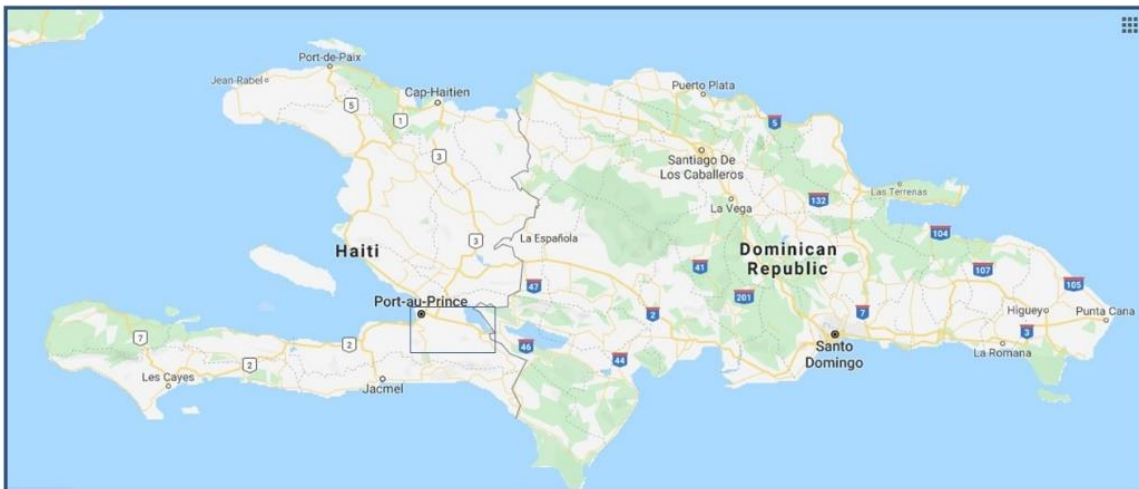
Thelusme Jolius, MD



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This life story was provided verbally by Thelusme when we met on December 6, 2019. I dictated it into my phone in his presence. Haitians use first names and surnames somewhat interchangeably. Addressing someone by his or her surname is commonplace.

Dr. Thelusme Jolius was born on July 15, **1983** in Terre Pierre. To this day, no roads lead to that town. People get around by foot, donkey, and mule.



Starting at **age 9**, Thelusme went to a **boarding school** in Fond Parisian, Monday to Friday (see maps above). It was a **six to eight hour walk** each way. He would walk to Fond Parisian on Sunday, with the food that he would need from Monday to Friday, then return home on Friday. For high school, he went to Ganthier. Still living in Fond Parisian from Sunday evening until Friday evening, he would take a tap-tap to Ganthier each day. He **graduated high school in 2005 at the age of 22**. For two years, he worked at his mission school in Fond Parisian. An American (Pasteur Joe Root) who moved from Saint Marc to Fond Parisien to escape civil unrest under Aristide saw Thelusme studying. He took an interest, learned that Thelusme was unable to afford to go to college, and offered to send him to the **combined MD program at Quisqueya University in Port-au-Prince**. While there, he met his future wife, who was studying nursing. They were **married** in December 2011. Upon **graduating in 2013**, he was told that an internship was available only in Cap-Haitien, and that's why he moved to Cap-Haitien, staying to complete a **urology residency in 2017**. Feeling that there was a lack of respect for nurses in certain parts of Haiti, his wife decided to study another profession, and is now studying civil engineering in Port-au-Prince while living nearby in Croix-des-Bouquets. They have a **son** who was born in December **2017**.

Dr. Jolius became involved with NSVI when we asked for his help in managing a **scrotal hematoma** that developed during the **NSVI mission in June 2019**. By the time the patient presented the problem to our Medical Director, the international doctors had already returned to the United States. Dr. Jolius did such a fine job supporting NSVI's Haiti Medical Director and explaining the options to the family that we asked him to **join us for the December 2019 mission**.

On **November 22, 2019**, a Friday, his wife's period was late, so she got a pregnancy test and it was positive. She started to have some right-side abdominal pain on Saturday, November 23. Thelusme was there at the time, visiting. He called her doctor, but the doctor could not do a sonogram at the time. So Thelusme did the sonogram himself and saw nothing in the uterus. He tried to bring her to the emergency room but couldn't get there because of demonstrators blocking the roads. So, he hired two scooter drivers. They rode to a Catholic hospital. In the ER, another sonogram was done, the uterus was confirmed to be empty, and she was taken right to the operating room. By that time, her hemoglobin had dropped to 8 (normal 12-15). Her bleeding **ectopic pregnancy** was removed. She remained hospitalized for four days and went home on Wednesday, November 27. He returned to Cap-Haitien on Monday, December 2 so that he could catch up with work and be available for NSVI on Dec 5. His wife's sister and Thelusme's brother live close to her and are a good source of assistance, especially with his two-year-old son.

During the mission of Dec 5-8, Dr. Thelusme learned NSV so quickly that NSVI equipped him with the instruments and supplies that he would need to direct a Second Domestic Vasectomy Team in Haiti.

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The following is a resume sent to me by Dr. Thelusme before we met. There are a few discrepancies, but the true value of this version is that they are in his own words without edit. He also adds photos at the end.

Resume Dr Thelusme's Story

I'm from in Ganthier on a village country side situated at the mountains his name is: Pays pourri. (Google Map Pays pourri Ganthier satellite and see).

Situation of this village

Pays pourri is a country side village in the mountains among 5 villages of the Ganthier city close to the border separating Haiti to Dominican Republic. In south east of west Department of Haiti.

14000 people live there in the several community like : Balisage , Pelerin , Bady , Trochert , Bois pin, Gobert , Robia , Carl laleau , Chappelle Diobel . They don't have the road go there, No health care and school, no water pure to drink, the people keep the water from the roof of their houses to drink or walk during 3 – 4 hours to get the water bring it on head, mules or donkey to their house to drink. They are farmer but they supposed to wait raining to make their garden and we used to have more than 3 months without any raining at this time no garden. The people can't write and read. they take 2 days to go the market because they supposed to leave their houses 6 – 8 hours to walk with feet before to sleep on the way and tomorrow take the car to go into the market and do the same thing to come back to their houses .we have many people died by the complication of high blood pressure, Diabetic, infectious disease because they supposed to walk at least 6- 8 hours to go take a car to lead them to the hospital and the car can take about 3- 4 hours to find a hospital in Port au prince. That mean the people afraid to go to hospital when they sick because if the person sick died in port au prince it is a big problem to come back with the body .Also , they supposed to find at least 5 people to bring the sick's person down to the mountains . We have many children orphans because their mother died during the pregnancies with pregnancy's complications mainly eclampsia cause of the walking to go the health care is a big trouble they don't fellow during the pregnancy. By example we can understand my mom has 7 children 4 of them died during the childbirth. it became worst now because the people don't have anything to do to be alive they cut the trees to make charcoal and send it to sell in the city to make money .

My Education

As I am born into a poor family , My family even they don't have money for that , they just try to send me to school on the city where he has a missionary school name Siloe school for mission's name : International Faith Mission (IFM) , my family negotiates with someone in the city to receive me for them , when they have some work to do I can help them , during this time I can Go to school at the missionary school for my primary school and each Friday afternoon after school I walk to my country side , climb the mountains for about 6 to 8 hours with feet to get the food during the week end and come back to the city Sunday afternoon to go to school Monday morning .I did it during 14 years . I started to go to school at nine years old. After I finished my primary school, I could not go to the private high school. I wanted to go on the Government school , but I supposed to pay the bus every day to go to this school God is there for me I find a friend from the same mission decide to pay the bus for me every day during 7 years . And I finish with my high school in 2005. I stay because I could not go to the university, I try to go on the informatics science it was not good for me because to pay it was difficult.

In 2007, I find friend from USA decide to pay the university for me, Doctor Charles and Betty Lyons when Dr Etienne Prophete talk this family about me he do that By Haitian Christian mission. I choose medicine Because I could not see how the people died in my village cause

without doctor and he chooses to pay my medical study during 6 years on Quisqueya university (UNIQ), one of the best university in Haiti and So expensive that I should never imagine that I can go even the dreams on this university. In my last year of my medical school the dean choose me among the best student to go in France for a training and I did choose Infectious disease always in thinking of my village and my city. I did my internship during 1 year at Justinian university Hospital after that I choose to return in my community to do one year of social service free for the people.

After social service I went to the national test for the residency and I choose to specialize in urology and I do it at Justinian university hospital Cap Haitian, the north of Haiti.

In my last year of residency in urology 2018 I had the opportunity to participate on a conference organized by AUA and participate to observe the surgeries in north shore university Hospital and Long Island Jewish hospital /Smith urology Institute with Dr Dixon and Dr Zielgelbaum.

Now , I find a great possibility with Dr Gousse E Angelot and Marie May Lambert Gousse who have a special heart for Haiti , to help these people in the different thing and they create a programs where they take the Haitian resident in their last 6 months finishing their residency for a fellowship in their service Bladder health reconstructive urology institute and I'm the second resident did apply for this fellowship and They choose me to participate and Go back to Haiti just like a possibility where I can help the people with more training , I Already say thank to this family because I see how Haiti is on their Heart .

MY Action for my Village and Goal for my Village and the City

- Since 2005, when I see where I'm and how many children stay and they could not go to school, I did create with the community a school who is name Faith in Good school by the grace of some help from USA friend, now we have only one person who support the children for the school and I find a mission send the food for them. we give everything to the children : books , pen, pencils , shoes , notebooks , even we could not receive all the children because we don't have space , for the school didn't build yet , we have 280 children in the school for now .
- the people with their hands creates some way for motorcycle can go and some heavy trucks can go also but we can't happen everywhere still and if it is raining we could not use it .
- For the health care, my goal is to put a primary care center in the mountains where we can help the people in the primary care and the midwife to help with the pregnancy and can do the same thing for another village in the mountains who is name marre Roseau who has the same problem with my village and the almost the similar size of the people.
- We can have also a community hospital in the city with ambulance available who can go near to them we able to if they are someone sick into this 2 villages and the other 3 villages in this city (Ganthier)
- Promote the education in health to see if we can reduce the number of death in this community and to have also an amelioration of their life.

- Build the school to receive more children have voluntary to go to school. For I don't know how many do like me and in the different sciences who stay in the community, but because no school we could not see them.
- I'm still ready to help this Haitian people mainly in my village where their situation is so bad the others villages that I have visited who are on the same situation with mine and still now, all my family include mom and dad live on this village.
- I thank God who still put someone on my way since I did child to help me, I hope I will find the possibility also now to share the things and my knowledges to help this country .Haiti in starting by my village .

Thank you !

Jolius THELUSME Medecin Resident PGY4 at Justinian university Hospital In
Fellowship in Bladder health reconstructive urology Institute (BHRIU) with Dr Angelo E & May
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One class is working at Faith in God school in Pays pourr



The way the people used some road they create with their hands



View of The one community in My village the name is Diobel

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Faith in God School Destroyed after Hurricane Mathew October 2016 , in my community village's name Pelerin



The way the people cook in My village



The children from Faith in God school come to meet me where the car can happen to bring their materials school we will share to them in The mountains