

HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti

Winter 2006



We wish everybody a Happy New Year and all the best wishes for 2007!!



Container arrived at HBS

On 7 November 2006 our shipping container arrived in Limbé, Haiti. As the truck drove in the yard a lot of people showed up to help and unload the container. They formed a line and the container was unpacked in a matter of hours. Everything was put in a warehouse and from there it was all distributed to the correct departments. We have already received enough medical supplies to fill and ship another container once we can raise the funds to do so. We want to specially thank everybody that contributed towards this project.



Kai Mira



All the children in Kai Mira were very happy as they received all their new supplies when the container arrived. New mattresses, chairs, lots of toys and clothes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towels and dishes. Now all their beds have nice new mattresses and the children have many more toys to play with. Yesel Kim, a volunteer from South Korea, spends a lot of time caring and playing with these children. The difference in these children is marked from their ordeal this past summer; they all are much happier and smiling all during the day, looking much healthier. Joanna has been

also spending a lot of time playing with them. This past week, before Christmas, there was another handicapped child left in the waiting room at HBS. This boy of 5 years has been very much neglected, with his limbs atrophied from lack of exercise. He is in desperate need of dental care.



Thanks to all of your financial help to keep the hospital open we are able to continue to take these children in and care for them.

Anne Marie



November 12, was a bright sunny day. Anne Marie walked outside, putting a bucket on her head, walking to the local spring to get water. It was almost noon and soon the family would be coming home for a meal. She lit a fire under a large kettle placed upon three large stones. Once the fire was started, she stood up to get some rice but fell backward striking the pot of hot water which then tipped over, scalding her shoulders and back. The extent of her burns made it imperative that she seek medical attention so she was taken to Hôpital Bon Samaritain in Limbé and admitted.

That first week she received antibiotics, pills for pain and daily dressings. After the first week the pain had subsided requiring only daily dressings of Vaseline saturated gauze. It took many days for her wounds to heal, but she said she is grateful to get help in her time of need. The doctors required that she stay in the hospital until her wounds healed. Patients with extensive burns often die from losing too much fluid and blood or infections. Every effort was made to protect her

body and keep her healthy and well nourished. She will continue to need to have daily dressing until there is complete healing.

Her stay in the hospital will be costly but her body needs to heal before she can go home. Anne Marie's will not be able to pay for the entire cost of her care just like many others. To continue to minister to the "least of those" we must beg for help from those who can afford to give. Will you please help?





Diabetics

As most of you know we have a free diabetic clinic with more than 150 patients that come in every day to get their blood sugars checked and their much needed insulin shots. The hospital provides these services free because these patients are indigent and unable to pay for the insulin and testing. At the beginning of the each year we order insulin and tests for the year. We need to raise the funds to be able to do this and keep this clinic open to help these patients.

Please help us to buy the insulin to help the patients in this clinic. We will order 1000 vials of insulin and blood glucose test strips, which with the increase of prices for 2007; will cost us about U\$ 12,000.00. If you would like to donate towards this project and help these diabetic patients please indicate this in your memo on your donation check. With your help we can keep this clinic open and save these peoples lives.

This past year we had some low points but there were also positive happenings for which we are very thankful.

We give thanks:

HBS is still open and functioning, providing hope and badly needed medical service to those in need.

Emmanuel was a child that we took into Kai Mira several years ago. He had been adopted by a family of an HBS volunteer from Canada. After years of waiting for paperwork to go through, we are very happy to hear that Emmanuel finally arrived safely December 19th, able to celebrate Christmas and New Year in Canada with his new family!!



We were able to have volunteer technicians that set-up our new X-Ray machine. It took some time to get all the parts together to mount it, as we have limited resources in Haiti, but it all worked out and it is up and running. We would like to thank all of you that helped towards this project!!



Having a lot of volunteers to help us continue this wonderful work in Haiti. For the UN contributing and donating food and medicines for our Kai Mira children. We need all the help we can get.

We are grateful to you who help so much to aid in the work of the hospital with your prayers and donations. At years end we are sending out a special plea as the expenses have been far greater than usual his year, with increasing costs here in Haiti of medicines, food and fuel. The message that Christmas brings is to change chaos into order, hate into love and darkness into light. May all our efforts make a difference this coming year 2007.

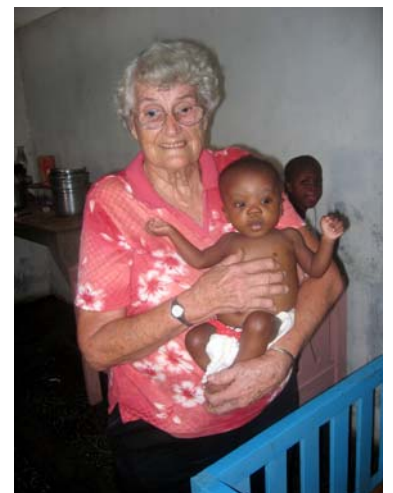
Could you too be a Good Samaritan and help us with this on-going task of caring for those who work and live in this little rural town of Limbé in Northern Haiti? Gifts such as yours will help to stretch our compassion a bit further and to offer "hope" so that more people like Anne Marie can be cared for. We are often overwhelmed in the daily clinics with the many problems that each day brings.

Please send your much needed donations to:

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We wish everybody a very Happy New Year. May the new year bring lots of blessings.



Joanna Hodges with orphan