



HBS Newsletter

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Limbé, Haiti



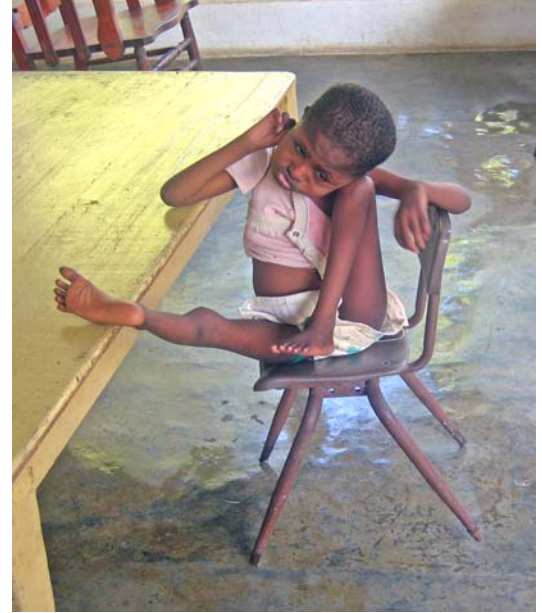
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Meet Ruth, one of our Kai Mira Children

Ruth is about 9 years old. She is a beautiful girl. Ruth has a development delay and her muscle mass is nil. She can walk with help but sits most of the time with one of her legs folded up to her chest. At times she is affectionate towards some of the other children but does not really play. She enjoys being tickled and can give you a beautiful smile. She loves candy and balloons and has a good appetite. Feeding herself is hard as she needs help to hold the spoon.

Ruth is one of these children that were being taking care of by a foster parent. At a certain time she was losing too much weight and the foster parent was no longer able to provide for her.



HBS needs help so that we will be able to continue to care for these children where nobody else can.

Please help these children receive special meals to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Bibles for Haiti



The Bible project was started many years ago by Joanna Hodges with contributions from Churches and individuals. This year we received a generous donation from our friends in Canada to buy 3 cases of Bible Story Books. Once Joanna started to distribute the Story Books the word spread fast and a lot of people wanted to receive one. The Haitian people really like these books and share them with their family and friends to spread the word of God.

Over the years, HBS, with the help of generous donations, has been able to reach out to many of the patients and their families with Bibles and Story Books.

If you would like to donate towards this project please indicate this in the memo of your check.

We are very grateful for these gifts.

Thank you!



Student Nurses from Roi Henri Christophe



Several times a year we get student nurses from this school in Cap-Haitian, Haiti. They spend about 2 months at a hospital to complete their rotation and graduate. This rotation we received 5 student nurses.

Luevin



He is a 2 week old baby in Kai Mira whose mother died in childbirth. His family brought him to the hospital for care as they do not have the money or means to care for him at this time. He is doing fine taking the bottle but gifts are badly needed to buy the needed milk supplies for this little one. It takes a lot of formula and powdered baby milk to feed a small boy like this.



Micheline

Micheline is a very thin, 21 year old young girl from Bois Chene, who was admitted to the hospital with cellulitis of her left leg below the knee. Cellulitis is a common infection of the lower layers of skin and the areas underneath the skin caused by a bacterial infection. Anyone may develop cellulitis, however, people whose immune systems are weakened for any reason are at highest risk.

When she came in, her leg was badly swollen, so she was given IV's, daily shots and dressings. As the leg was infected, the dressing changes were very painful. Her father, Pierre, brings her food and comforts her when she undergoes the dressing changes. Her Mom is at home with her 4 brothers. She also cares for Micheline's 2 year old baby girl.



The family is very poor and Micheline is one of the many people who need daily medical care and is unable to pay for it.



Your Help is Really Needed



This year we created a special Indigent Fund to help patients like Micheline.

In Haiti, patients wait much longer than average to come and see the doctor as they either don't think it is that bad or don't have the financial ability. This is why a lot of cases are much worse then they ever would be here in the US.

Gifts to the HBS Indigent Fund help to underwrite the care of indigents like Micheline.

Please keep us in your prayers!

We wish you all and your families a
Happy Thanksgiving!!

