



HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti

Summer 2007

More patients helped during surgery in April / May 2007

In the months of April and May we were fortunate to have two more surgical teams from the US at HBS. The first team arrived the last week of April, led by Dr. Donald Lambert from New York. The second team was headed by Dr. John Brusky from Wisconsin. Between the two groups, they performed over 100 surgical procedures, helping many patients who would have not been so fortunate. Many thanks to the members of the Surgery Teams.



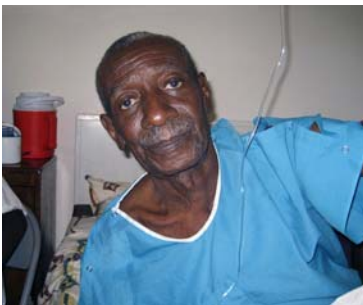
Cassandra

Cassandra was born with a cleft lip. She is 2 years old and has a twin sister but her sister does not have any deformity. The girls are very pretty. When the word came over the radio, that a surgical team was coming who could do cleft lip surgery, her mother brought her to the hospital. The next day after surgery her lip was still a little bit swollen. She had to come back after a week to take the stitches out. Her mother and cousin were delighted to have her receive the operation and now she can have a lovely smile just like her twin sister.

A week later she came in for a check up with her twin sister. Her parents were so grateful for the operation and were delighted that she is doing so well. With the stitches out, the lip is healing quite nicely.



Decius



This man had a hernia repair and hoped that he would be released soon. After the operation the doctors said that they would wait for him to urinate on his own before they would discharge him. Decius is 72 years old and has been consulting at HBS for many years. The next day,

Decius was able to urinate and was allowed to return home.

All of these patients of various ages were very grateful to accomplish their surgery here in Limbé, close to where they live and be able to have their families be there to care for them.



Mme Tony

Mme Tony has worked for many years at HBS on the medical wards. She has been worried about a growth on her neck which was diagnosed as a thyroid tumor. She scheduled for surgery in May. The surgery was successful and she

was very happy that the surgeons removed the large tumor. When she was able to return to work, everyone was very glad to see her. She is one of the better nurses when it comes to placing IV catheters.

Food for Kai Mira



In June a large truck from the UN (Nepal Soldiers) came into the yard filled with provisions for the kids in Kai Mira. They brought boxes with corn flakes, cookies, crackers, cake mixes, jelly, soup, oil, chocolate milk powder, rice, sugar, oatmeal, etc. Joanna and Shawn helped the Nepal soldiers unpack these supplies and put them in the depot. They have been coming on a regular basis and we are very thankful that these soldiers are so thoughtful of the children of Kai Mira. Thanks to them, the Kai Mira children enjoy a different variety of foods and have afternoon snacks of crackers or cookies.

Thank you!!!



Joanna and the Nepal Soldiers unloading the truck

Volunteers for this summer

Before it gets to be summer we always receive many requests from students that would like to volunteer during their summer break. This year we have medical and pre-medical students to help us and learn about healthcare in Haiti. Anne Polick, a first year medical student and Joani Christensen, a pre medical student were the first ones to arrive. Anne has already completed her internship and was most helpful in the clinic working with Jonas, helping to take blood pressures, weighing patients and assisting medical personnel.

The volunteers help in the clinic, the pharmacy stockroom and they often come and enjoy playtime with the Kai Mira orphans at 4 PM each day. They receive Creole lessons 3 times a week to be able to better understand the language.

Anne said that she had a good experience here and would recommend it to anyone who is interested in volunteering. Joani is planning to stay for awhile; it is always good to have volunteers help out in the daily tasks of caring for the sick.



Dr. Charles Manuel who was with us for many years is presently at HBS writing procedures and working with Shawn on programming. We are very happy to have him. Scott Prentice, Lauren Takehana, Adam Asghar, Emily Pearce have also volunteered this summer. Many thanks to all these young people.

Cuban Medical Team



This summer we received a visit from a team of Cuban specialists consisting of doctors, nurses and medical technicians. They spent the day at HBS assisting the medical staff, consulting patients, and spending time with the children in Kai Mira. They were very glad to be able to help and are planning to return every month to give us a hand. We are very thankful to have all these kind people give their time and help.

New Microscopes for the laboratory



We are very glad to let you know that we were able to purchase new microscopes for the laboratory because of very generous donations towards this project. We just received the new microscopes here in Lake Worth. They came all the way from Germany and are now ready to be shipped to Haiti. We would like to thank everybody that donated towards this project but a special thank you to Mr. James Inman for his large gift which made it all possible. Now we can continue to help many, many more people. As you all know we need and appreciate all your help.

Joanna

Joanna is presently in Florida completing a series of medical tests. She has had appointments with a number of doctors so she could get a complete check up. We are very glad to let you know that all the tests show that she is in very good health. She is a very strong lady at her age of 84 and we are very happy she is still doing so well. The hospital would not be the same without her.

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