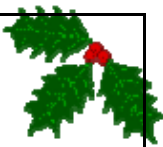




# HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



Winter 2007

## Merry Christmas



### Daslen

Daslen is a peasant from Camp Coq, a small town 7 miles south of Limbé, who was admitted to the medical ward after the doctors, removed a huge pikan (wooden thorn) from his foot. He had been up the mountain to his garden to tie his cow to graze. As he was climbing down he stepped on this thorn and it pierced right through the sole of his foot. Sometimes the peasant farmers dig holes and place the spiked thorns on their land hoping to prevent thieves from entering into their gardens to steal the crops.



Because he did not come to the hospital for 5 days, his foot became badly infected and quite swollen. He had to have frequent dressing changes and gets daily shots of antibiotics for the infection. He will be in the hospital for quite awhile until his wound heals.



### Marlene

Marlene was admitted to the hospital because she had difficulty breathing. She was diagnosed with Tuberculosis so she will be here for awhile. She was put on IV's, oxygen and given antibiotics. After 2 weeks she was doing much better. She was taken off the oxygen, and was even able to eat a little bit of food. Her mother and sister helped care for her. She is just another of the many who come here seeking care and are so grateful that the hospital is here to offer them hope.

### Food for the Tuberculosis Patients

We currently have over 70 registered TB Patients.

Every month a truck arrives with food supplies for our TB patients. HBS receives free food supplies from the UN World Food Program. They bring sacks of rice and beans, and oil which will be distributed to the TB patients enrolled in our care program. This means that the patients enrolled in our care program benefit from the free medicines and care from our free clinic to treat their TB, but also get month's supply of basic food provisions. We



are always glad to have outside help to provide for all the people that really need it.

We do get help to provide them with food and medicines but we need your help to be able to continue our free program to keep the TB under control.



We would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Please keep us in your prayers and may the next year bring continued health, hope and the pursuit of happiness.

We receive a lot of notes from all of you supporting HBS thanking us for the work we do in Haiti and spreading the word of God. It is because of your help, either through volunteerism, material donations but especially the financial support, that we are able to continue this work in Haiti. We therefore would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support!



## Kai Mira Thanksgiving Mealtime

On November 29 we were able to provide the Kai Mira children with a very nice Thanksgiving meal thanks to your generosity. The children were very excited. The cooks spent hours in the kitchen preparing the meal. They made turkey with stuffing, rice, mashed potatoes, a red sauce, lemonade and a very nice cake for desert.



All the girls got beautiful dresses and a nice colored band in their hair and the boys, nice shirts and pants. Once the children were dressed up and the table was made it was time to sit down. The children were so excited that they could hardly wait.

Then finally time to eat. They were all very happy and we would like to thank you for donating to the Kai Mira fund to make this happen. It was wonderful to see them so happy all at the same time. Please continue to help so we can do this again for Christmas and give them something to look forward to.




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