

HBS Newsletter

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Joanna's 50 year celebration at Evergreen Baptist Church SGV

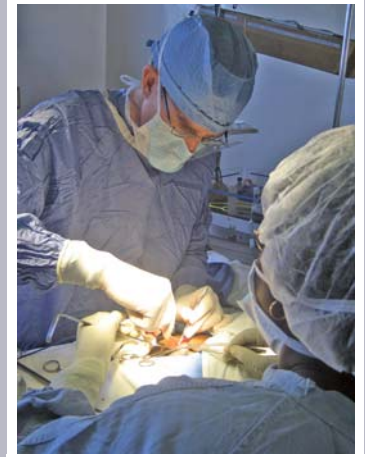
William and I were sent out as medical missionaries to a small clinic in Haiti by the Evergreen Baptist Church of San Gabriel Valley in 1958. Last year in April the Hodges family celebrated their 50th year in Haiti as most of you have read in the special 2008 Spring newsletter. The Evergreen Baptist Church SGV invited me to come to California for a special 50th anniversary celebration. It was wonderful! A lot of people came and it was a joy to see former volunteers and the many people that continue to support and believe in HBS. They had collected donations and presented them to me in a beautiful small box with a red bow. A large cake was baked and decorated. I spent one month in California and was wined and dined.

The Evergreen Baptist Church SGV has continued to support HBS over all these years through donations and by sending over 30 volunteers. I really enjoyed my time in California and want to thank the Evergreen Baptist Church for this wonderful celebration!

Joanna Hodges

Surgery 2009

This year four surgery teams with different specialties are scheduled to come to HBS and perform one week of surgery. The first two weeks of surgery were conducted the third week in January and the third week in February and were very successful. These two teams were led by Dr. Twidwell, an Urologist from Minnesota. The group in January had general surgery, gynecology and urology and the group in February urology and gynecology. They were able to help many Haitian men and women.



In April a group led by Dr. Brusky from Milwaukee will be coming to HBS and in May we have the team of Dr. Lambert from New York. We are very glad for their yearly contributions to provide these services that the Haitian people so badly need.

Christella

Christella, a 6 year old girl, came to the hospital right before the end of the year. Her mother brought her in because she had cut off one third of her middle and ring finger. Christella's mother had left her at home with family while she went to church. Upon returning home she found that Christella had cut herself, while in the process of peeling a breadfruit. Christella and her mother came to the hospital in such a hurry that they both arrived bare foot. The doctor sutured up both



fingers and left a needle sticking out of one of the fingers to let it drain. She was given antibiotics, pain medicines and a tetanus booster. Her family had no money to pay for the medicines or have x-rays taken. After a couple of days she had a follow up appointment to have her dressing changed. This time they were both wearing shoes.

Because Christella's family had no money she was put through our system as an indigent patient. Our Indigent Fund will pay for her bills. If you would like to help patients like Christella please donate towards this fund.

Street Painting Festival Lake Worth



The weekend of the 21st of February the City Lake Worth held their annual Street Painting Festival. Over 500 artists participated and turned the pavement of downtown Lake Worth into a temporary outdoor showcase of original and reproductive art. The artists decide what they want to paint and submit their pictures or drawings ahead of time. On Saturday morning they get assigned a place and are provided with the chalk. The streets come alive during the weekend and about 150,000 people visit it. Paul's daughter, Zuleika Hodges, participated this year for the third time. She picked a beautiful picture of a young Haitian girl that was made by one of our volunteers and reproduced it onto the street. She did a very good job and a lot of people were very impressed. We put a basket with our HBS brochure next to the painting and lots of people took one. It is good to be able to share with people the wonderful work HBS does in Haiti.



Ti Marlo



Desronvil Clairvincent (Ti Marlo) is 14 years old and loves to play soccer. He was playing soccer one day and when chasing the ball he fell and could not get up anymore. He was brought to the hospital and after making an X-ray it was concluded that he had broken his right leg. It was a compound fracture which is why he was put in traction and is very restricted in what he can do.

These are some of the children that are in the hospital for awhile and we give them the toys and books that are so generously donated by many of you.

Donate Online with Paypal

There have been many of you that have asked in the past if we accept donations online. Well we are glad to let you know that we have set up an account with Paypal for non-profits and that we are now able to receive donations online either through a Paypal Account or any other Major Credit Cards.

To be able to donate online please visit our website at www.hbslimbe.org. Click on the donors tab that will bring you to the page where you will find the DONATE button. We hope that for some of you this will be more convenient.

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