



HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



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Happy Thanksgiving!



Reese Bonsam & Luvens Louis

These two children from Kai Mira are always seen together. They are quite a hit with everyone they meet, eliciting attention from staff, patients and volunteers alike. Luvens has been with Kai Mira since September of 2007, and recently celebrated his 2nd birthday. He was born at home, but his mother passed away in childbirth. He was brought to the hospital by a distant relative shortly after because they did not have the means to care for him. HBS agreed to care for Luvens until arrangements could be made by the family, but they never returned. He has since been a member of Kai Mira.

Reese Bonsam was abandoned at the hospital in November of 2008. He was malnourished, covered with open sores, and we estimated his age at the time to be one and a half years old. He has since recovered from malnourishment and his sores have healed. He has now become fully integrated into the HBS community. Reese and Louis, along with Guivenson, will be the first inhabitants of the completed 'Hodges House.'

Note from Katherine Choi

(Volunteer August-November 2009)

I decided to volunteer at Hôpital Bon Samaritain because I wanted to see how the health care system in Haiti differed from that of Canada. The people have been extremely accommodating, and made me feel welcome from the start. The nurses let me watch medical procedures, the doctors allowed me to sit in on consultations and observe surgeries, and I learned how to take X-rays. I even learned how to cook some Creole dishes from the ladies in the cafeteria.

The children in Kai Mira have provided me with one of the most rewarding experiences that I've ever had. I was very lucky to have met both Joanna and Shawn Hodges, without whom my stay would not have been as enjoyable. It was also great to meet the 'repeat' volunteers, who demonstrate the spirit and draw of the hospital.

HBS is to be commended on its good work, and for providing this much needed service to the people of Haiti. I hope to return here when I finish medical school, as it has been an incredible experience.



Thanksgiving meal for the Kai Mira Children

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family!! We were very pleased as we received funds for the Kai Mira children and were able to give them a Thanksgiving party. Joanna, Shawn and Katherine were there to help prepare and celebrate with them. They blew up balloons and helped them eat.



Yolette and the other cooks spent hours in the kitchen to prepare the Thanksgiving meal for the children. They made rice, mashed potatoes, a vegetable sauce, turkey and lemonade.



All the children were dressed in new clothes that were generously donated by many of you. They were impatiently waiting for the savory turkey meal to be served.



And then it was finally time to eat. They were all very excited and enjoyed the delicious meal.



Thank you all so much to make this happen by continuing to support us and our good cause.

Please continue to donate as we are having a difficult time keeping up with the monetary needs in Haiti.

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