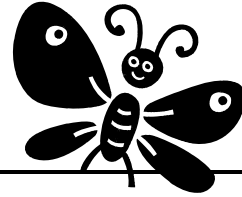


HBS Newsletter

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Limbé, Haiti



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Youseline,

Youseline is a 5 year old girl who is in her first year of school. On her way to school she found a packet of matches, picked them up and put them in her pocket. During recess, she reached into her pocket to play with them. She took one, struck it and when it burst into a flame she was surprised and dropped it. The burning match fell on her dress and ignited the dress immediately. Suddenly she was enveloped in flames and screaming. Everyone came running to help put out the flames.

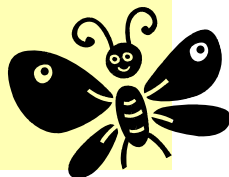


When she arrived at the hospital the whole front of her body was charred. They told the family to wait until the doctors could remove the burnt skin and dress the wounds. Every day they change the dressings on her wounds. She now resides in a private room with a mosquito net around her to keep out contamination from flies, etc. Each afternoon during visiting hours, her family and friends come to visit. HBS has been successful in treating burns like this. It is a very painful procedure, but the results are usually good. However it is needful to have daily exercises to keep the legs supple. In this picture the nurse is showing the father how to bend the leg slowly so the muscles will stay flexible. Youseline is so happy that she got a doll from the nurse to play with.

Please continue to send your badly needed donations to keep the hospital open for the Limbé people.

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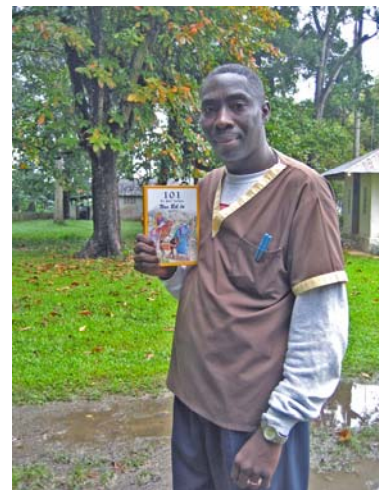


More Bible Story Books!



This past year we received yet another very generous donation from our friends in Canada to purchase 3 cases of 101 Favorite Stories of the Bible. The Bible Story Books are written in Creole and have beautiful pictures in them. The Haitian people really like these Bible Story Books and share them with their friends and family. They are passed out to our patients as well to our staff at HBS.

If you would like to donate towards this worthy project please indicate this in the memo.



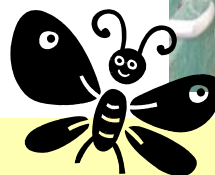
Update on Hodges House



Jim and Marg Brickman from Canada returned to HBS this year for one month to volunteer their services. Marg spent most of her time helping in the office and Kai Mira orphanage while Jim worked to help rebuild the Hodges house. Together with Shawn Hodges they demolished the ceiling, chiseled out walls in order to put in electrical wires, replaced about 1/3 of the roofing and redid the plumbing in the bathroom. They also replaced a lot of wood as the house had been infested by termites.

They made a lot of progress but there is still a lot to be done. The electrical work needs to be finished so the lights and fans can be installed. The house needs to be painted inside and out, the fixtures in the bathroom need to be replaced, the ceiling tiles installed and repairs made of doors and other carpentry. Please keep donating towards this admirable project so we can keep working on this and finish it. As we make progress we will keep you updated.

Our first candidate for the house, Guivenson, comes out and inspects the work daily and is thrilled to know that this will be his new home.



Surgery in April and May



In April, a surgery group led by Dr. Brusky and in May, a surgery group led by Dr. Lambert came to HBS. They were very busy and successful, performing many needed surgeries. In April during surgery week, a little girl by the name Jasmine was brought in with a very bad stomach ache. The surgeons determined that she had a ruptured spleen and needed surgery immediately. The operation was successful and her life was saved. Thanks to the members of the group that donated monies to the Indigent Fund which made this possible. We really appreciate their generosity!!



Joanna in Haiti



After her trip to California in November, Joanna wanted to spend Christmas and New Year with her family in Florida. After the New Year she was feeling very good and decided it was time for her to go back to Haiti. She was very excited to be seeing the children in Kai Mira and bought lots of candy for them. Starting the month of January we had a lot of volunteers coming to HBS and they are always interested in meeting Joanna. She went to HBS mid-January and had a great time talking to all the patients, playing with the children in Kai Mira and passing out the Bible story books.

She came back to Florida in early April to celebrate her 86th birthday and returned to Haiti several weeks ago. As you can see she is very strong and we are all very happy that she is doing so well.