



# HBS Newsletter

## Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



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### Change of Physical Address!!!

Due to the rising costs in Palm Beach County, we are relinquishing the office in Lake Worth, FL. From now on, please ship material donations to:



HBS Foundation, Inc.  
13484 Sand Ridge Rd  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

Our **mailing address** remains the same.

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HBS Foundation, Inc.  
PO Box 1290  
Lake Worth, FL 33460

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**Woodlyn**

Megan a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student volunteer from Portland, Oregon was working in the clinic when one afternoon a young boy was brought in with many head wounds. Woodlyn lives with his grandmother in Port Margot, wandered off and was hit by a car. Megan was able to sew up the head wounds on Woodlyn, a total of seven, front and back.

After being hospitalized, his sister was not able to stay with him so Megan dropped in every 4 hrs to make sure that he got his medications. She would see that he got bathed and fed. He was given new clothes from donated supplies. Every afternoon she would take him outside in the afternoons to watch the older boys play soccer.

We gave him some cookies and a nice toy car. It seemed he liked the little car even better than the cookies.



**Narilia Jean**

Narilia Jean is 49 years old, pregnant and suspected of having Tuberculosis. As such, extra precautions had to be taken and she was isolated from the rest of the ladies in the Maternity Ward until tests could be done. She was previously in a TB program but did not follow the program rigorously so was not cured. After the tests were done to confirm that she was still active TB, she was placed in the TB program at the hospital. She will have to take medication every day for 9 months but she will benefit from the food program that works alongside the TB program in which she will receive rations of rice, beans, flour, and oil once every month. She was soon sent home but will have to come back regularly to the TB clinic for medication and follow ups. Thanks to all of you who support HBS, she is going to pull through.





## Volunteers

This summer we had two 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students from Portland, Oregon volunteer their time. Chad and Megan spent approximately 3 months at HBS volunteering in the clinic and spending time with the children in the Kai Mira Orphanage. The end



of August another young volunteer from Canada, Katherine, arrived in Haiti and will also be spending 3 months in Haiti. Joanna is also back in Haiti as of the beginning of September. Marg Brickman and her daughter Jennifer will also be returning to HBS this October for a week as well as Dr. Bill Benish and his wife. We are very happy that Dr. Jeff Twidwell has arranged for another week of Surgery the week before Thanksgiving which will be his third trip this year. HBS is grateful for all the fantastic help.



## Diabetics

Our diabetic clinic still has more than 150 patients that come in every day to get their blood sugars checked and get their daily insulin shots. This clinic is completely subsidized as most of the diabetic patients are indigent and would never be able to afford these services otherwise. We receive special financial support from donors for purchasing Insulin and Diabetic Supplies. This really helps out to be able to continue to provide this badly needed service to the people from Limbé and the surrounding area. If you have any means of helping us in this area we would greatly appreciate it.



## Lexinor Desranines

An elderly man of 55 years old, from Camp-Coq, has been admitted regularly for the past six months with heart disease which causes his body to become swollen. His wife, Vermilia, came

in every day to care for him and bring him food. He has had several thoracentesis done in which they removed 7 cups of fluid from his thorax. He is getting medication for his heart which helped the swelling reduce drastically. He looks so much better and walks around with a smile on his face. On Sunday two of his children, a boy and a girl, came to visit him. He is being sent home with a prescription to keep him from relapsing. He will be coming back for check-ups and to make sure that he is stabilized.

**Thoracentesis** is a procedure where fluid is removed from the pleural which is the space between the lungs and the chest wall. It is done with inserting a needle (and sometimes a plastic catheter) through the chest wall. Normally there is only a small amount of fluid in the pleural space. Buildup of excess fluid can be caused by many different conditions of which heart failure is one.

