

HBS Newsletter Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti

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Dear Friends of HBS,

Happy Holídays

It is the end of another incredible year. I made 3 trips and spent a total of 8 months at the hospital in Haiti. I was overjoyed to see the completion of work on my old home, the William Hodges Foster Home. It was completely remodeled and it looks beautiful. It will be a wonderful new home for the children.





their support over all these years.

The highlight of my last trip was the Thanksgiving meal we had for the children in Kai Mira. I always go and visit them every day at 4 PM and they are always so glad to see me.

I am very grateful for the many volunteers we had this year lending a much needed hand in making a difference for the community of Limbé. A delightful visit was from Dr. Gail Nield, a dermatologist from Canada, who volunteered 25 years ago as a medical student.

Yes, I'm still walking with my cane to get around but I am very thankful that after 86 years I can still travel to Haiti and continue to be of assistance to the hospital. I would like to thank everyone for

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2010! Joanna.

Jocelyn Meme

Jocelyn Meme, a single mother living on her own, recently gave birth to a baby. Though receiving some help from neighbors, she did not have the funds to pay for her maternity care. Not only was her stay paid for by the hospital, she was also provided a care package for her baby. These packages are being generously donated by Heart and Hand, River Valley Community Church, Grant Pass, OR.

These donations and the Indigent Fund allow the hospital to provide care for patients like Jocelyn Meme.



Frandy Dieuseul

Frandy Dieuseul is 42 years old and one of the many indigent patients that HBS provides health services to. Frandy was a farmer in Gonaives whose land was flooded by Hurricane Jeanne in 2004. He lost everything, forcing him to leave his home. He came to reside in a poorhouse in Limbé and has been there ever since and is still unemployed. He was rushed to HBS after receiving a stab wound from one of the other inhabitants. Frandy arrived with a wound above the right buttocks. He was treated and stitched up.



Restoration complete on the William Hodges Foster Home!!



We are very happy to let you all know that the Hodges House has been completed. The project began in the fall of 2008 with the help of Jim & Marg Brickman from Canada. Since the start of the project the house went from being dilapidated to a place for the children to call home. The house has been freshly painted, has newer functioning plumbing, electricity, a new ceiling and ceiling fans. It will be the foster home for the orphaned children. The stable and structured environment, along with the healthy interactions, will enable these children to go to school locally.

The completion of Hodges House coincided with the arrival of Marg and Jennifer Brickman in October who were very excited about the progress that had been made since the last time they were in Haiti the beginning of this year.

On the steps in front from left to right: Shawn Hodges, Luvens, Guivenson, Jennifer Brickman, Marg Brickman, Reese, Katherine Choi and the housemother.



As HBS struggles with the worldwide financial recession we, more than ever, need your financial help to keep the hospital open.

Please keep donating towards this worthy cause.



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