



HBS Newsletter

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Earthquake Injuries Return



Ariel

You all met, eight year old, Ariel in our last newsletter. She is the brave little girl who survived a school building falling on her during the Earthquake in January. It has been almost four months since her leg was amputated. She just returned for a check up last month and it seemed that her amputation wound is healing very well. It was good to see that after everything she has been through she was able to give us a pretty smile



Madame Dupera



Happy Birthday Joanna!

As of the 2nd of March Joanna had been back in Haiti. She celebrated her 87th birthday on April 18, 2010 at HBS. Dr. Ruth Climat baked and decorated her two cakes, a chocolate cake and coconut ice cream cake. Joanna was very pleasantly surprised by the birthday party they had planned for her. She is doing very well and was happy to be back in Haiti to spent time with the children in Kai Mira.

She is now back relaxing at her home in Jupiter, Florida for the summer.



was the woman who had been sitting on the front porch of her three story home in Port Au Prince when it collapsed on her and her children. She suffered a serious open tibia fracture that needed to be operated on. She was required to stay in the hospital for about one month when she was doing well and went home. She just returned for a check up as her wound started to show some signs of an infection. The doctor looked at it and she was prescribed some antibiotics and is doing better now.



Kai Mira

It has been several years since we last ordered a set of custom made mattresses for Kai Mira. Many of them were falling apart with cracks and creases in the vinyl. We received a generous donation from our friends in Canada to be able to replace them. We were able to order them and ship them the beginning of March.



Over the years the walls had become stained and in a few areas grey where the paint had fallen off. The cribs were still in good condition but were also in dire need of a paint job from the wear down. Zuleika Hodges and Joe Twidwell, who arrived in Limbé for the first time, accompanying his brother Jeff, with the surgery team, were able to help and paint the orphanage during their stay. The walls were painted a light blue color that they hoped would help brighten the children's day. The cribs were cleaned and given a fresh coat of deep sky blue paint. We thank everyone for your donations and support towards the children in Kai Mira that made this all possible!



Wexler

Wexler had been coming to the hospital almost every day to have the bandages replaced on his left leg. He had a big ulcer on the bottom of his leg which was very painful. Cindy Cochran, a physical therapist from Torrington, WY who was in Haiti at the time Wexler came to the hospital, recognized that he had Venus Stasis Ulcer. She had previous experience with this when she volunteered in Guatemala. He was in need of a special bandage wrap called Unna Boot, which is essentially a gauze pre-dipped in a thick, creamy mixture of zinc oxide and calamine. As we did not have that at the time they used the rolled bandages, which are so generously donated by many of you, dipped in calamine lotion and wrapped it in a particular fashion to compress the leg and promote circulation. The healing power of the calamine lotion proved worthy. Within two weeks Wexler leg already got a lot better.



Venus Stasis Ulcer

Venous ulcers (stasis ulcer or varicose ulcers) are wounds that are thought to occur due to improper functioning of valves in the veins usually of the legs and no longer effectively pump blood back up to the heart. Blood may begin to accumulate inside the veins and at a certain point the veins thin walls that have reached their saturation point may start leaking blood into the surrounding tissue. This can lead to a breakdown of the tissue, ultimately causing an ulcer which can be very painful.

Returning Volunteers

We were very happy to welcome former volunteers after many years to HBS. In 1984 Joyce Todd (right) spent a year at HBS as a nurse student and returned in March for 1 month. Dr. Jack Gundy (left) returned from when he was a medical student about 50 years ago. Dr. Martha Kendall volunteered in 1974 and 1976 as a medical student and spent 4 weeks at HBS in April.



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