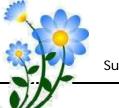


HBS Newsletter Hôpital Bon Samaritain Limbé, Haiti



Summer 2011

Surgery 2011



The first surgery team of 2011 arrived at HBS the end of January. Dr. Leslee Jaeger, a gynecologist from Minnesota, with her husband Jeffrey Jaeger, DDS headed up the first team. This was a very good week where we had dentistry, for the first time, available at HBS alongside surgery.

Dr. Jeff Twidwell and his team accomplished the second successful week of surgery beginning February. Our third week of surgery has been completed led by Dr. Kevin Unger, an urologist and also a former team member of Dr. Twidwell's group.

The next scheduled surgery team was there the first week in May which was led by Dr. Laura Lambert the daughter of Dr. Donald & Mary Lambert who have been leading surgery teams to HBS with Dr. Kenneth Eckhert for many years.

Then the second week of July we had a team led by Dr. Anders Ulland, also a former member of Dr. Twidwell's team. He brought his brother Dr. Rolf Ulland who is a gynecologist.

Thanks to all the efforts and successful operations performed by the above persons and groups many lives were saved while others will live more comfortably. So far HBS has operated on over 250 patients making it a very good year for surgery. Thank you to all!!

Dr. William Benish, his wife Dr. Janet Benish returned for a week to help in the clinic mid March and brought with them Dr. Constance Magoulies, and George Staley, DDS. Again thanks for a very successful week of medicine and dentistry.





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Motorcycles are a very common means of transportation in Haiti. They have become more and more popular over the years and are most often used as taxies. It is not uncommon to see 5 people with all their carry-ones on a motorcycle that was meant for 2 persons. Motorcycle accidents are daily occurrences involving drivers, passengers and pedestrians alike.

At the hospital we receive at least 3 major accident cases every week involving motorcycles. Patients, Cheldelson St-Hilaire and Francois Jospeh were among the unfortunate victims





Chedelson St-Hilaire

Chedelson St-Hilaire is a young boy who was a victim of a hit and run by a motorcycle while playing near his home at La Coupe which is a 20 min drive from Limbé. He was brought in the beginning of July by his family with a fractured right leg, 2 large lacerations on top of his head, a big segment of skin absent behind his right ear and part of the same ear missing.

A visiting surgery team from Minnesota at HBS was able to clean and nicely stitch the wounds, set and cast his leg while under anesthesia. He spent several days in the hospital but is doing a lot better now.

Francois Joseph

Francois Joseph was also brought into the hospital the beginning of July in the middle of the night. He had a large laceration above his left eye and a broken leg. The police had found him at 2 AM lying on the Limbé bridge, 2 miles north of the hospital. It appeared that he had been struck by a motorcycle. Francois Joseph is deaf and mute which made it very difficult to determine exactly what had happened to him. Thankfully his family appeared the next day to identify and support him. We provided first aid by stitching his cut and putting a splint around his leg. The next day he was referred to Cap-Haitian for orthopedic surgery as his leg was shattered.

