



HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



Winter 2011



Hello everyone! 2011 is almost at an end. I have been well this year, my health is good though I do have some trouble walking. I try to keep active, walking and taking the stairs at times to my apartment on the 4th floor in Jupiter, Florida. I am planning to return to HBS early 2012.

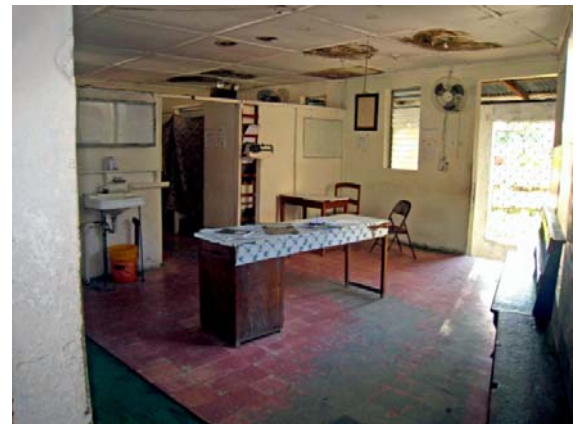
Thankfully 2011 was a better year for Haiti. I think of Haiti everyday, the country where I spent most of my life. Haiti is where my heart is and always will be. Thanks again for all your support and prayers. Please continue to contribute to HBS in any way you can .

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2012 Projects for funding

HIV Clinic

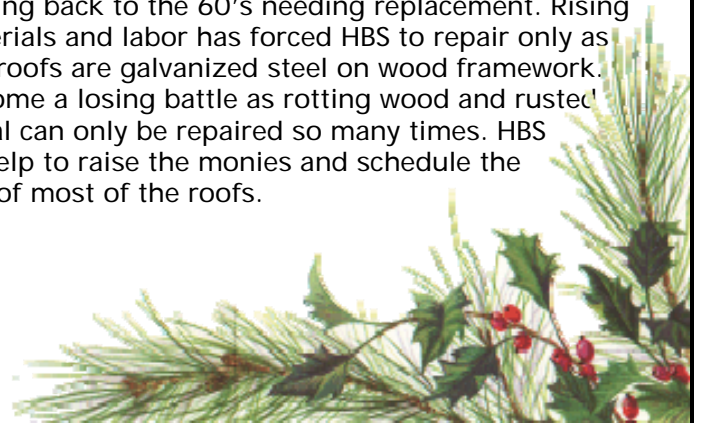
January 2012, HBS will begin renovations and expansion of the external patient clinic so as to accommodate a new HIV program. The HIV program will provide HIV testing, counseling, education and HIV medications free of charge to its patients. This program will be in cooperation with Public Health. The remodeling needs to be completed by February 2012 in time for the commencement of the program. HBS, to date, has raised about a quarter of the funds needed to accomplish this project. Please contribute towards this new facility which is projected to cost \$ 15,000.00.



Roofing



Maintenance of the facility has become an issue with most of the roofs dating back to the 60's needing replacement. Rising costs of materials and labor has forced HBS to repair only as needed. The roofs are galvanized steel on wood framework. This has become a losing battle as rotting wood and rusted through metal can only be repaired so many times. HBS needs your help to raise the monies and schedule the replacement of most of the roofs.



Water Project



HBS supplies potable water to the town of Limbé (est. pop. 50,000+) since the early 70's. Thanks to the deep wells, water towers and wide spread distribution, Limbé, for the most part, was able to avoid the 2010/2011 Cholera Outbreak. We continue to maintain this system which the town is rapidly outgrowing, replacing the pipes all through Limbé and at the hospital. We have added a number of pumps, valves, built pump houses and repaired the water towers. Now we desperately need to double the size of our main and secondary pipe lines, with approximately 1 mile of 4" SCH 80, 3 miles of 3" SCH 80 and 5 miles of 2" SCH 80. We plan to increase the number of public fountains and supply to as many houses as possible.

Volunteers

HBS was very fortunate for the many volunteers it received in 2011. We had several return volunteers. **Gail Nield** (picture on the left), a dermatologist from Canada, came back for 1 week after volunteering in 2009. She helped many patients suffering from different skin conditions. **Briana Sacco** also volunteered back in 2009 as a fourth year medical student and returned in November for her residency in Pediatrics. **Claude Payen**, RN from Belgium, who was at HBS the end 2010 during the Cholera Epidemic, helped out again for one month. HBS received several volunteers from France. Nurses, **Mme Claudette Magnon** (picture on the right) and **Mme Francoise Pierre** volunteered their services during the month of November. **Nathalie Borot**, a midwife, will be staying a full year to improve maternity services by changing protocol, revising systems and training staff.



Diabetic Clinic

We still receive many diabetic patients every day to get their blood sugars tested and receive insulin shots. It is estimated that there are over 300,000 diabetic patients in Haiti where the lack of insulin and test strips is a big problem. We would like to thank everyone who continues to donate towards this cause! Special thanks goes out to the Evergreen Baptist Church SGV in California who faithfully donates very generously every year so we can keep this free clinic operating.

