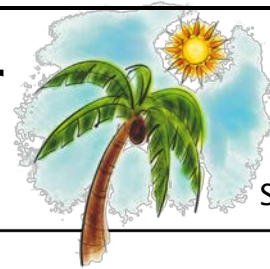




HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



Summer 2012

Note from Leslee Jaeger, M.D.



Cameron, Jeff and Leslee Jaeger

My first medical mission trip to Haiti was in 2008, and I have been returning yearly since then. Two weeks before my third trip in 2010, we received news of the earthquake in Port au Prince and were unsure if we would be able to travel or if we would be performing surgeries during the week. Although our schedule was modified to include care of some patients affected by the earthquake, we were able to see the patients that had already been scheduled for surgery. Each year has brought a different medical team together, different memories of events during the week, but always the same welcoming Haitian medical staff and patients.

HBS is unique when it comes to medical mission work, as it has an already established hospital, medical personnel and equipment. Medical groups have added to the existing services by providing more advanced equipment over the past few years. A laser machine was donated and is used in the treatment of enlarged prostate tumors. A portable ultrasound unit assists in the evaluation of patients prior to surgery. Two maternity beds replaced worn out beds. A new program has been started for the evaluation and treatment of pre-cancerous cervical lesions. New operating room lights replaced the previous lights that did not function. An old dental chair was found stowed away in a storage shed, and after cleaning and minor repairs now functions well.

My enthusiasm for this work has spread to my family. My husband Jeff, a dentist, has accompanied me the past 2 years and seen greater than 100 patients each week. My 2 oldest sons have also traveled with us

and contributed to the work done each trip. The people of Haiti and the staff at HBS, both those in Limbé and those in the US, are what keeps me motivated to continue this work. All of their efforts are directed at keeping the hospital functioning so that it can provide both medical services and job opportunities to the local area. Our team's week in Haiti each year helps the hospital to help the people of Limbé.

General Maintenance



Russ Fry



Jan van Hall

Russ Fry, a return volunteer from Pennsylvania arrived at HBS in January to perform badly needed maintenance. He was followed by Jan van Hall from the Netherlands, who replaced the rotting main gate with a new one, brightly painted blue. Projects accomplished included installation of low wattage CFL bulbs, repaired sidewalks, painted walls in maternity, museum upkeep and repaired gates and equipment. Huge thanks to these retired men for volunteering their time and skills.

Projects 2012 update



Roofing

Favorably responding to our Winter Newsletter, HBS was able to purchase enough metal and wood to re-roof Surgery and the Clinic building. Next in line will be the Pharmacy, Maternity, Lab and Cafeteria. HBS would like to continue this project until all the roofs have been replaced. The picture to the left shows carpenters replacing over three hundred galvanized sheets on the two story surgery building. Much of the wooden rafters and ceiling plates, damaged by water and termites are also being replaced. Thanks to your generous support the external clinic and surgery roofs are now completed.

HIV Clinic

HBS commenced work on its new HIV Clinic in January which extends outward from the external clinic. Thanks to our staff, contractors, and volunteers this project was successfully completed in June. The work included removing and adding walls and doors, expanding the existing building and changing the entire roof. New plumbing and electrical circuits were installed. Since the start of the HIV Clinic in April, medical staff and patients were sharing space with the Diabetic Clinic. Over 1000 patients have been screened and treatment started on those in need. With the new addition, this clinic is now able to function more dynamically and discreetly.



Michael List and Joe Twidwell installing the ceiling for the waiting area in the HIV Clinic.



Nicodem

Nicodem is a year old and was admitted to the Pediatrics in a deplorable state of malnutrition. His mother abandoned him shortly after and he was moved to our orphanage Kai Mira. He developed abscesses on his scalp and face which have been partially cleared with warm compresses. The infections are not healing so fast as he is still immune suppressed due to his malnutrition.

Madame Yvon, who takes care of the children in the Hodges House, took a liking to him and retrieves him every day from the orphanage. She feeds him meals on the Hodges House porch. This has caused some jealousy from Louvens, who doesn't like to share his house mother! Nicodem is doing quite well under the loving care, growing and getting stronger every day.

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