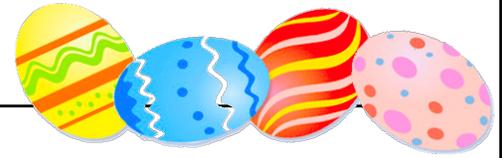




HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain
Limbé, Haiti



Volunteers

So far this year we have had close to 45 volunteers with many more scheduled to arrive. Every month this year HBS has been blessed to have surgery teams that performed surgeries on more than 100 patients. HBS has two more teams scheduled for the coming months along with visiting physicians.

Our friends from Canada returned with more family members, who are a valuable help in Kai Mira, performing maintenance on the water system and renewing the displays in the Museum.

We also had two fourth year medical students from the Ohio State University. Rebekah Benish and Peter Stafford spent their time in surgery and in the clinic learning and helping out as needed. Abigail Engwall, a premed student, is volunteering 4 months helping wherever she can. She spends a lot of time in Kai Mira which is very good for the children. We are very grateful for all the volunteers that are willing to spend time at HBS.



Chaplin Services

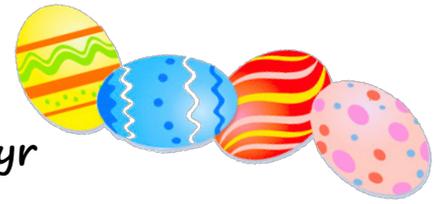
An unfortunate accident happened during the week of surgery in March when the local pastor from the Limbé Baptist Church, Milca Jean, was on his way to the hospital to pray for a surgery patient and family. Close to HBS, he suffered a horrific motorcycle accident causing severe head and leg injuries. Though the surgeons worked for several hours on him, he succumbed to his wounds. Our prayers and condolences go out to Pastor Milca Jean's family and friends.

At HBS, we treat people from all different religious backgrounds. HBS encourages hospitalized patients to have visits from the family who cares for them as well as from their spiritual leaders and brethren. When we have them donated, HBS provides the patients and families with Bibles and Bible Story Books in their own native Creole.

Haitians are very religious, mostly Christian with a diverse cultural background. Christianity was first introduced in Haiti when the Spanish landed on the Island in 1492. During the Spanish rule, religion was

introduced to the newly independent nation in 1807. Churches and Mission Organizations are a very important and integral part of the Haitian life.

Surgery 2013



Marie Ange St. Cyr



Marie Ange St. Cyr, 27, from Bas-Limbé, came to the hospital in January, a couple weeks after delivering her baby. She was hospitalized with a high fever and an undetermined mass in her abdomen. The visiting surgery team that week determined it was a renal cyst necessitating surgery.

During the surgery it was discovered that it had become infected which explained her fever. The surgery went well and after a couple of days in the hospital, she is now at home with family recovering.

Bernard Ricard

Bernard Ricard, age 25, is from Bois de Chene, a few miles south of HBS. He arrived in the clinic at 7pm with a deep laceration to his left arm which was inflicted by a machete, a very common tool/weapon used in Haiti.

Earlier that day Bernard had been watching a soccer game on TV with other fans of the teams playing. A dispute broke out amongst the spectators over one of the plays, leading him to throw gravel at the rest of the crowd. That night, as Bernard Ricard was on his way home, someone attacked him with a machete. He had a fractured bone, cut nerve and arteries. Thankfully there was a surgery team there who performed several hours of successful surgery.



Lormicil Cineas

Lormicil Cineas is 52 and comes from a place in the Limbe valley called "La Coupe David".

Imagine being unable to empty your bladder without assistance and having a catheter for 17 years. Imagine this starting when you are 35 years of age and now at the age of 52, you need a urinary catheter in place continuously.

Lormicil was consulted and found to have a very large, firm pelvic mass like a rock that filled her pelvis. It was not allowing the bladder to empty normally due to its large size. The surgeons discussed with her that it could be cancer and if that were the case, they would not continue. The goal was to help and not incur any more harm.

Lormicil agreed with the surgery and a very large non-cancerous ovarian mass was found and removed. She also had a mass on her other ovary so both ovaries and her uterus were removed. She is now able to empty her bladder without help! We feel good knowing this will change her quality of life. Dr. Cheryl Hansen. (Surgery January 2013)