



HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain
Limbé, Haiti



60 Years



Hôpital Bon Samaritain marks its **60th Anniversary** this year (1953-2013). Rev. Ludovic St. Phard, founder and William Hodges, MD, who took over the direction of the hospital some 55 years ago, were men of faith and vision. Today, the staff and friends of HBS work hard to fulfill the dream and aspirations of these great men. William Hodges used to say, "HBS is an island in a sea of chaos, a result of the Christian Faith, Humanity and Hope."

To be able to provide better health care to the population, HBS has partnered with ICC/MSPP establishing clinics for HIV and Tuberculosis where the services and medicine are available at no cost to the patient. HBS continues to seek further partnerships, foreign and local, to provide more services.

The 2010 earthquake, which hit the southern part of Haiti, brought a lot of destruction and despair to persons and families all throughout Haiti. Promises of financial aid and recovery were abundant at the time though much of this aid never materialized. Prices and Cost of Living have increased across the board mostly due to this catastrophe.

As we strive to continue this ambitious work we need, more than ever, your prayers, support and most important financial aid to offset HBS soaring operating costs.

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Museum Update

Last year we began the much required maintenance and overall appearance of the building and yard. This year, friends from Canada began updating the signs and descriptions in the cases. This is a slow process as every text needs to be rewritten and printed. All the displays are still the same original ones, designed and created for when the museum opened in 1981 by William Hodges. Over the years the lettering has faded and discolored making it hard to read the displays. It is a precise job and takes time. A number of displays are completed, looking really good.



Motorcycle Accidents



Lyvie Cherished, age 29 and her 4 year old daughter Erlante Joseph were brought to the clinic along with 3 other motorcycle passengers after being involved in an accident. The motorcycle, commonly used in Haiti as a taxi service, was on its way into town from up in the mountains. Along his route, the driver picked up 4 passengers including the Lyvie and her daughter.

Due to lack of space on the seat, Erlante was seated on the handlebars. The driver attempted to pickup yet another passenger but after protest from his current passengers was not allowed to do so. About 15 minutes away from Limbé, the rear tire exploded and the driver lost control.

Erlante and her mother were the worst hurt of the group, suffering from multiple lacerations and scrapes. Thankfully there were no broken bones, a common injury from these motorcycle accidents. After a couple nights at the hospital they were both discharged and

sent home healing well. The driver and remaining passengers did not require hospitalization and left after having their wounds cleaned and bandaged. This is almost a daily occurrence at HBS as the motorcycle is the cheapest form of transport and there are no regulations.



Meet Jessica

Jessica Nordeus is 2 years old and has been in Kai Mira for the past 6 months. She was abandoned in the pediatric ward by her parents after being hospitalized for malnutrition. She has a leg malformation making it painful and uncomfortable for her to stand. She was moved to the orphanage shortly after being abandoned. Last week following months of encouragement from staff and volunteers she took her first steps without assistance. She is still a little unstable when walking but is determined to be running around with the other toddlers now that she is improving quickly.



Happy Halloween