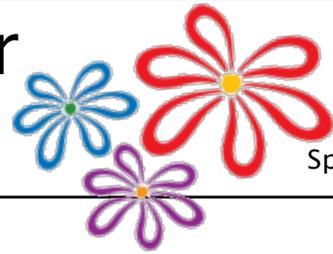




HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



Spring 2014

Many Volunteers in 2014



It is already April and many volunteers have visited HBS this new year.

Four surgery teams have performed each a week of surgery with three more scheduled for this year.

Several students, medical and support volunteers have spent their time with the children in Kai Mira, performing maintenance and helping in the pharmacy, office and hospital. Several doctors, medical students and support staff are still scheduled to arrive in the coming months.

We are very glad that everyone is so dedicated to help Haiti and HBS. Special thank you to everyone for giving their time and effort. We hope to see all of you and many more next year!

Nurses Education

Gladys Nyabwari and Bethany Hjelle are labor and delivery nurses from Minnesota. They were part of the surgical team that came to HBS last November. Besides working in Surgery they provided education to the nurses and nursing students in maternity. Working with a local female interpreter, they were able to observe a birth and then instruct the nurses on infant resuscitation methods and post-operative care of patients. The teaching was put to good use a few days later during an emergency C-Section when the infant was born depressed and needed suctioning and stimulation.

As they spoke with patients and their families, they were able to learn about cultural practices regarding childbirth, some of which can be harmful to the mother. Patients were relieved to know that it was safe to avoid the tradition of soaking daily in very hot water steeped in herbs. Many women have suffered from burns due to this tradition.

Gladys and Bethany hope to continue to provide ongoing education on future medical trips.





Fixing Rose Cottage

Over the past two years we have been working on changing the roofs and do required maintenance on the main buildings at HBS. This year it was time to start updating some of our residences. One of these residences is the Rose Cottage which is where Joanna Hodges stays while in Haiti.

Joanna was last in Haiti during the Spring of 2012 and has wanted to go back for some time now. In February several construction volunteers from Oregon visited HBS and they were able to fix the residence in a week, replacing wood, roofing and repairing the inside.

Joanna will be in Haiti the first two weeks of April and will fly back to Florida the day before her 91st birthday which she will celebrate with her family and friends.

Machete Attack



Jocelyn Silencieux, who is in his early thirties, was brought to the hospital by his family after being the victim of a machete attack. It is unclear what caused the attack but he was found early in the morning on the side of the road outside of town. He had a very deep laceration on the side of his head and another one on his jaw. X-rays of his skull were taken and revealed that his jaw was broken. Some fingers of his right hand were so severely damaged that his index finger was amputated and middle finger partially amputated. The week Jocelyn was brought in, the surgery team from Minnesota was at HBS and was able to operate on his hand, attach a plate on his broken jaw bone and suture his wounds. He will heal in about 6 weeks but will have to eat his meals through a straw until that time.

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