



# HBS Newsletter

## Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti



### A Day at HBS

At HBS, patients start arriving at 7:00 AM and filling up the waiting room for the morning clinic. At 7:30 AM the patients are being lead in hymn and prayer where everyone prays for their fellow patients and hospital staff.

The worship service, a tradition started by Dr. William Hodges many years ago, is held every morning and has been continued ever since. While in Haiti, Joanna Hodges would attend this service every morning and pray with the patients and their family.

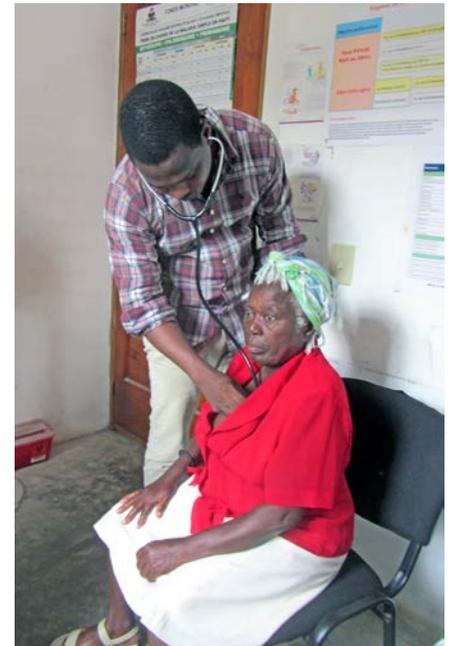
After the worship service is concluded, triage begins and each person is given a consultation ticket. Once the patient receives their consultation ticket, the hospital staff will retrieve their medical chart from the archive room.

The medical chart will be viewed briefly and the patient will be called to the clinic where they are weighed, their blood pressure and temperature is taken.

HBS employs 3 full time doctors who run the clinic and do rounds on the wards. Most of our doctors live and eat on campus. The ones on call are available to go back into the hospital to answer emergency calls.

Every year we also have 2 doctors and several nurses sent by Public Health, who are completing their postgraduate training.

Patients in need of lab exams or X-Rays are sent to the laboratory, where results will be ready in a couple hours.



When they return in the afternoon to see the doctor with their lab exams, they are then given the necessary prescription sheet or are hospitalized depending on the severity of the case.

Patients with cuts, scrapes, broken limbs or any kind of other wounds go to the procedure room where they are treated.

Once they hand their prescription sheet at the pharmacy they are given their medication and a return date for a follow-up visit before returning home.

Though sometimes the wait is long, the end results are rewarding and people of Limbé are grateful for the ongoing services of HBS.



## Happy Birthday!

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, I celebrated my 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. My family came and picked me up in the morning to spend a day at the Morakami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach celebrating the Hatsume Fair. There was Taiko drumming, Avenues of Crafts, plant and tea vendors and a costume and fashion show. We walked through all the gardens and watched a show with drums and fire. The weather was beautiful, a nice warm and sunny day in South Florida. I had a very good time!

It is hard to believe that I have lived so long and am still up and about. Well I am glad to be alive and enjoy each day as it pops up. Each Sunday I attend a local Church in Jupiter, FL, praying and singing with the others. God is good to me and I treasure each day.

Thank you everyone for continuing to support the mission in Haiti which I treasure dearly. I spend many days looking at old photographs and reading letters from long ago. Maybe God will smile upon me so I will be able to visit Limbè once more.

*Joanna Hodges*

## School Time

Jessica (3), Geralda (5) and Vanessa (4) are all ready to go to school in August. They will be attending school in town which has kindergarten through high school. The school is located on the opposite side of Limbè, less than one mile from the hospital. The house mother will walk them to and from school every day. Our tailor will be making their school uniforms but we still need to raise some more money for tuition and school supplies.

During the summer these three girls will be moved to the Hodges House where they will be living with Guivenson, Chebanie, Luvens and Reese who are enjoying their summer vacation at this time.



HBS has many loyal donors that have been supporting the work started by William and Joanna Hodges since they went to Haiti in 1958. Many others have joined since. We pray that HBS will keep a strong interest and continue to add new donors to our mailing list.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue this mission in support of the people of the Limbè Valley.

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