



HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti

SUMMER



Fabre Wilderson

Jeanette Clairville is a 32 year old mother of four children from Marmalade, approximately 30 miles south of Limbé up in the mountains. She came to the hospital the beginning of May with her week old son, Fabre Wilderson, who had a swollen thigh.

The baby boy was born at home with the help of a local untrained "midwife", someone in the community who has experience helping with births. Most women in Haiti prefer to have their children at a hospital. Sometimes they cannot get there as they live too far away and have no means of getting there or simply do not have the money.

X-Rays were taken and revealed that Fabre Wilderson had a broken femur due to a forced breech delivery. He was put in traction for one month. The traction apparatus needed to be rigged as the child was still very small. His mother, Jeanette Clairville stayed with him during the entire hospital stay to nurse him. Nursing was awkward but she was able to manage.

Fabre Wilderson healed so well that they were able to go home after two weeks.

Kitchen makeover project completed

The kitchen makeover project that began back in the fall of 2014 has finally been completed after suffering some delays. The cooking staff is very pleased with their new, clean and improved work area. Once the renovations began, the cafeteria was moved to one of the other houses on the compound which was a lot smaller.

The cafeteria interior dividing walls were removed, the ceiling was replaced and painted last summer. The electrical was updated, interior and exterior walls were painted, new wooden doors were installed and stained. All the screens were replaced. The kitchen itself was completely redone with new cabinets, shelves and tiled counter tops. Everyone loves the more spacious dining area.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a success!





Guivenson's Operation

While walking to school, Guivenson hears a familiar sound; the taunts and jeers of neighborhood kids as they tease him about his visibly deformed leg. What appears to be a crooked, poorly healed break in his lower right leg was actually a congenital defect known as an osteochondroma – a benign noncancerous tumor consisting of both bone and cartilage that develops during childhood or adolescence.

As the kids tease Guivenson incessantly, he walks faster, his eyes to the ground, trying his best to ignore them as he has done so many times before. On this particular day, "Mamma," the caretaker who walks with the kids to school each day, offered a word of encouragement saying, "don't worry, some day Jesus is going to make your foot better." Little did she know how soon that prophetic word would come true.

That same night, Dr. Lantz, the orthopedic surgeon from Oregon, who was at HBS the first week in March, unaware of what "Mamma" had said earlier that day, decided it was time to operate on Guivenson's leg. The surgery was a success, a temporary plate and several screws were put in his leg. A few days after the surgery Guivenson made significant improvements and was able to go back to school.

By Andrew Duchesne

School Finished, time for Summer Break!

With school finished, the Hodges House children now have summer vacation and all seven are making the most of it.

The three young girls, Jessica, Geralda and Vanessa did very well in their first year of school. All seven children do have to attend the required summer school for three weeks to reinforce math and French skills.

With the rest of their free time they are riding their bikes, baking with the ladies in the new kitchen, going on hiking trips or beach trips in the weekend. Sometimes even helping volunteers with projects.

The highlight for the three young girls this summer was going to the beach. They were thrilled by the new experience, including leaving town for the first time.

For everyone who helps sponsor these children in any way, thank you providing them with a future!



Funding for New Vehicle

HBS has one vehicle, a 1992 Mitsubishi Truck, which we have been using for the last 24 years.

It is used for buying medicines and medical supplies in Cap Haitian, picking up and dropping off all volunteers at the airport, getting all donations and supplies that are shipped from Florida and the occasional weekend outings.

It has been repaired many times but unfortunately the Mitsubishi has once again broken down and is on its last legs. We are looking to raise the funds to replace the Mitsubishi as HBS is in desperate need of a vehicle.

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