



# HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti

SUMMER

## Hodges' 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1958 - 2018



My grandparents, Bill and Joanna Hodges along with their four children, became medical missionaries to Limbé, Haiti in April 1958. The Hodges family celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> year at HBS spanning three generations.

I was born in France but raised in Haiti attending primary school at HBS. In 1997, our family moved to Florida where I attended High School and University. Spending every summer break at HBS, I then moved to Limbé after receiving my Bachelor of Science degree at FAU in 2006.

My grandmother and I spent much time together even when she traveled back and forth to the US more often. She would regale us all with many stories of the work and family. Like my grandmother I really like spending time with the Kai Mira and Hodges House children.

Growing up in Haiti I also remember the many times my grandfather, Bill Hodges, would take us hiking on his days off. Kite flying days were the best of all.

I am glad to be able to be a part of this worthwhile health project that my grandparents coordinated for so many years and helping so many people. I would like to thank everyone contributing in this endeavor.

By Shawn Hodges

## *Museum in need of renovations*

Musée de Guahaba was built across the street from HBS by Dr. William Hodges in an effort to portray the colorful past of this country. The museum officially opened in December 1981.

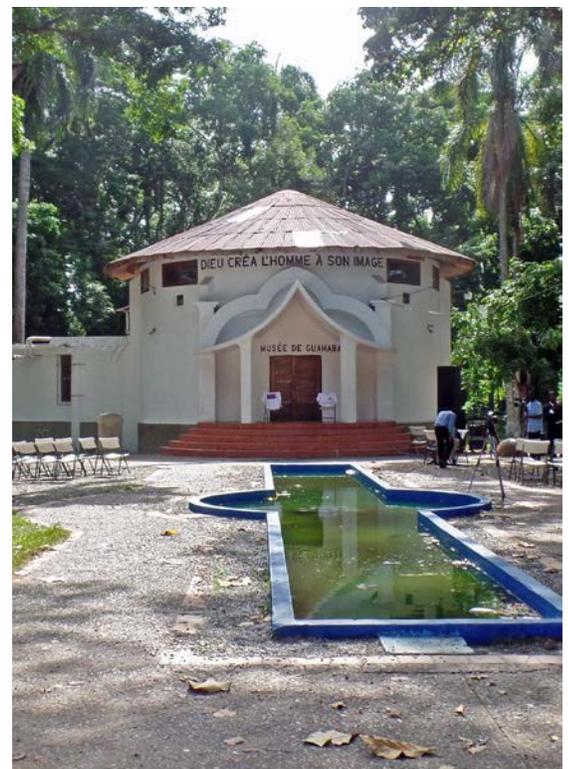
Dr. Hodges was very interested in history and in his free time would scour the landscapes of Haiti searching for historical objects and pre-Columbian artifacts. Haitian farmers would share with him the historical objects they found while plowing their land. When his collection was large enough, he built the small museum to display it.

It is one of the few historical museums in Haiti which gives a glimpse into the history and cultural roots of the Island of Hispaniola. About 200 school children visit the museum every month.

Unfortunately, the museum is now in need of major repairs due to termites. The entire roof structure and ceiling will need to be replaced as it started leaking in places. Then we will also upgrade the electrical and lighting.

The last few years we have had several volunteers that re-did and refreshed all the displays. Unfortunately, the frames and backboards of the wooden display cases are deteriorating and all need to be replaced

If you would like to donate towards this project, please put Museum in the memo.



## ***Poststreptococcal Glomerulonephritis, PSGN***

Dr. Janet Benish examines a boy with the nephrotic syndrome, a form of kidney disorder that causes the loss of protein into the urine and body swelling.

The patient subsequently developed hypertension and blood in his urine. This disease most likely is the result of a recent streptococcal skin or throat infection (PSGN).

PSGN is no longer common in the US, probably because of early access to antibiotics and fluoridated water supplies, but it remains relatively common in developing countries. Dr. Janet Benish recalls seeing a patient with PSGN when she worked with Dr. William Hodges in 1982.

By the time of his discharge the swelling had almost resolved, and his blood pressure was under control. Children with PSGN usually do well.



## ***Roof/Building Update***

We want to thank the many work groups from Oregon, South Dakota, and Ohio as well as our local workers that have assisted with the many construction projects this year.

Thanks to everyone we were able to finish reroofing both houses where we host our visiting volunteer teams, as well as the mechanic shop, and the accounting office.

We were also able to completely rewire the surgery department to improve lighting, grounding and voltage throughout. We still need additional funding to replace the original air conditioner units and OR tables in Surgery 01 & 02.

Now that most of the re-roofing has been done we have begun renovating Maternity. The delivery area of the maternity is much improved due to the installation of a new ceiling as well as the construction of a new tiled countertop.

We still need to paint the walls, retile the floor and are also looking into replacing the delivery tables.

We would like to thank everyone who donated towards this project to be able to make it a reality!



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