



HBS Newsletter

Hôpital Bon Samaritain

Limbé, Haiti

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

We hope this letter finds everyone well and would like to wish you all a *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year*.

The last two years has seen very trying times for all persons around the world with an ever-unending news cycle of global pandemic, fear, and uncertain times. Though Haiti appears to have fared better than most countries on this level many other related problems have surfaced that affect everyday life.

At HBS, for the most part over the last two years, we have not been able to receive most needed medical teams and accompanying technical support persons performing surgeries for the community. Ongoing political unrest with major fuel shortages amid rising costs continue to take their toll. But throughout HBS has continually attempted to adapt and find means to cope and overcome in this country of many challenges. Daily we are reminded of the words of Joanna Hodges, "Don't ever give up, don't ever lose hope, have faith!"

Preparing for Christmas and ushering in the New Year, we need to be reminded that these are joyful celebrations of hope and salvation for all.

We are very grateful to all of you who support the work of Hôpital Bon Samaritain through encouragement, prayers, and donations. Please continue to do so and may the New Year bring health, hope and the pursuit of happiness to all!

"But I will hope continually and will yet praise thee more and more." Psalm 71:14

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HBS Projects 2022

Vanessa



Vanessa arrived at Kai Mira when she was 1 week old. Her mother passed away during childbirth and she was dropped off at HBS as the family was not able to care for her.

Now almost 11 years old, living in the Hodges House and attending school, she is very smart and at the top of her 4th grade class. We are looking for sponsors who are willing to contribute towards her yearly tuition and school supplies.

Surgery Tables

We have received a notable number of contributions over the last few years towards new surgery tables. Unfortunately, we are still short of the amount required to move forward and be able to purchase new ones and get them shipped to HBS.



Battery Backup System

The fuel crisis has severely impacted our capability of providing 24-hour electricity for the hospital and potable water system. We have been depending on old backup systems to maintain lights during the night on the wards, but the batteries are old and not able to properly sustain.

Though a still rare commodity, the official price of fuel has more than doubled this week causing us to search for a more permanent solution of producing and storing power in more technically advanced systems and begin to wean off the use of petroleum products.