Fondation Byas

Pour l'œuvre humanitaire de
L'hôpital l'Espérance de Pilate
Haiti

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Raising funds through the mail: Like each year, thanks to the work of Mr. Alain Charron, treasurer, Byas Foundation held a postal fund raising campaign that brought up 6 665 $ to help sustain Hospital of Hope.
Visits to Haiti: In February, Mr. Gérard Laquerre, secretary of Byas Foundation, went to Hospital of Hope in Pilate. He carried with him some of the required material to start, with local labor, the building of a biomedical incinerator. The Foundation purchased in Quebec the refractory bricks, as specified in the blueprints, and shipped them to Haiti.

In March, the president of the Foundation, Fr. Robert Charron, also went to Pilate, in order to ensure the coordination between the Foundation's initiatives and those of the Hospital of Hope. Father Charron also participated in painting some of the kitchen appliances.
March of Hope: The Foundation held the 4th edition of its March of Hope. This activity is becoming a tradition, some say. The 2 005 $ amassed during that event helped complete the financial requirements to build the bio-medical incinerator for Hospital of Hope. But most important, this Walk contributes to making people more aware of living conditions of Haitian people and of the difficulties they must surmount in order to initiate any development at all.
Medical supplies: In Spring 2002, the Byas Foundation shipped 75 cases of medical supplies to Hospital of Hope, bringing the total shipping at over 400 cases of supplies. In the fall, 175 cases of medical supplies and four pediatric beds (crated for shipping by Hydro Quebec) were sent to St-Catherine's ON, to be put in a container that will soon leave for Haiti.

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MEDICAL PRACTICE

Through an agreement between Cuba and Haiti, there are three Cuban doctors to ensure regular medical practice at Hospital of Hope, in Pilate. They get support of a Cuban nurse, specialized in gynecology. Doctors of the World went there for a surgical blitz (108 surgeries in 10 days). The organization also paid for the successive stay of two psychiatrists that supervised the clinics and trained the personnel in charge of the psychiatric department.

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MANAGEMENT GETS SOME BACKUP

The hospital's management team (Sr. Lucy Laquerre assisted by Sr. Madeleine Giroux) got some backup when Sr. Louisa Bélanger, from Amos, Quebec, joined in. She has 20 years experience in an infirmary in Mali, Africa. Also, Sr. Regina Potvin from Baie-St-Paul, Quebec, had left Pilate in March, but came back in September to head the psychiatry clinic. She has 50 years experience, mostly in Madagascar and in the south peninsula of Haiti.
In France, an association called *Amitié Action médicale pour Haiti* (AAMH), founded by two doctors some years ago, finances the salary of two local nurses in Pilate. They take turns on answering the emergency service, in order to free the management team of the night shift.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

Two French nurses from Doctors of the World have supervised the implementation of the Mother-Child program throughout the 8 rural sectors of the whole Valley of Pilate. It is a basic feeding program designed to reduce the growing incidence of childhood malnutrition. Each rural district has a mill to process dried corn and peas in order to make a protein rich food. This year, the harvest of peas was not sufficient. As a result, the hospital has treated an even higher number of malnourished children and pregnant women, with the majority being children.

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