



# Byas Foundation

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Pilate, Haiti

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**Postal fund raising campaign:** In its annual tradition, the Foundation held, even before Springtime, its postal campaign that brought in 2 600 \$ this year.

**March of Hope:** Over fifty participants made of the fifth event of March of Hope a success and collected 1 900 \$ for Hospital of Hope. That amount will be allocated to start an agricultural micro-credit program in Pilate. (See agricultural micro-credit in next section.) After the Walk, the 52 participants were invited to share the Haitian experience of three speakers: Ms Rolande Brochu, from Rouyn-Noranda who worked in an orphanage in Haiti for a year, Mr. Ulrick Chérubin, mayor of Amos, Abitibi, who was born in Jaquemel, Haiti, and Mr. Victor Edmond, born in Val-d'Or, Abitibi, from Haitian parents and spoke about contribution of Haitian immigrants to the growth of the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region.

**Medical supplies:** In Spring 2003, Byas Foundation sent 175 boxes of medical supplies to Hospital of Hope, to reach a cumulative total of 575 boxes since that program began. An operating table from the Val-d'Or hospital and two stretcher-beds from the Amos hospital were also included in the shipment. Byas Foundation can now say that three hospitals in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region contribute to help sustain Hospital of Hope in Haiti.

## NEWS FROM HOSPITAL OF HOPE IN PILATE

**Medical support:** Two volunteer nurses, Ms Angélique Morat from France and Ms Elaine Sansoucy from Montréal, Canada, arrived in September to help, the former in the department of pediatrics and the latter at emergency room. While there, Ms Angélique Morat wrote and voiced the narrative script of a documentary film on Hospital of Hope. Ms Sansoucy scheduled to stay during all of the following year, wrote later an account of the tragic consequences of hurricane Jeanne in Pilate in September 2004.

**Doctors of the World** from France came in November for a surgery blitz (87 in 10 days). Then an ophthalmic mission from Canada was there to improve vision of more than 1 200 people in Pilate.

**Better Life:** In the framework of the International Year of Potable Water, Hospital of Hope completed the building of 8 new public water fountains to distribute potable water in the 8 rural sectors of the Valley of Pilate.

**The Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, acting in Haiti for the World Health Organization (WHO), SELECTED hospital of Hope in Pilate with 8 other hospitals in the country to launch a program designed to stop transmission of HIV/AIDS. An information campaign, adequate lab tests to detect the virus and a strategy to identify HIV positive residents in Pilate are part of the program. HIV positive expectant mothers will deliver at the hospital. They will thus receive medicine to prevent viral transmission to the new born.

**Building program:** The core of the building program conceived in 1997 is now materialized. However, the basic maintenance remains to be done and some parts of the original building (in the 60's), such as the electrical wiring, that had to be quickly done at the time have now to be upgraded to be at par with more modern equipment. And with the future arrival of a surgeon resident, the hospital will need an emergency room that it never really had, since the operating room served that purpose because there was no surgery done except when Doctors of the World came for a 10 days mission.

**Agricultural micro-credit:** The growing problem of malnutrition has a direct incidence on the number of cases the hospital gets from year to year, namely children and pregnant women. In order to help the population to have a better diet, the hospital, with help of the CRS, implemented in Pilate, a program to lend beans seeds. The seeds are meant to be paid back after harvest so the initial stock will serve new customers the following year. The same strategy will then be applied to poultry and eventually to fish farming where hydrography is favorable.

**Monthly visits at the hospital:**

For the reader to get a better idea of the amount of work the hospital has monthly to cope with, we present here basic operational statistics of Hospital of Hope in 2002-2003.

**Monthly visits at Hospital of Hope in Pilate, Haiti  
2002-2003**

MONTH	ADULTS	CHILDREN (0-14 years)	TOTAL
AUGUST 2002	1660	280	1940
SEPTEMBER	2235	835	3070
OCTOBER	2555	1245	3800
NOVEMBER	2255	705	2960
DÉCEMBER	1995	415	2410
JANUARY 2003	2595	1245	3840
FEBRUARY	2230	555	2785
MARCH	2185	695	2880
APRIL	2200	1025	3225
MAY	1775	905	2680
JUNE	2020	840	2860
JULY	2025	1050	3075
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25730</b>	<b>9795</b>	<b>35525</b>
<b>Monthly average</b>	<b>2144</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>2960</b>

**Demand for two basic services at hospital of Hope in 2002**

**Maternity**

total births	1199
total living births	1180
total births at home (with assistance of mid-wife)	1038
Total births at the hospital	142

**Laboratory**

Number of tests	88412
Number of tests for hemoglobin level	63840
Proportion of hemoglobin level tests pertaining to anemia	93,9%
Total number of tests for malaria	413
Proportion of positive tests for malaria	0%