



Annual Report 2006

Established to support the humanitarian efforts of the Hospital of Hope, Pilate, Haiti
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End of an Era



Loading our last shipment of medical supplies.

Hospital practice namely in North America has changed quickly in the past decade. For one thing, hospitals use more and more disposable supplies in order to minimize need for sterilization. This is because standards of sterility have been constantly raised.

As a result, hospitals in our operating area have had less and less surplus inventory available to Byas Foundation. In the past six months, very few supplies have been received. The fading relevance of our store-room made us leave the premises to a better use by another organization. The operation of sending medical supplies on a regular basis to Hospital of Hope has come to an end.

Medical supplies

During Winter 2005, the Foundation packed and shipped over 170 cases of medical supplies. This brings to over 1 000 the number of cases sent to Hospital of Hope since we began that operation in 1998. The shipment also included a medical examination table and a hospital bed. Those pieces of equipment will come in handy for the growing institution.

A visit from our chairman

In January, Chairman of Byas Foundation, Fr. Robert Charron, went once more to Haiti in order to enquire on the situation of Hospital of Hope in the community of Pilate. Fr. Charron brought back a display of photos, convincing us of the gigantic transformation of that hospital: A new roof with an easy access (important for the maintenance of the solar panels and the satellite communication dish); enlarged dispensary and laboratory; ceramic tiles that now cover the walls and the floor of the operating room; two counseling offices for daily use with HIV positive patients.



Sister Lucie Laquerre, director of Hospital of Hope

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Postal fund raising campaign

As done every year, thanks to our treasurer Alain Charron, the Foundation received \$7 392 through its postal fund raising campaign, the highest return since its beginning.

Financial Statements

Preliminary financial statements of the Foundation show total revenues of \$ 16 561. Since operating expenses are quite low (\$ 401 or 2.5% of collected sums), most of that money will be transferred to hospital of Hope. In 2006, the Foundation sent \$ 14 700 to the hospital. An amount of \$ 1 000 is kept in an emergency fund.

March of Hope

Over 70 supporters came to walk at the 8th event of March of Hope on September 16. The \$3 330 raised at that event will help to pay to enlarge the residence for the professional staff. After the walk, participants were invited to hear a presentation given by two volunteers of Engineers Without Borders that worked in Haiti on potable water projects for a year and visited Hospital of Hope. Their account on Hospital of Hope was of utmost interest to the crowd.



Development project

Housing shortage

Adding new personnel to deliver the HIV/AIDS program has led to an accommodation crisis. The house for resident personnel (dentist, doctors, specialized nurses, pharmacist etc.) is now far too small. Chances are that its enlargement will become the main infrastructure project for the hospital in 2007.

Growing malnutrition



In Pilate, since hurricane Jeanne, malnutrition has been gaining over all efforts to fight it. It is now affecting adults too. In 2006, Hospital of Hope admitted an average of 30 cases of severe childhood malnutrition and six cases of malnourished adults a month. The other cases are treated as outpatients.

In the same line of thought, a recent inquiry in the North of Haiti found that only 20% of the children from 0-5 years have normal weight. Therefore we are beginning to see a growing contrast where a hospital is modernizing and growing in the middle of a population progressively subjected to famine.



Hospital of Hope in 2006

Fighting HIV/AIDS

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has the mandate from the World Health Organization (WHO) to implement in Haiti its worldwide program to stop and treat HIV/AIDS. For this, it has selected Hospital of Hope, along with 8 other hospitals in Haiti to administer the program. In January 2006, Hospital of Hope began delivering the second phase of the program by offering tri-therapy treatment to HIV positive patients.



A family doctor with appropriate training under CRS leads the program. He is helped by an obstetric-gynecologist, a public health nurse and four nurses with specific training to counsel patients. Already, Hospital of Hope treats over 100 patients for AIDS. It holds a monthly meeting for all treated patients to witness the benefits of the medication, which in turn encourages new patients to remain steady with the medication on the long run. The program also benefits from the contribution of a graduated pharmacist with special training to give HIV positive patients their medication with relevant advice.



That program also requires its proper administration. Therefore, office personnel was trained throughout the year to enter statistics and prepare weekly reports for CRS.

In all 8 rural sections, the Health Agents and the midwives are trained to spot or identify potential HIV positive cases and direct them to the hospital.

Stretchers for the rural sectors

Bombardier Foundation has financed the necessary supplies and parts and the assembling of 70 stretchers. They are now distributed in the 8 rural sectors of Pilate. They are used to carry sick or wounded people down the mountains and to the hospital.

Patients by the number



The hospital in Gros-Morne, 17 kilometers West of Pilate was temporarily closed for administrative reasons, we are told. Patients in that town (population 92 000) now travel the trail that leads to Pilate in order to get treatment. The emergency room becomes crowded at times.

Surgical mission cancelled

Doctors of the World's surgical mission was cancelled this year, due to the great insecurity that prevails in the country.