



Annual Report 2010

Established to support the humanitarian efforts of the Hospital of Hope, Pilate, Department North, Haiti
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Adoption of a missionary

Beginning of December, the St-Jacques-le-Majeur parish of Barraute in Abitibi informed us they were holding a "Missionary week", an initiative coming from Rome to involve parishioners, and that the parish adopted Sister Louisa Bélanger, assistant director of "Hospital of Hope": Knowing the turmoil in Haiti at the moment, this can be a very significant morale support for Sister Louisa.



Financial posting campaign



Each year, the Byas Foundation organizes a postal campaign to financially support Hospital of Hope. Most often we help pay for the maintenance of infrastructures or help finance a new building. The purpose of this campaign is to provide a better quality service to the population by modernizing the hospital and insuring its maintenance. This year, our objectives were to change the metal parts of the windows of the first buildings of the hospital. This campaign brought in 12 568\$ (see reverse page "Retrospective 2010: With Consequences that...").

Financial Statement

The preliminary financial statement shows gross income of 50 172\$. The administrative expenses 1094\$ were partly sponsored by a provincial program helping volunteer organizations such as ours and thus helping that we maintain our objectives to keep operation expenses below 2% of the donations. This past year, the foundation donated 48 000\$ to the Pilate Hospital of Hope, with 30 000\$ given soon after the earthquake.

First the earthquake on January 12th....



As every year, father Robert Charron, president of the Byas Foundation, had planned a trip to Pilate, Haiti. Departure was expected on the morning of January 13th. He was quite disappointed at the Air Canada counter when he was told his trip was cancelled. Two women from Rouyn-Noranda, Mrs. Denise Dion and Marielle Roy, who had planned on visiting Pilate in

February 2010, were also much disorganised. They had already bought their airplane tickets to Port-au-Prince. Fortunately, the airline company reimbursed them. In both cases, nothing will stop them. They are planning a trip for 2011.

In reaction to the earthquake, the Byas Foundation immediately set up a fund to help the victims. Mr. Louis Paré, webmaster of the Foundation, set up our website. Then the Canadian Government promised to donate an equal amount of money collected by Canadians organizations in order to help Haitians after the earthquake. This arrangement encouraged people to give. Consequently, this campaign allowed us to collect 30 000\$ in a month which we donated to the Hospital of Hope and the federal government confirmed an equal amount to rebuild Haiti. The success of this operation is mainly due to the generosity of the population and to Mr. Alain Charron's dedication, our treasurer who worked full time on this special fundraising.

...Then the cholera epidemic

In November, father Robert Charron as well as Mrs. Denise Dion and Marielle Roy made a second attempt to plan a visit in Pilate, Haiti, in early 2011. But the cholera epidemic was confirmed in early October; (see other page *Then came the cholera outbreak*) therefore their plans were postponed once more...follow up next year.

Walk of Hope

Heavy rain in the morning of September 18th did not discourage our 45 participants who arrived at 1 PM at the Dumulon House in Rouyn-Noranda to make sure the 12th annual Walk of Hope would be a success. Hoping the rain would stop, the organizers changed the program. Mrs. Marie-Claire Coutu, a nurse in the emergency response unit for the Canadian Red Cross talked about her specific task in Haiti.



Ms Marie-Claire Coutu, nurse in emergency response unit for Canadian Red Cross, gives an account of her work in Haiti soon after the earthquake.

She was working in a campaign hospital in a suburb of Port-au-Prince. Mrs. Coutu gave a talk using Power Point and showed us several pictures, so we could see how the hospital functioned. Mrs. Coutu expressed her admiration, considering the courage of all these wounded people at the hospital.

The presentation over, the rain had stopped. The participants then left for the walk on the cycling path around Osisko Lake. We collected 5 200\$ for the Hospital of Hope. Our guests mentioned that the Byas Foundation was a very reliable foundation for it had collected such an amount in so little time as people knew that the donations were totally transferred to the hospital.

A walk in southern France



Two French doctors, Dr. Michel Dombritz and Dr. Arnaud, members of "Doctors of the world", who founded "Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti" (see below *Retirement of a fighter* and *Then came the cholera outbreak*), were probably inspired by the Walk of Hope when they mentioned their plan to organize a walk in the north side of the French Basque country.

Retrospective 2010

A new more powerful generator

Having expanded the hospital in the last decade, the demand for electricity increased. The generator was no longer reliable. It was replaced and a new shelter had to be built, since the new generator is much larger.



Retirement of a fighter

After spending 40 years working to build the hospital, Sister Madeleine Giroux had to return to Montreal in April, because of her health. The Byas Foundation



recognises here her tremendous contribution to Pilate. There is now a community health service in Pilate and drinking water is available in each rural zone because of Sister Madeleine's incredible involvement.



First the earth shook...



The January 12th catastrophe will remain memorable in the history of Haiti. The epicentre of the earthquake was in the southern part of the country. The northern part, where Pilate and the Hospital of Hope are located, felt the aftershock of the quake and its social consequences. As an effort, people living in Port-au-Prince returned to their community and families in Pilate. Having lost everything, the wounded people went to Hospital of Hope. More

patients meant extra burden on financial resources so to by more medication, more medical supply, more food, more gas, pay overtime etc...

With consequences that...

- The surgical mission scheduled in march by "Doctors of the World" was postponed until the fall.
- The list of priority work was readjusted. The damage done by the earthquake on the hospital buildings had to be repaired.
- Priority was given to the sanitary conditions in the hospital : two basins were added to the septic tanks at the emergency pavilion.
- Replacing the metal parts on the windows was also postponed . Necessity comes first.

....Then came the cholera outbreak

Beginning of Fall, the hospital started having patients with cholera. These patients came from the Artibonite Valley where it all began and more specifically from the city of Gonaives which is two hours from Pilate. Needless to say, the hospital was busier this time than it was after the earthquake. The one hundred beds in the hospital were needed and some patients were lying on stretchers outside. Oxfam supplied medication and drips. The Catholic Relief Services and the Aids Relief forwarded the medication which was often insufficient. In mid-December, two French surgeons from "Doctors of the World, Dr. Michel Dombritz and Dr. Arnaud arrived in Pilate to help their colleagues. We quickly understand that the surgery mission of Doctors of the World that was scheduled in early Spring and postponed to the Fall, is now postponed again, this time somewhere in 2011. God willing may we add...

Meaningful statistics

The figures below show the evolution of the cholera outbreak in Pilate in November and December of 2010

<i>Patients with cholera at Hospital of Hope since the outbreak</i>			
date	november 7th	december 10th	december 20th
Cases	127	732	973
Death	6	54	68

The ministry of Public Health and the Population of Haiti (Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population) published statistics revealing that by the end of 2010 in the country, 157 321 cases of cholera were declared and 3481 died of the disease. It has measured a rate of mortality between 2% and 13% according to the departments. The mortality rate seems to be 7% at the Hospital of Hope.