



# Annual Report 2012

Established to support the humanitarian efforts of the Hospital of Hope, Pilate, Department North, Haiti  
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## After two years, back to Pilate

We will remember that in 2010 and 2011, the earthquake and the cholera outbreak prevented Father Robert Charron, president of the Foundation, from going to Pilate namely



*Father Robert Charron, president of Byas Foundation*

because January is the only month where he has time to travel to Haiti. At the beginning of 2012, the cholera epidemic was getting under control. So Father Charron could go to Haiti and to Pilate. He spent two days taking pictures, which allowed us to update our photos of the Hospital of Hope.

## Financial Statement

Walk of Hope and the postal fundraising campaign, together with other donations raised a total of \$22,030 in 2012. Expenses of \$903, of which three quarters were used for purchasing postal stamps and scarves with the foundation's logo to identify our walkers.

By withdrawing money from the emergency fund, the foundation sent a total of \$32,000 to Pilate in 2012. Thus, the cost of modernizing the Maternity ward will surely be covered. The extra money for this project will be used to fight child malnutrition, a plague that touches one child out of four in Haiti.

## Walk of Hope

The annual walk is always held on the third Saturday of September. The 14th edition was held at 13:30h on September 15th.

Does not change: the route, that is the 8km cycling path around Lake Osisko, starting from maison Dumulon, along with the sustained encouragement of our passionate participants. That changes: the theme of the walk. The slogan «Building Together», to underline the remarkable progress achieved at the Hospital of Hope in the last 10 years, was chosen for this 14th edition. The progress is mainly due to its excellent management and the support from organizations such as Byas Foundation, which gets significant help from hundreds of donors. That also changes: the talk at the opening of the walk. This time, entitled «The Courage to Live» it was given by Sister Madeleine Dumas who worked two years as an administrative aid at the school and at the clinic of Ennery, a commune located high in the northern mountains of the Artibonite Valley which is the agricultural region that was, unfortunately, the epicenter of the cholera epidemic. This 14th edition raised \$4,500, to be invested to modernize the Maternity ward.



## Postal Fundraising Campaign for a modernization project

### First the project...



Postal Fundraising Campaign for a modernization project

To set the context, let us recall that in 2010 Hospital of Hope doubled its energy capacity with a new 60 kw/h generator. Later in 2011, it upgraded the electrical circuit in all its premises, including the Maternity ward. Furthermore, there is now a permanent gynecologist at the hospital, so it is now relevant to acquire electrical equipment

at the Maternity ward. Thus, the foundation financed the Maternity department in purchasing an ultrasound scanner, a fetal monitor and other electrical devices for a total sum of approximately \$25,000.

### Then the fund raising campaign...

The main objective of this campaign was to raise money for a specific cause aiming at improving health services to the population of Pilate. Thanks to Mr. Alain Charron, treasurer, and Mr. Louis Paré, Webmaster for the foundation, our 2012 solicitation brought in \$15,679.

## A Second Rally in Southern France

The group «Edé Ayiti», «Let's help Haiti» from Saint-Martin-de-Seignanx, a commune just north of the French Basque Country, held its second rally to raise funds for the Hospital of Hope, in Pilate. From 13:30h to 18:00h, close to 150 participants were registered. This event is educational by including a quiz game with questions regarding Haiti, a sporting event by its walk and amusing competitions. It's also a festive event with plenty of appetizers, grilled food, rosé and red wine and pastries. It collected 1,030 euros. The association «Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti» will donate the money to Pilate; it will be spent on repairs of the water adduction source and to support the surgical mission at Hospital of Hope.



*Ms Catherine Castaing, anaesthesiologist and Ms Joëlle Peyresblanques, anaesthetist with Sister Madeleine while she was still in Pilate.*

*Photo authorized by Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti.*

# Retrospect 2012

## Major corrections of the Pilate Aqueduc

After the January 2010 earthquake, Dr. Michel Dombriz was in Port-au-Prince on a help mission organized by « Doctors Of the World ». He met Mr. François-Xavier Ramade, born in Bayonne, France, a specialist in water adduction. Mr. Ramade was there on a help mission to work in his field, water adduction. In February 2012, « Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti » sent Mr. Ramade with Dr. Dombriz to Pilate, to examine the aqueduct system. To better understand the nature of the problem, it needs to be explained that the pipeline system from its source to the village was barely buried and some sections of the pipeline were out in the open when it rained heavily.

To begin, Mr. Ramade supervised the clean-up work at the source. Then a team buried the pipes one meter deep on a two kilometers distance. Mr. Ramade returned in December to resume the second phase that consisted in building two water tanks to secure the water supply during the dry season. Two fountains will also be built in 2013 for the people in order to discourage water tapping. This project will cost about \$20,000.

We all know the importance of wholesome drinking water for reliable public health and that it makes water management a priority.



Significant improvements to the local waterworks will give better access to potable water of higher quality.

## Surgical Missions are back



Dr Michel Dombriz  
Photo authorized by Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti.

The cholera epidemic of October 2010 was so invasive, surgical missions were interrupted at the hospital in 2011. Even though cholera was not completely irradiated, the epidemic is now sufficiently controlled to allow surgical missions sponsored by the «Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti» association. The first mission in February, directed by Dr Michel Dombriz from Saint-Martin-de-Seignanx, France, along with a nurse and an anesthetist, performed 73 surgeries in 15 days. On his own, Dr. Dombriz returned in October with his wife, this time to improve the filing of the pharmacy inventory. In December, a third mission directed by Dr. Jacques Lorblanches, along with a nurse and anesthetists performed 65 surgeries in 12 days. Mr. François-Xavier Ramade, a specialist in water adduction also accompanied the group.

## Networking advantages

Retrospect 2011 stated that Hospital of Hope was joining a health institution network in Haiti. This is now well-structured and called « Network of Christian Health Institutions of Haiti». It regroups institutions in connection with Catholic Relief Services to help fight AIDS. The network evaluated the central pharmacy in order to improve its management. The result allowed the hospital to reduce the price of medical material and medication. Furthermore the hospital in certain cases received medication of better quality for the benefits of their patients.

## Maintenance and repairs

In 2012, the metal sheets on the roof of the main building had to be changed. The hospital took advantage of this to buy at the same time extra sheets to repair the roof of another ward called « Medico Social»

## Cholera under control but still present

The incidence of cholera in Pilate (as in many regions of Haiti) has diminished but unfortunately the epidemic is still not eradicated. A better control of the epidemic allowed the hospital staff to accommodate surgical missions. Nevertheless, the group of 72 social workers (volunteer collaborators) is still fighting to eradicate cholera and still have a lot to do. The chart below shows a 63% decrease of cholera cases, on an average the hospital reported 57 new cases monthly in 2012, the average was 153 cases in 2011.



### Patients with cholera at Hospital of Hope, 2011-2012

Year	2011	2012	Variation
Cases	1 840	683	- 63 %
Deaths (number)	20	5	- 75 %
Desth %	1,1 %	0,7 %	
Case/month, average	153	57	

However, we have learned that the vast majority of the actual cholera cases in Pilate come from the two most remote rural areas, meaning distances of four to five hours of walk from the hospital. For the volunteer collaborators, it could mean that the most difficult tasks are yet to be done.