



# Annual Report 2013

Established to support the humanitarian efforts of the Hospital of Hope, Pilate, Department North, Haiti  
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## A third rally in southern France



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The third annual rally took place on Sunday, October 6th, 2013, the third edition of *Edé Ayiti* in Saint-Martin-de-Seignanx, a commune on the north side of the French Basque Country. The Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti organized this event. A total of 120 people participated in the activity, which was organized to familiarize the participants with Pilate and Haitian people. 1 300 € (\$2 085) were collected. This sum will help pay to provide drinking water to the Hospital of Hope and to a section of an urban area in Pilate. The participants of the 9 kilometres walk not only encouraged one another but also benefited from mycology and beekeeping lessons. During the halts participants were also informed on the water adduction project being realized in Pilate.

## Financial result\$

The Byas Foundation's revenues totalled \$22,900 for the year 2013, including a planned donation. Expenditures totalled \$868, including \$308 for the tent rental. The rest was for stationary.

Throughout the year, we sent \$34,000 to the hospital, including \$17,000 for the above described projects. It also includes \$10,000 that were urgently sent to cover the cost of remaking the leaking roof of the hospital's main building (see reverse page: Maintenance and Repair) and finally \$7,000 that went to support an international effort to bring clean drinking water to the population of Pilate. Therefore the foundation sent to Hospital of Hope \$12,000 more than it received for the year. This amount was drawn from its emergency fund that was accumulated by the foundation over the years. This confirms that having an emergency fund was a wise decision made way back then.

## Walk of Hope



As usual the Walk of Hope was held on the 3rd Saturday of September. But a variety of disappointments made its 15th edition, on September 21st, different from the previous walks.

### First, Adapting the location

Our event has been held at maison Dumulon for fourteen consecutive years and this institution has always cooperated with the Byas Foundation in the past. Unfortunately this historical house was not made available this year. However we were tolerated on the site, outside the house. So we installed a tent near maison Dumulon where participants registered for the walk.

However, our organization wishes to thank the maison Dumulon staff for lending us tables and chairs for the event.

### And then... the weather

For the past 14 years Mother Nature has always been favourable to us, but not this year. In 2013 not only did it rain but it poured. Nonetheless, some forty participants got together for the opening of the event. They listened to a short talk that described the fourteen projects the Byas Foundation had helped achieve at the Hospital of Hope. A draw was also held. Two Haitian works of art were given by a generous donor for the occasion.

We will never know if it was determination, stubbornness or conviction, but eight walkers decided to overcome the bad weather conditions and complete the eight kilometre circuit in the rain. So, in principle, there was a walk.

### But with results

Despite the pitfalls and the bad weather, the money contribution totalled \$5,500, an amount comparable to the previous years. This money will be allocated to the projects mentioned below.

## Fund raising postal campaign for modernization projects

### First the projects...

The 2013 postal solicitation was aiming to accelerate the development of the Hospital of Hope. Over a decade, the number of beds increased from 80 to 91 while the number of employees climbed from 75 to 145. In the past, three sisters of the Holy Cross managed the



hospital but now, management has to be increased. In less than ten months the hospital hired a medical director, a chief of medical care, a chief of laboratory and a manager of human resources. Therefore the hospital has to acquire the basic furniture (desks, chairs, file cabinets, computers) for the newly arrived personnel.

Furthermore, the hospital is always determined to serve its population as well as possible. The waiting area for the Emergency Room had no roof and patients had to wait under rain or sun. A shelter is needed for those patients.

### Then the postal campaign

The postal solicitation aimed at precise and well-defined projects: One to support the hospital's new management staff and the other to better serve its patients. Thanks to the constant implication of Mr. Louis Paré, webmaster for the foundation, and Mr. Alain Charron, its treasurer, the campaign nearly totalled \$12,000.

# Retrospect 2013

## Maintenance and repairs



The hospital's main building urgently needed a new roof. It shelters the pharmacy, the operating room, the archives and the sister's residence. Sister Louisa, its chief director, called on Byas Foundation to help cover this unexpected expense that finally cost \$9,280 US.

## A real international cooperation

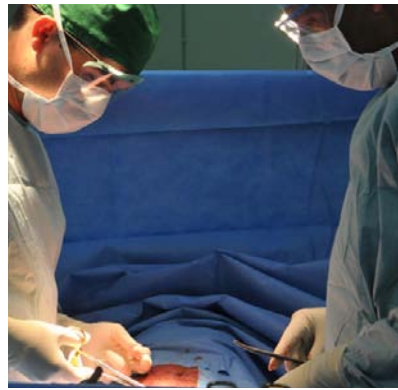
The total cost of phase 1 (called Bigot source) of the water adduction project is estimated to cost \$30,000 all including material and labour. This phase will provide water for the hospital and three water fountains will be built in a section of the urban zone of Pilate. Local people are asked to participate in this project by volunteering their time in the community. The volunteer work is accounted for, in the forecasted cost of the total project. The French association *Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti* will finance the technical operations and will supervise the project. They will also provide a financial support in different areas of the budget. Finally, Byas Foundation contributed \$7,000 for the purchase of pipes, cement, accessories, etc.

This qualifies as a true international cooperation to achieve a major project which will contribute to improve the level of public health and eradicate cholera in the Pilate area.



Ms Salomon, coordinator of the community involvement in the project of the Bigot and Faucher source and Mr. François-Xavier Ramade, technical

director of the water works in Pilate, coordinating and conducting the water catchment and adduction of both the Bigot and the Faucher source. →



## Surgical missions

The French association *Friends of Sister Madeleine and Haiti*, together with the initiative of Dr. Michel Dombriz, upheld two medical missions at Hospital of Hope during the year, benefiting to 48 and 72 patients respectively.

## Hospital undergoing transformation

Because of the accelerated growth of the Hospital of Hope over the last decade (see Fund Raising Postal Campaign... the projects), management and administration has to be adapted. Here is a brief description

### A physical transformation

The growing hospital had to extend the accounting service, as well as the pharmacy that required a distinct distribution counter from its entrant's depot. Then a shelter was built above the adjoining area to the emergency room (see Fund Raising Postal Campaign...The projects). This has freed some consultation offices used as waiting rooms. They became available for the newly hired executives. Previously, the hospital had recuperated the sanatorium area by treating tuberculosis patients as externs, only keeping severe cases that need hospitalization. Some space was also restored from the Cholera Treatment Centre that was reduces from 15 to 5 beds.

### An administrative transformation

The hospital management defined its goals in an elaborate strategic plan. This plan includes general management principles, and a procedure manual, which is to be used from now on. The management also prepared a manual on human resource administration. Then a salary chart will be in force in 2014. Due to fast integration, new medical practices will require an action plan for the coming years, especially for continuous training in human resources.



### Transformation in medical practices

The processing service to fight AIDS has been computerized almost since its implantation in 2003. The accounting service was finally computerized in 2013. The hospital extended and reorganized the pharmacy by implanting a distinct distribution counter from its entrant's depot. Thus structured, this service is now computerized. We remember that last year the Hospital of Hope joined the Network of Christian Health Institutions of Haiti (NCHIH). In this setting, the hospital participates in a program of primary care. Basically that is treating injuries and common illnesses, basic emergency services including mental health, maternity care and paediatric care. The files pertaining to this category of care will also be computerized.

## Choléra... always present

The cholera ordeal in Pilate, as for some other regions in Haiti, is less intense but always present. The chart below shows slow progress in the far away rural zones from the centre of Pilate. It also justifies our hope to eradicate this disease by improving access to pure drinking water.

### Number of patients affected by cholera at the hospital (2011, 2012, 2013)

Year	2011	2012	2013
Cases	1 840	683	453
Death number	20	5	3
Death %	1,1 %	0,7 %	0,66 %
Cases/month, average	153	57	38