



# Annual Report 2014

Established to support the humanitarian efforts of the Hospital of Hope, Pilate, Department North, Haiti  
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## Returning to Pilate



Near the end of January, a week after Dr. Michel Dombriz' surgical mission (see flip side), Robert Charron, president of the Byas Foundation, returned to Pilate to insure proper coordination between the Foundation and the Hospital of

Hope. Mr. Charron spent 4 days with the management team, reviewing the Foundation's financial contributions; he also inquired about the new administrative models and took pictures of the important realities at the hospital. Upon his return home, his report to the Byas Foundation's Board of Directors helped to establish priorities for the upcoming year.

## A Fourth Rally in Southern France



The group "Édé Ayiti" ("Help Haiti" in Creole language) from Saint-Martin-de-Seignanx, a rural village on the north side of Basque County, held its fourth rally on October the 7th, 2014 to raise funds for the Hospital of Hope in Pilate. Three livestock farms, which raise capons, dairy cows, beef cattle and also train horses, collaborated to allow rally participants to learn about the breeding techniques of these domestic animals. 110 participants registered and formed teams of 8 to 10. The participants also benefited from the local Hunters Association who instructed the participants on a few hunting techniques. The rally ended with a dinner that raised 1400 € to support the surgical mission at the Hospital of Hope in Pilate.

## Financial result\$

The Byas Foundation's collected \$5500 from the Rally of Hope, \$15,240 from the Postal Campaign and \$1500 from other donations totals \$22,240 as our 2014 income. An expense of \$918 was used for stamps and stationary. The foundation has sent to the hospital a total of \$20,000 in 2014 for the projects mentioned at right.

## The Walk of Hope Becomes a Rally



The french delegation of the NGOs "Les Amis de Sœur Madeleine et d'Haïti" : Françoise Lamoulie, Serge Bouchaud, Brigitte Dombriz, Michel Dombriz, Pierrette Caussade, Bernard Corbun, Marie-Lou Corbun and Jacques Lamoulie. Photo credit : TC Media - Karina Osiecka

At the beginning of 2013, a new management protocol at maison Dumulon ended the possibility of renting its facilities. We tried a big top instead, but this experience convinced the Board to find another location for the following year.

The 2014 event was held at the Rouyn-Noranda Botanical Garden (Parc botanique À- fleur-d'eau). The Foundation enjoyed excellent collaboration from the City of Rouyn-Noranda's Green Spaces Services. This new environment brought the idea to change the Walk of Hope to a rally. And this is how Byas Foundation' first Rally of Hope came to be.

Very supportive local participants and eight enthusiastic French visitors along with Sister Lucie Laquerre, the co-director of the Hospital of Hope, made this first Rally of Hope a most remarkable event. These 8 visitors from France (South-West region), support the Hospital of Hope through two NGOs, "Les Amis de Sœur Madeleine et d'Haïti" and "Édé Ayiti". Two visitors, Dr. Michel Dombriz, a surgeon, and Ms. Pierrette Caussade, an anaesthesiologist, spoke to the participants. They informed the group on how they conducted their surgical missions at the Hospital of Hope.

Weather greatly influences the outcome of outdoors events. But despite a heavy rain, enthusiastic participation of over 60 individuals made the event a success and raised \$5,500 for the Hospital of Hope.

## Postal Fund Raising Campaign

### The projects...



In 2013, the cholera epidemic in Haiti was nearly eradicated and therefore financial support from the World Health Organisation has ceased. However, cholera has not yet been eradicated (see flip side: chart of cholera cases at the Hospital of Hope for 2014). We must therefore continue to support the Hospital and its Cholera Treatment Centre. To assist in doing this, the Hospital management has asked Byas Foundation to finance the Head Nurse's salary. Secondly, the porch flooring of the nurses' residence is in need of replacement, which will

make the attached roof safer when the porch is repaired. Thirdly, batteries for the emergency room need to be replaced, which will allow patients use of the emergency room both day and night. Finally, through the foundation, the hospital will now have a system of drinking safe water in all its pavilions.

### Then the Postal Campaign...

Thanks to Louis Paré for the page layout of the Foundation's documents and to Alain Charron, treasurer, for the mailing of the Postal Campaign documents, the 2014 Postal Campaign raised \$15,240 that was spent to the projects mentioned above.

# Retrospect 2014

## The Pilate Aqueduct



The valley of Pilate receives its water from two mountain sources named Bigot and Faucher, one on each side of the valley. Through gravitational adduction, the Bigot source supplies the Hospital of Hope as well as the town of Pilate with safe drinking water. Supply and distribution works have been made at the hospital and at three fountains in the town of Pilate, thanks to the skill of Mr. François-Xavier Ramade supported by "Les Amis de Sœur Madeleine et d'Haïti". The total cost of the project exceeded \$30,000 for which the Byas Foundation contributed \$7000 in 2013.

It remains to achieve the same works for the Faucher source. In 2013, the estimated cost of the project was \$46,500. The final plan can now be specified, following the completion of a \$7500 study, which specifically evaluated the rate of the source Faucher and established the needs of the population. The realization of this last phase of the project will certainly contribute to the reduction or the desired disappearance of cholera in the town of Pilate. To grasp the importance of this project, just think of the impact of this work on public hygiene.

## An Egyptian Plague in Haiti

The majority of the Haitian population was affected in 2014 by a fever called, "chikoungounia". We could not know if the fever transmitted by a mosquito is contagious or not. Sister Lucie was sick with the fever twice and Sister Louisa, once. Fortunately, the mortality rate of this disease is very low.



## A Surgical Mission

On January 4th, 2014, Dr. Michel Dombriz along with an anaesthetist and a nurse left Saint-Martin-de-Seignanx for a fifteen-day surgical mission at the Hospital of Hope during which they performed more than one hundred surgeries.



## International Visits to Pilate

Five students from University of Ottawa participated in an international training course at the Hospital of Hope. Also visiting from France was Mrs. Boissineau, a nurse specialized in nursing and continuous training of nursing staff. She has previously trained the nursing staff on numerous occasions.

## Training Opportunities to Students in Health Sciences

Each year, the Hospital of Hope receives graduates of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of the State University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince for their internship of one-year residence. In 2014, the hospital received 3 of these future doctors. The hospital also receives graduates in nursing, laboratory technology and pharmacy from the same university.

## An Austerity Budget, a World Phenomenon



The 2011 Retrospect mentioned that the Hospital of Hope had joined the network of Christian Health Institutes of Haiti (RICSH), to fight the worldly HIV/AIDS epidemic through the AIDS RELIEF program. In 2014, budget cuts became a reality in not only Canada but in many other countries causing the AIDS RELIEF funds to be greatly reduced and thus causing a reduction in community health services and hospital staff at

the Hospital of Hope. Transformation of administrative practices at the Hospital are upheld but on a slower pace. For example, introducing a new salary scale was postponed.

## An Accident Delays the Eradication of Cholera

In order to protect coastal flooding from the river that runs through the town of Pilate, the municipality has undertaken diking populated floodplains. In course work, a pipe, which provided drinking water, was accidentally damaged, temporarily depriving the population of safe drinking water. Although the damage is now repaired, this accident, combined with heavy autumn rains, led to an increase in cholera cases as indicated in the chart below. Despite progress still recorded this year, the 2015 data should be more encouraging if they resemble those of mid-2014.

### Cholera cases/year at Hospital of Hope (2011- 2014)

Period	2011	2012	2013	2014
Nombred of cases	1 840	683	453	363
Death	20	5	3	5
Rate of death	1,1 %	0,7 %	0,66 %	1,38 %
Cases/month	153	57	38	30

### Cholera cases/month at Hospital of Hope 2014.

Month	Fan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cas	20	3	4	11	13	5	4	4	36	29	154	80
Décès	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0