



Annual report 2018

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Another rally in Southern France



Édé Ayiti, a charity of Saint-Martin-de-Seignanx, just North of the Basque country in France, cooperates with Les Amis de Soeur Madeleine et d'Haïti in helping to sustain Hospital of Hope. It held, on October 7th, its eighth pedestrian rally. It registered over a hundred participants, (including a dozen kids) who walked 8 kilometers in the vicinity of a path leading to Compostelle. The activity brought in 1,600 euros that will be added to the 2019 surgery mission budget to be held in March next year.

Financial Re\$ult\$

The Byas Foundation's income in 2018 totalled \$22,306. Since the Foundation's administration is made entirely of volunteers, its expenditures remained under 8% of its revenues, totalling \$1,719, mainly for stationary and postal stamps.

Throughout the year, the Foundation sent \$20,000 to finance the projects mentioned here above.

Another \$500 went to the emergency fund.



Rally of Hope 2018

After holding the Rally of Hope during four years, Byas foundation came back to its original yearly event, the Walk of Hope. This 20th event was held at the botanical garden A-fleur-d'eau on Saturday, September 15th.

More than 35 adults pledged helping the

growth of a hospital directed by a woman from Abitibi, Sister Louisa Bélanger.

Before the Walk, the participants attended a presentation by Sister Dadeline Jean, a Haitian born in Pilate, who is now director of human resources at the Hospital of Hope. She explained how her institution is now lacking space. It must therefore expand because some departments, for example, the Emergency Room (ER), lack space.

Outside its walls, the hospital owns a large enough piece of land. An enlarged wall will enclose it and give sufficient space for the needed expansion. Part of these donations collected at this Walk of Hope will help finance that project.

Sister Dadeline explained that other Haitian Sisters are now being taught, as she did, special training at Notre-Dame University in Haiti, to ensure a competent staff at Hospital of Hope's management.



Sister Dadeline Jean along with Mrs Diane Dallaire, Rouyn-Noranda's Mayor and the rally's participants and membres of Fondation Byas

Fund raising the postal campaign

First the planned projects...

Hospital of Hope's prime goal is to save lives. It is therefore consistent that it had to react quickly following the cholera epidemic by isolating one of its pavilions, converting it into a Cholera Treatment Centre. The head nurse manages this service on an annual basis. Since the epidemic is not yet eradicated, Byas Foundation financed her salary once more this year.



Secondly, well-planned international collaboration increases the Foundation's efficiency in a more precise collaborative structure. This year, the Foundation increased its collaboration with Les Amis de Soeur Madeleine et d'Haïti in its annual mission that oversees over 100 surgeries a year in Pilate (see Retrospect 2018). These surgeries imply a cost to the Hospital of Hope with dressings and bandages, fuel for the generator etc. So Byas Foundation contributed \$6,000 for this mission, counting 50 surgeries at \$120

each. The French charity, for its part, gives the hospital 80 euros (approx. CA\$120) each for other surgeries performed during that mission.

Finally the foundation also supports the hospital's growth and aims to fund some parts of its projected construction, namely two hospital rooms for sick employees and an enlarged ER.

The postal campaign

Thanks to the constant devotion of Mr. Alain Charron, the treasurer, the 2018 campaign totalled \$18,398. That amount is bonified by an added donation of over \$3,000 and some donations through the Internet.

Retrospect 2018

Some outstanding events

Hospital of Hope's 50th Anniversary was celebrated on January 12th.

The Haitian **Ministry of Public Health and Population**, in the past, paid the salary of ten employees at this hospital. Due to governments' budget cuts, that number had gone down to five in 2017-2018. But the ministry just announced that it would, next year, increase the number of paid employees from five to twenty in 2019. A financial relief for the hospital.

An earthquake in the North of Haiti in October spread disaster as far as the valley of Pilate. Some of the hospital's employees' house in the village were torn down. Fortunately, the hospital is solidly built on rock, which is reassuring for the local population.



Maintenance required

In a mountain north of Pilate, a water spring named Bigot, supplies water to the hospital. The first aqueduct taking water from that spring was built 35 years ago. Since then it was repaired at different places. But maintenance was neglected. In 2012, the French association, Les Amis de Sœur Madeleine et d'Haïti financed a new aqueduct which took 2 years to complete, while making the water available to local population with fountains built along its line. But this year, that same aqueduct showed signs of weakness. This means that it will require permanent maintenance. Efficiently, Mr. François-Xavier Ramade, in the year end, made some urgent repairs while training a few people that understand how the system works and could eventually ensure its maintenance.



The surgery mission

In spite of a 48 hour delay, the surgery mission's team, supported by Édé Ayiti, performed 138 successful surgeries in less than 15 days.

The team, headed by the surgeon, Dr. Michel Dombriz, and Dr. Pierrette Causade, an aesthetist and Élise, the post-surgery nurse. The team also had the help from Dr. Florence Mazeret, an expert in thyroid surgery. Also present was Dr. Tania Labbes, gynaecologist, obstetrician and scan specialist.



Sister Louisa bélanger and Dr. Michel Dombriz along with a member of Ede ayiti and Haitian nursing staff

But why did a gynaecologist join this surgical mission?

That is because the Maternity Service in Hospital of Hope got, in 2011, the services of a gynaecologist paid by the Haitian State. Therefore, Byas foundation agreed to finance the purchase of a scanner for the hospital, a foetal monitor and other special equipment, totalling \$25 000, for the gynaecologist to provide full service. However, in 2014, the Haitian State ended paying for the gynaecologist's salary. Since then, the equipment was not in operation. Dr. Tania Labbes joined the mission to train at least two nurses that will work in the maternity ward. Dr. Labbes also gave some training to a few midwives. The hospital had hired two young Haitian nurses to support that mission. Since they showed great skills, the hospital offered them a full-time job.

To eradicate choléra : results are now showing

The following charts brings us to believe it is now possible to eventually eradicate the cholera epidemic in Pilate. Not a single patient was admitted in the last six months and not a single death recorded in 2018. This shows the efficiency of the public hygiene team, managed by the hospital, and directed to teach elementary public hygiene rules in the rural zones of Pilate. According to what we learned, the teaching must continue in three of the eight rural zones, mainly in the one named Joly, from which came most of the 23 cholera cases admitted at the hospital in April.

Monthly admitted cases with cholera at Hospital of Hope, 2015-2018

		jan.	feb.	ma.	apr.	may	june	july	aug.	sept.	oct.	nov.	dec.	total
Cases	2015	16	25	51	4	4	0	1	0	0	2	38	108	249
	2016	188	68	76	71	50	2	4	11	15	12	17	47	561
	2017	21	13	0	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	21	3	70
	2018	3	0	1	23	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Died	2015	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
	2016	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	10
	2017	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
	2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Since 2012, the French charity Les Amis de Soeur Madeleine et d'Haïti have financed ground works to supply drinking water to the population of Pilate. These projects are completed in five of the eight rural zones. When these projects are completed in the remaining zones, chances are that cholera will be eradicated in the Valley of Pilate.

Nombre de patients atteints du choléra à l'hôpital l'Espérance - 2011 à 2017

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cases	1 840	683	453	363	249	561	70	34
Died	20	5	3	5	5	10	3	0