



Hospital Lumiére, Bonne Fin, Haiti

WHOSOEVER SHALL RECEIVE ONE OF SUCH CHILDREN IN MY NAME, RECEIVETH ME:

AND WHOSOEVER SHALL RECEIVE ME, RECEIVETH NOT ME,

BUT HIM THAT SENT ME ▲ MARK 9:37

## A Father for Woodley

Woodley who is now two years old, was abandoned at Hospital Lumiere when he was a baby. In the Spring 2018 Newsletter, we shared the story of his serious birth defects,

successful surgeries and good recovery. At that time Woodley had nowhere to go and was living at the hospital. Our prayers were that a

permanent home would be found for Woodley.

Prayers were

answered when Dr. Rony Luberisse (the surgeon who saved Woodley's life with an emergency colostomy after he was born) adopted Woodley. Woodley is doing well

in his new home but likely has one or two minor surgeries ahead of him. His prospects for a normal life are very good.

Woodley will start kindergarten in Les Cayes when he is three. Since

he will live close to the hospital, those who became attached to

him should be able to check up on him when they visit the hospital.



Woodley with his new dad - Dr. Rony

# A Leg Saved

### VICTIM OF TRAGIC ACCIDENT FINDS HELP AT HOSPITAL LUMIERE

Revau Yvon was simply trying to get to a funeral. Like most Haitians, Revau does not own a car and had to depend on a motorcycle taxi to get there. While enroute, an oncoming truck blew a tire, lost control and headed directly towards the motorcycle he was riding. The moto driver tried to get out of the way but still collided with the out of control truck. The moto driver was not seriously injured but Revau was not so fortunate. His left leg was torn open and his femur was broken.

Revau was taken to General Hospital in Les Cayes. The only care they were able to provide was to clean up his wound as Revau lay in pain. Fortunately Revau's father had previously been a patient at Hospital Lumiere and urged him to go there. Revau's father told him "Hospital Lumiere is our hospital." His brother agreed and warned Revau he should go or he would lose his leg. So after one day at General, they left and arrived at Hospital Lumiere.

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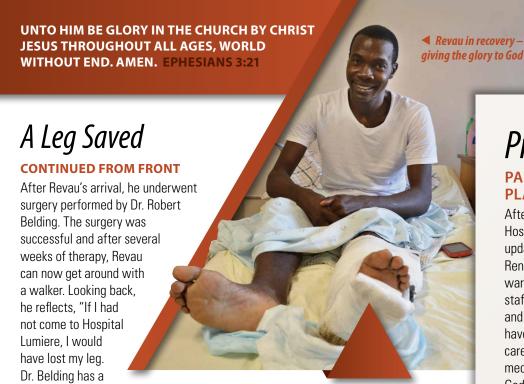
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lot of love. The doctors and nurses were very good too.

Although I was in a lot of pain, the nurses treated me very gently."

Revau says he prays for those who support the hospital. He asks that God will help them continue to support Hospital Lumiere. But Revau gives the ultimate glory to God. "If God sends an angel to help, we should give the glory to God," he stated. The mission of Hospital Lumiere is to provide excellent and effective medical care with compassion and Christian love. We are thankful God has blessed Hospital Lumiere and those who have supported that mission.

## Consider Visiting Hospital Lumiere

#### HAITI AWARENESS TOURS

If you'd like to see the ministry of Hospital Lumiere and other Haiti projects in person, but do not have the time or desire to participate in a week-long work team, please consider joining us for our next Haiti Awareness Tour. These are quick



#### TO LEARN MORE, EMAIL OR CALL:

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## **Progress Update**

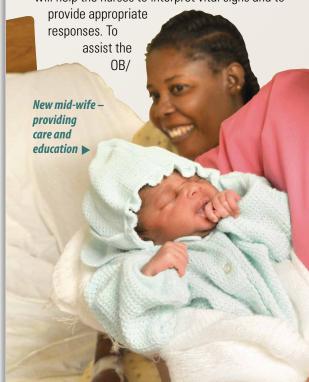
## PAST BLESSINGS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

After World Relief assumed management of Hospital Lumiere in 2011, work began to renovate and update the hospital physically and organizationally. Renovations over the years have included patient wards, operating rooms, missionary residences, staff and family housing, offices, new solar power and additions of medical equipment. These changes have significantly improved the level of medical care as well as hospital administration, accounting, medical recordkeeping and laboratory services. God's provision for the hospital has brought about an environment that honors him and provides an atmosphere that ministers to the peace and wellbeing of the hospital staff, our patients and their families.

#### 2018 - A YEAR OF BLESSINGS

#### **IMPROVEMENTS IN MEDICAL CARE**

Major improvements were made to the OB/GYN Ward at Hospital Lumiere in 2018. A mid-wife, nurse Glezile, was hired by the hospital to perform pre-natal checkups and newborn assessments. In addition, nurse Glezile spends time teaching mothers about infant care, nutrition, danger signs, premature labor, infections and proper rest. Another improvement was the in-depth training that was given to all OB/GYN nurses. The training will help the nurses to interpret vital signs and to





GYN staff and to help assure better outcomes, a new fetal monitor was acquired to monitor contractions and the baby's heartbeat.

#### **FACILITIES UPGRADES**

eliminating

previously

Facility changes at Hospital Lumiere in 2018 included patient bathrooms in the hospital wards. Previously there was only one bath with 1 toilet and 2 showers, shared by all patients. Two new bathrooms were built, one for men and one for women. The new baths are handicapped accessible and have 3 toilets and 2 showers in each. Another change was the new laundry facility. Its increased capacity will allow items like gowns to be reused,

costly disposable gowns that were used. After the new laundry became operational, the Central Supply Depot was relocated into the space it occupied. The relocation increased the size of the supply depot, providing better organization and management of inventories. The new depot is much closer to areas where supplies are used. The guesthouse was also remodeled, opening up the common area to provide more dining and living space. A gazebo was built in memory of Sis. Janella Zimmerman. The new gazebo will provide patient & family seating, and can be used by

> teams during specialty clinics. **Battery** capacity for the solar system was increased by 50%, further reducing the hospital's dependence

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on costly diesel generators.

#### 2019 - MORE **IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED**

#### **NEW & BETTER MEDICAL CARE**

Training for the nursing staff will continue in 2019 with an extensive pediatric nurse training program. To further improve patient care, the hospital will transition from just one nursing supervisor to one supervisor for each of the four patient wards. A portable digital x-ray machine is being purchased in 2019. The new digital x-rays will phase out the outdated film system, and will enable specialists in the U.S. to diagnose and offer consultation. Also in 2019, the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit will be completely remodeled and updated with new equipment. When completed, there will be limited access to the NICU, reducing the risk of infections. New isolettes for premature babies will be added, as well

▲ Construction underway – new school for missionary children

◀ New central

**Improved** 

restrooms

for men &

**⋖** women

supply – Improved

inventory control

as beds and lounge chairs for the mothers. Currently, the closest facility providing this type of neo-natal intensive care is in Port-Au-Prince.

#### **MORE FACILITY CHANGES**

Facility enhancements will also continue this year. A new quad is planned to house Haitian doctors and their families. Many of these doctors live elsewhere, staying at the hospital during their work week. The improved housing will help attract more qualified doctors and medical professionals. Another enhancement to the solar system is planned in 2019. Hospital Lumiere's solar system produces more electricity than can currently be stored. The present battery capacity provides power until about 2 am. More batteries will be added, allowing the hospital to run on solar power 24 hours a day. A new school building for the missionary children is also being built. The new school will be larger and as enrollment grows, will allow for an additional teacher. When completed, the current school building will be freed up and can be used for additional housing.

Hospital Lumiere is thankful for God's provision and for your prayers and support. All progress can be traced to the fountain of his lovingkindness. Please continue to pray for Hospital Lumiere and for those who labor there.

#### **NOVEMBER 8, 2019**

## Benefit Auction

#### YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This annual fund-raising auction is a critical part of Hospital Lumière's support. It helps raise awareness of the need for prayer and personal involvement while providing a festive way to give financially. Plus, it's a wonderful evening of good food, singing and fellowship.

#### **Auction Items Needed**

A successful benefit auction depends not just on bidders, but on those who graciously donate auctionable items. Please consider donating one or more of the following: Toys, Lego's, Games,

Tools, Electronics, Gift Certificates, Outdoor Recreation, Vacation Packages, Dinners or Food Items

If you have items to contribute, please contact: Rich Bertschi, 309-467-2351 hospitallumiere@harvestcall.org

If you plan to order auction items through Amazon, you have two options:

- Use the Amazon Gift List/Registry. To access it, click the "Account & Lists" tab, then select "Find a List or Registry" and type in "Hospital Lumiere". At check-out you can select "Rich Bertschi" as the ship to address.
- 2. Or, order normally but have items shipped directly to Rich Bertschi at 611 Golf Crest Ct, Eureka IL 61530.



calendars now, before they fill up. We hope to see you there.

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#### Friday, Nov. 8, 2019

4:30 — Food Court & Silent Auction

6:15 — Singing Group

7:00 - Live Auction

#### **LOCAL AUCTION REPRESENTATIVES**

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- 1. Enter your email address.
- 2. Indicate Hospital Lumiere as your area of interest.

#### **HELP FINANCIALLY**

Direct financial aid of \$35,000 per month is needed to support operations at Hospital Lumiere. Financial support is also needed to cover the living expenses of the HarvestCall missionary families now living at Hospital Lumiere.

#### **Online**

If you feel moved to help the project financially, please consider setting up a recurring monthly gift or give a one-time gift on the HarvestCall website at:

#### www.harvestcall.org/donate

To indicate where you would like your contribution to go, choose: "Haiti – Hospital Lumiere"

#### By Mail

Donations by check should be made out to AC HarvestCall with Hospital Lumiere written on the memo line. Donations can either be given to your local HarvestCall Representative or mailed to:

Apostolic Christian HarvestCall Hospital Lumiere PO Box 3797, West Lafayette, IN 47996

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