



Hospital Lumière, Bonne Fin, Haiti

Motorcycle and Bus Collision Leaves Man with Serious Injuries

HOSPITAL LUMIERE PROVIDES NEEDED CARE

Pierre Rousseau needed to buy ice, a daily necessity for many Haitians. He hired a moto (motorcycle) taxi to take him to Les Cayes to purchase ice when a tragedy occurred. As Pierre rode on the back of the moto taxi, it was struck from behind by a large bus. Pierre was seriously injured in the collision and suffered a broken left femur. An ambulance took Pierre to a hospital in Les Cayes, but his injuries were too serious for them to treat. They immediately directed him to Hospital Lumière.

Since his arrival at Hospital Lumière, Pierre has had surgery to repair his broken femur. He is recovering well, but at the time of this interview was still bedridden. Pierre is happy

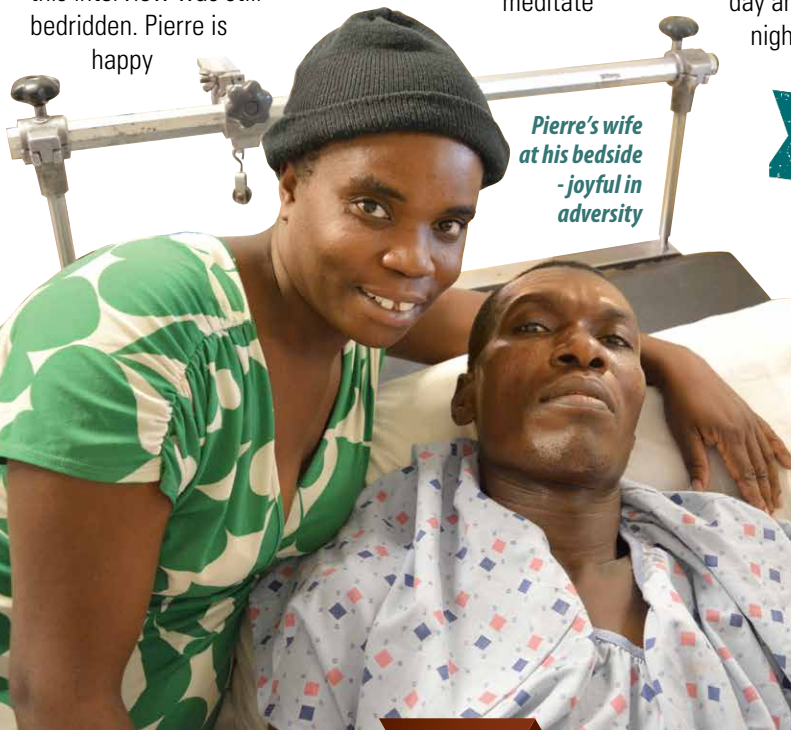
with the care he is receiving. "The people are kind and helpful". "They do what they can to help me", says Pierre. "Many people are in similar situations to mine, and we rely on Hospital Lumière. They are doing a good job of helping this community."

Pierre is a pastor at one of the churches in Les Cayes. He and his wife have one boy. For many years, Pierre's favorite Bible passage has been Psalm 1, verses 1 and 2.

¹ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.



Pierre keeps these verses in his thoughts and tries to apply them in his daily living. In spite of their circumstances, Pierre and his wife reflect a joy and confidence that illustrates their Christian faith. Please keep them in your prayers for Pierre's healing and a complete recovery.



*Pierre's wife
at his bedside
-joyful in
adversity*

Save the Date

2020 HOSPITAL LUMIERE BENEFIT AUCTION

FRIDAY, NOV. 6, 2020
IN WASHINGTON, IL.

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

Your gift can make a difference.

This annual fundraising 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.

If you have items to contribute or need more information, please contact:

Rich Bertschi, 309-467-2351
or hospitallumiere@harvestcall.org.



AND WHOSO SHALL RECEIVE ONE
SUCH LITTLE CHILD IN MY NAME
RECEIVETH ME. MATTHEW 18:5

Life-saving Appendectomy for Young Girl

OTHER HOSPITALS COULD NOT TREAT HER

When Clerjo arrived at Hospital Lumiere she was a very sick girl. She had spent one day at a hospital in Jeremie, then another day at a hospital in Les Cayes before being sent to Hospital Lumiere. When she arrived at Hospital Lumiere, Clerjo was suffering from severe abdominal pain and distension, fever, diarrhea and vomiting.



In pain on arrival – Clerjo and her mom ▲

Doctors at Hospital Lumiere determined Clerjo's appendix was inflamed, causing peritonitis. On the day after her arrival, her appendix was surgically removed and doctors put her on antibiotics to help her recovery. Almost immediately, Clerjo began to feel much better.

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Providing a Service for Patients

EARNING A LIVING AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD

Faubert makes his living by providing a vital service for Hospital Lumiere. He is a moto (motorcycle) taxi driver, shuttling patients and family members back and forth between their homes and Hospital Lumiere. Approximately two thirds of the hospital's patients use moto taxis for transportation. Without drivers like Faubert, many patients would lack the means to come to Hospital Lumiere. Many travel from the city of Les Cayes, which is about an hour-long ride. Some come from even farther away.

Faubert has been a moto taxi driver for four years. He comes to Hospital Lumiere every morning at 6:00 am looking for riders. Competition between moto drivers is stiff, and a typical day may yield only one or two customers. It is not a lucrative profession, but it is a way Faubert can earn a living.

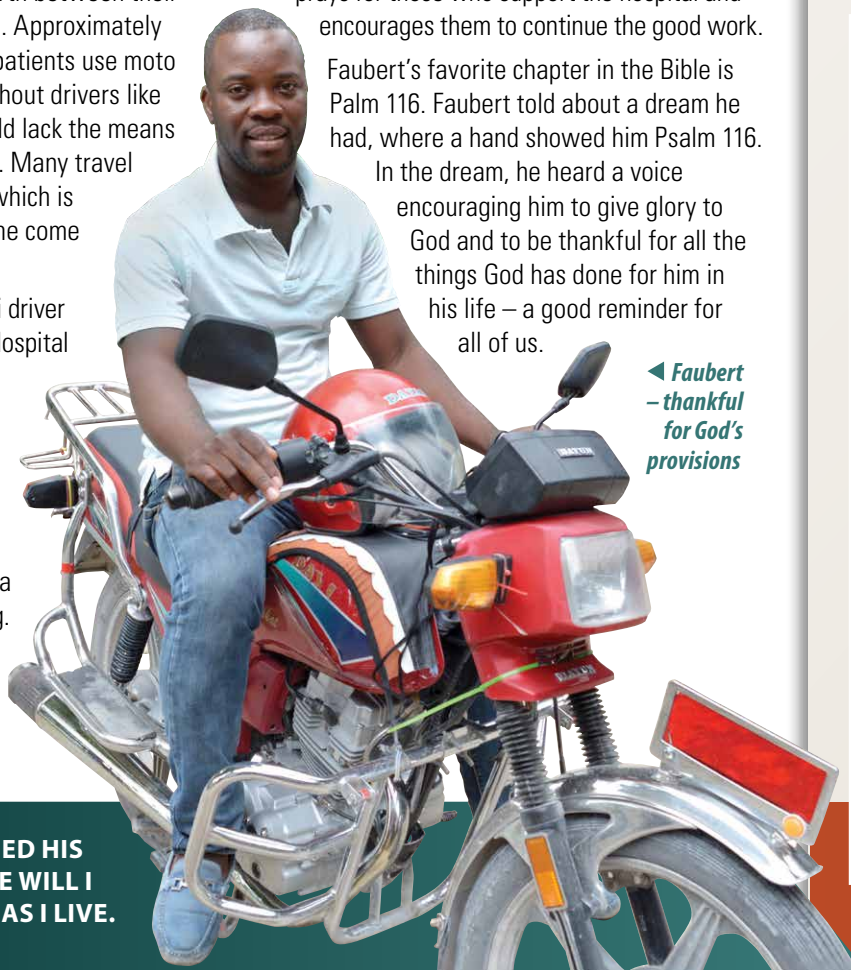
In spite of the challenges, Faubert is thankful for his job and for Hospital Lumiere. "Hospital Lumiere

is one of the best gifts that God can give to us here in Bonne Fin" says Faubert. "Without the hospital, Bonne Fin would look like a jungle" he continued. Faubert prays for those who support the hospital and encourages them to continue the good work.

Faubert's favorite chapter in the Bible is Palm 116. Faubert told about a dream he had, where a hand showed him Psalm 116.

In the dream, he heard a voice encouraging him to give glory to God and to be thankful for all the things God has done for him in his life – a good reminder for all of us.

◀ *Faubert
– thankful
for God's
provisions*



BECAUSE HE HATH INCLINED HIS
EAR UNTO ME, THEREFORE WILL I
CALL UPON HIM AS LONG AS I LIVE.

PSALM 116:2

NICU Upgrades Improve Neonatal Care

The infant mortality rate in Haiti is currently 53 deaths per 1000 live births, about ten times higher than in the U.S. and the highest rate in the western hemisphere. If a newborn weighs three pounds or less, the chances for survival are minimal at best. The main reasons for the high infant mortality rate in Haiti are the extreme material poverty, poor health infrastructure and the lack of accessible healthcare. In 2019, Hospital Lumiere made significant renovations to the Pediatric Ward to improve the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) operation and function. These renovations will help Hospital

Inserting an IV in baby Raymond ▼





◀ *Kangaroo care – contact increases chances of survival*

Lumiere provide badly needed neonatal care that was previously unavailable in Southern Haiti.

The new NICU layout includes a single access door to improve disease prevention and reduce the risk of infections by limiting access to the unit. Limited access is imperative to protect the infant's immune systems which are not fully developed and are more susceptible to infections. Anyone coming into the NICU enters through a designated room where they scrub and put on gowns and shoe covers.

Temperature control was installed in the NICU to prevent hypothermia, previously a problem due to poor ventilation in the unit. In addition, new medical equipment was added including three incubators, four Isolettes/bassinets, three radiant warmers, two Bili lights, six vital sign monitors, four IV infusion pumps and one c-pap machine – all donated by the HarvestCall Medical Committee. With this additional equipment and increased staff training, the quality and effectiveness of neonatal care should greatly improve.

The new NICU layout also makes it more convenient for the mothers, with beds for them to sleep in after they are discharged from the maternity ward. In addition, there is a "kangaroo care" area with Isolettes for underweight and preemie babies who are not critical. Kangaroo care encourages skin-



to-skin contact between the baby and mother and has been found to help babies grow and increases chances of survival. Adjacent to the Isolettes are recliners for the mothers so they can be in close proximity and spend as much time in contact their babies as possible. Babies remain in the kangaroo care area until they have acceptable weight gain and can be discharged.

Little baby Raymond is a one beneficiary of the neonatal care Hospital Lumiere provides. Baby Raymond was born at 32 weeks (eight weeks early) and weighed just two pounds, four ounces. At two weeks,

Raymond has gained a few ounces but is hypoglycemic and is still in very serious condition.

He is receiving treatment and hopefully will continue to gain weight and make progress.

The mission of Hospital Lumiere is to provide excellent and effective medical care with compassion and Christian love. Improving the level of neonatal and pediatric care helps us to fulfil that mission.

◀ *Providing care that was previously unavailable*



◀ *Haiti has the highest infant mortality rate in the western hemisphere*

Update

Spring 2020

God Continues to Work

JOCELYN has overcome many obstacles since he first arrived at Hospital Lumiere in 2015. God has preserved Jocelyn and provided for him through each hurdle. There were severe medical issues, developmental challenges and abandonment by his family. Many staff members and visitors helped care for Jocelyn, and he has blessed all who came to know him. Today, Jocelyn enjoys reasonable health, attends school, continues to learn, and has been adopted by a wonderful Christian family (Pastor and Madam Genestè).

Although Jocelyn's birth parents abandoned him, they eventually established some contact with the hospital and those involved with his care. They were deeply touched by the loving care Jocelyn received and the Christian teachings and love that was extended to them by the church Jocelyn now attends. God continued to work in their hearts, and both parents turned to Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Now recognizing their unmarried lifestyle to be biblically wrong, they were recently married. God

continues to work far-reaching miracles through little Jocelyn and the circumstances that brought him to Hospital Lumiere.

◀ *Just married – Jocelyn with his parents*

THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL: AND HIS TENDER MERCIES ARE OVER ALL HIS WORKS.

▲ PSALM 145:9

Appendectomy

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Clerjo's mom, Mme. Perr is a Christian and thanks God that they found a hospital where Clerjo could finally find help and relief. She shared her favorite Bible verse which is



After surgery – feeling much better ▲

PSALM

34:19 –

“MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS: BUT THE LORD DELIVERETH HIM OUT OF THEM ALL”.

Mme. Perr also expressed her appreciation for the good care she received at Hospital Lumiere. “Without Hospital Lumiere, Clerjo would have died” she said. “This is a good hospital. May God bless the people in the U.S. who provide support for Hospital Lumiere.” On behalf of Clerjo and the many other patients who find help at Hospital Lumiere, we say thank you for your prayers and support. Along with God's blessings, they are what helps Hospital Lumiere fulfil its mission - To provide excellent and effective medical care with compassion and Christian love.

WILL YOU JOIN OUR

“Sponsor a Bed” Program?

When you sign up to sponsor one of the hospital's beds, you make it possible for patients who use that bed to get the life-saving care they need, regardless of how much they can personally pay. In a country where health insurance is unheard of and most people make just enough to survive, your bed sponsorship helps provide desperately needed care to those in need.

We believe this is the right thing to do, as Jesus illustrated in the Good Samaritan parable. Yet the reality is our per-bed costs are expected to exceed revenues by over \$7,000/bed this year. Sponsors are truly needed.

BED SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$145/mo. – cover costs for a 1/4 of a hospital bed

\$300/mo. – cover costs for a 1/2 of a hospital bed

\$600/mo. – cover costs for one hospital bed for a full year

Pay either by check or credit card, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Sponsorships are for the full year, regardless of payment interval or sponsorship level.

To sign up, go to
harvestcall.org/sponsor-a-bed.

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Stay apprised of the progress being made and the patients whose lives are being touched. Here are two ways to learn about projects, how to be involved and how to pray specifically.

E updates | Get occasional emails with news and info by going to the HarvestCall website (www.harvestcall.org) and selecting “Join our email list” on the home page.

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Facebook.com/harvestcall
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HELP FINANCIALLY

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

Online

Please consider setting up a recurring monthly gift or give a one-time gift 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.

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