
Preparations for Winter 2018 Mission, our 71st
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New Orléans, LA
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Dear Members, Volunteers,
And Friends of AHDH and Haiti:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of AHDH, Inc., please allow us to express, first of all, our indescribable joy for the blessings of AHDH having been in our lives for the last 31 years, and the privilege of walking along the hundreds of volunteers and supporters during those years, humble participants in HIS missions.

At the outset of this mission report, we have a special thought for all those who have never bargained their blessings along AHDH’s missions, and specially for a colleague who incessantly, over the last 8 years, never failed to bring his wholesome support to the development of our Ophthalmology Department at Hopital St. Joseph, in Ridoré, La Vallee de Jacmel. He could still do so much more, with his youthful energy, but the Almighty has decided to assign him elsewhere, in another corner of the universe: Reynold Monsanto, MD, Ophthalmologist, never hesitant, following the footsteps of his late father, brought all himself to our humanitarian efforts, for the benefit of our less fortunate. Please, refer to our previous mission reports (www.AHDHhaiti.org) and you will see how we never failed to appreciate his presence in our midst. We can but bow before the greatness of his God-given compassionate heart. We know our Blessed friend will continue to keep an eye on AHDH’s mission and progress, for the benefit of our less fortunate, he cherished so much.
Our Fall 2017 Mission: It was another most blessed opportunity in our life, and once more HIS angels (messengers) were on board. Our small team of 8, joined by our RN graduates and local supporters, were at their best.

Internal Medicine: Drs. Michelle I.G (red top) and Adelaide F. (3rd from left); Pediatrics: Dr. Paul Edouard T., (4th from left); Ob-Gyn: Charles R. (3rd from left); besides ultrasonography, EKG etc. As shown above, we were very much supported by much devoted “veterans”: Weber P-L., (2nd from left), who banded together with “Junior Angel”, pre-med student Britney (1st from right) to perform a marvelous work at our pharmacy; Daniel C., and Patrick V. (2nd and 3rd from right) we will more abundantly tell you about below, as a large, the sky-is-the-limit dimension has been added to our mission.

Without failing to mention our “senior” angel, Claude V. (above, 1st on right) who never bargained neither his support, over the last 15 years.
Worth mentioning, for the sake of continuity throughout the years, **Dr. Adelaide F.** joined us twice in the past, first time as a Pre-med student, then Med. student, and now fully ready to serve a medical doctor, which she did with compassion. That’s a calling! True definition of medicine.

Tens of patients were served despite the very inclement weather conditions, that kept quite a few of them at home; and for 4 days, we were so affected that we had to cancel our plan to run, once more, our new satellite clinic in **La Montagne**, that new “frontier”, spearheaded by Michelle I.G., MD.

As mentioned above, Patrick V. and Daniel C, co-founders of **Eyes of Haiti**, were just at the right place at the right time, to join AHDH: Our mission offered them exactly the ideal environment.. our record in the communities of the La Vallée commune .. its decades long contacts, while their vision goes straight to the youth of such communities, as AHDH was overwhelmed with health issues.

High School principals were readily met: Lycée Philippe Jules *(below with Principal Francois J.P. blue, long sleeves, and next row, receiving a new clarinet for the school fanfare)*
They readily met with the FestCap (an annual contest/festival of kites on January 2nd, Jour des Aieux, Founding Fathers Day) organizers (below) which they are committed to support.
And, they were readily on the road, with the support of one of our La Vallée’s historians, Ingenieur Francois L. they went exploring the **ruins of the 3 fortresses**, west of Ridoré *(below left with some farmers)* And Ing. Francois L. *(with stripped top, below right)*, with some visitors. They plan to have the high schools students involved in the restoration of those abandoned historical riches.

Then a visit to the mayor office was in order, as discussions about a website for the Commune of La Vallée was raised: The Mairesse, Mrs. **Marie Yolaine Philippeau-Scutt** graciously welcome us at her office *(below right)*, educating us about the challenges of her Commune *(below center)*, but, as customary in Haiti, we didn’t leave without accepting gifts: *(2 books: “FondalNatal Lavale Jakmel”, by Francois Nau, a native son of La Vallée, and “L’Apostolat en Haiti, Journal d’un missionaire” by Rev. Leon Bonnau, the first (french) Pastor of **Eglise St. Jean Baptiste**, the village church, both relating the history of La Vallée from 1910 on.*
Then it was time to visit our upcoming Outpatient Clinics under construction, and obtain their suggestions, sharing along the the challenge of $70,000 still left to raise. Please, join AHDH as you can. We remain convinced it will happen. And Thanks to all of you who helped us get this far.

**GRAND BOULAGE (Plateau Central):** As mentioned in previous reports, AHDH has been teaming up with a Chicago based Haitian association, **We Care Charitable Foundation**, run by AHDH’s president’s sister, Mrs. Rolande G.S. Our **President, Mrs. Fenelle G.** (*below left*) was once more on board, as every December, the group brings a special joyful celebration and supplies to a school in that community. This year was no exception. Many members and supporters of the **W. C. C. F.** made it, were present to bring gifts, toiletries, a big reception to 650 people including the kids.

Then it was time to visit **AHDH’s Poster Child**, over the last 30 years, **Hopital St. Joseph**, in La Vallée de Jacmel: Turning a small dispensary/hospital into a Medical Center. She had a tour of the constructions (*below, blue top*) and got answers from Mr. Joseph P., (*below right, blue jacket*), Treasurer of our 3 decade long partner, CODEVA.
Back to the US, AHDH was “summoned” to NY by Fraternité Vallénne (F.V.), the diaspora of the Valléens, celebrating its 40th **anniversary** and planning to recognize AHDH’s contribution to the advancement of Hopital St. Joseph over the last 30 years: Below from left: Mr. Joseph L., Past President, Founding member; Jud A., Secretary, and Mrs. Marie Calixte L., President

Their commitment over the last 40 years remains an inspiration !!

**Happy Anniversary again, Fraternité Valléenne !!!**
2017: A Summary of another extraordinarily blessed year of progress and solidarity with our less fortunate brethren in Haiti:

2017 was another extraordinary year for AHDH for so many blessings sent our way:

AHDH celebrated its 31st Anniversary last month, as one of our most faithful supporters, Renée H., MD, organized a fundraiser party on behalf of AHDH.

With our 3 (Winter, Summer and Fall) Medical/Educational Missions for the year 2017, once more, resoundingly blessed successes have paved our way.

1-One hundred and seven (107) sights were regained, hundreds of visions corrected: Homage once more to pioneer Dr. Anika M.’s leadership, and dedicated colleagues’ support. I can share with you that additional equipment are already on the way, as they consider it almost a defeat if the team can offer, only 60 cataract surgeries a week. More news in February 2018. Thanks God for our blessed younger colleagues. Very inspiring!

2-General surgeries: Tens of hernias, hydroceles (handicapping our farmers), superficial as well as breast tumors resected, while Exploratory Laparotomy is fully available; besides the hundreds of cases of diabetes, hypertensions, infectious diseases treated.

3-Cesarean section, now fully available, saved neonates from impending death; while our program of detection and treatment of early stage of cervical cancer continues its 22 year long course, with the unwavering support of Dr. Claude L., local pathologist.

4-Tens of ultrasonography studies supported our diagnostic efforts. No word will ever suffice to thank Mike, now in his 16th year, offering himself and his own resources.

5-Université Notre Dame Jacmel campus program: Our Nursing Sciences Scholarship program has reached its objectives: 13 brand new RNs have graduated, a 14th to follow next June; while 3 Management and Accounting students are now sophomores. No words will ever suffice to thank all of you who supported this brain-energy-liberating program. Please, refer to our Summer 2017 Mission Report for detailed report, with photos. (www.AHDHhaiti.org)

6-Our program at Rivière Froide is in need of expansion, and it will happen.

7-Grand Boulage (Central Plateau): see above

Dear Members, Volunteers, Friends of AHDH and Haiti,
You are witnessing the “resultante” of AHDH’s extraordinarily blessed chain of solidarity from so many beautiful souls…in Haiti, the USA, Canada, Switzerland etc.
And believe us, more to come in 2018!

We will definitely be short of words to thank you all. We know how challenging it may be, but when we are still humans, we can’t just close our eyes.

Translating AHDH gratitude to all of you volunteers, supporters, friends, during this blessed year 2017 is not an easy task. All of you, 90 MDs, RNs, CRNAs, LPNs, NPs, Pharmacists, Pharm students, countless premed and med students, engineers, educators etc….medical supplies companies, from the US (East and West Coasts, Mid-South and Mid-West), all the way to Canada, the universities (Xavier Univ., Un. of Cincinnati, Université Notre Dame, Univ. Episcopale d’Haiti etc...), Allergan, Plenty International, Blessings International, MAP, Savoy Medical Center, Cashway Pharmacy, all of you who have joined our efforts throughout the Blessed year 2015. Simply put:

Merci Beaucoup! Merci anpil!

For sharing AHDH’s dream, since 1986, of leaving a strong medical and educational legacy in Haiti, in general, and in the county ("Commune") of La Vallée de Jacmel, in particular.

Please visit our website (www.AHDHhaiti.org) for more info on our mission, now on its 31th year.

Dear Members, Volunteers, Friends of AHDH and Haiti,

Let’s get on our marks, for a fruitful, blessed 2018, as we have 3 missions already lined up:
Feb. 9 thru 24, 2018
June 22 thru July 7, 2018, and
November 10 thru 24, 2018

Please send us a note ASAP if interested in joining, as Team-1 is literally booked up for February, we still can accept some for Team-2

And we will be on our marks for anything else the Almighty has in store for AHDH in its dedication to serve the less fortunate, the more vulnerable of our brethren. (Mat. 25:35)

And let’s remember how privileged we are to be involved in His works (Albert Schweitzer)

Again, to ALL of you and yours:

Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Kwanza
Happy Ramada
Happy and Healthy New Year 2018

Pray for Peace on earth !!

Very Cordially yours,

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La Nouvelle-Orléans,
Le 20 décembre 2017

Chers Membres, Volontaires, Amis de l'AHDH et d’Haïti :

Au nom du Comité des Directeurs de l’AHDH, Inc., permettez-moi de partager avec vous ce bilan de fin d'année, de même qu’un bref rapport sur notre 70ème mission que nous venons à peine de clôturer.

Je me proposais d’offrir une version française complète de ce rapport, mais je me rends compte que le temps presse, en cette période de fin d’année.
Et de nos jours, il y a sans doute très peu d’entre vous à avoir besoin d’une traduction extensive. S’il y a vraiment un besoin, n’hésitez pas à me faire savoir. J’aurai à ce moment la version française fin prête.

Chers Membres, Volontaires, Amis de l'AHDH et d’Haïti,
Jouissez du repos bien mérité du guerrier, détendons nous avec la famille et les amis, en cette fin d'année et préparons nos énergies pour une année 2017, qui très certainement bénéficiera de SA Grace et la protection de notre mission.

Alors, à nos marques, préparons-nous pour une autre année regorgeant de SES bienfaits, 2017, pavée de services aux moins fortunés, aux plus vulnérables de nos frères (Mat. 25:35)

Et souvenons-nous combien privilégiés, nous sommes, d’être impliqués dans Ses œuvres (Albert Schweitzer)

Merci à tous.

Encore une fois, à vous tous et les vôtres,

**Joyeux Noël**

**Joyeux Hanukkah**

**Joyeux Kwanza**

**Joyeux Ramada**

**Bonne et Heureuse Année 2018**

**Priez pour la PAIX SUR TERRE !**

Cordialement,

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Unsurpassable serenity in La Vallée

From a drilled well to a ready to serve fountain, a global solidarity
Christmas celebration with the less fortunate in Grand Boulage

In NY in the midst of great Valléens
The younger generation on its mark?

More than eager to receive the liberating force of education