
Preparations for Winter 2019, our 74th
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New Orléans, LA

December 21, 2018

Dear Members, Volunteers,

And Friends of AHDH and Haiti:

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays and enjoy the season, we take great pleasure to share with you AHDH’s successes during the blessed year 2018, successes in large part due to your generous, unwavering support to our mission in Haiti.

Before getting to the headlines promised above, please, allow us thought to share with you a major preoccupation in AHDH’s family this Holidays Season: The constructions of the Outpatient Clinics of Hopital St. Joseph, in La Vallée, are rapidly progressing.
That is good news! Yes, but…

Three months ago, on September 28, we made a scheduled $20K transfer for the constructions. By the end of October, we were requested to provide the next transfer, as the constructions were going really fast. But our reserves were not up to par. Again, a good thing!
We took a deep breath, scrapped our pockets, and realized it would take some additional help to meet that deadline.
That’s when we sent an urgent appeal for help, on October 25, as we were organizing a fundraiser along AHDH’s 32nd Anniversary Celebration, on December 1:

Your response was just overwhelming! You are just extraordinary souls.
I wish I could mention the names of those awesome angels who share AHDH’s dreams without offending their humility, but you know who you are… from CA to Switzerland, with Ohio, NY, LA, FL, Canada etc.… in between.
You who so promptly responded, with your $25, $50, $100, $1,000, $3,000, either by transferring donations thru Paypal, sending checks… or sent a note with the promise to send a donation. Thanks to all of you, on 12/12/2018, we were able to transfer another $20K, and here is the impact on site, for your review:

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In July, upon leaving from Summer 2018 Mission: Getting ready for the 2nd floor concrete (cement) slab, as the foundations and first floor were a done deal:

By November, as we were getting ready to leave, from our Fall 2018 Mission (#73), they were literally done with the mainly expensive pieces (due to imported cement, and making the building ant-seismic, new criteria adopted since the January 2010 earthquake), the foundations and first and second floor slabs, and ready to start the second floor, with the possibility to even use some space…for our Winter 2019 Mission (#74).

And a week ago, the second floor is moving ahead:
And by yesterday, December 20, the **sky is becoming the limit:**

![Image of construction site]

The second floor, the easiest piece, will need barely ¼ of the total funds. And the finish line…

![Blueprint of a house]

What does that means in concrete $ figures??
For reason, you will understand, I can’t divulge those figures in this *(public)* memo. I will use *(algebraic)* symbols, but if you need more info… for your company, your organization, your tax deduction, please, don’t hesitate, **send me a note/text/call** *(chasrene46@ bellsouth.net, 504-957-6233)* and I will be glad to share with you, individually, every details.
In the spring of 2010, after the earthquake, (go to www.AHDHhaiti.org click on Mission Reports, and choose 2010) when the decision was made to decongest the hospital and provide outpatient care in a more dignified, efficient way, we sat down with 5 volunteers engineers and architects, with family ties to that county, (including the editor’s brother), a projection of $TTT-hhh.cc (thousand, hundred, cents) was agreed upon.

We really took a really deep breath. Where, will we ever find that much money? Then the project/dream left our little hands and move to Higher Power’s hands. After we kind of prove to HIM/HER we meant the dream for our brethren, (from 10/15/2013 to 06/17/2014, we had raised $40K), then, in the most unexpected way, (But, we know better: “le hazard, n’est que l’aveu de notre ignorance” = Calling an event happenstance is just confessing our ignorance, Henri Poincaré): An angel was sent our way, with a $50k donation: Then, we were ready to take off.

And the rest is history, like they say. At this time, we have raised $TTT-hhh.cc, spent $TTT-hhh.cc, and left to raise: $TTT-hhh.cc, and we will be looking soon at inauguration time!

Some of you may remember this memorable photo, back in March 2015: One of the Elders, “Professor Léon”, surrounded by the village notables, engineers, and ready for the first shovel strike:
And soon, full services to the 60,000 souls of that county, plus adjacent ones...Bainet...Gandou... (see about cervical cancer, cataract surgery success story, below), the mobilization of AHDH’s small army of 14 RN graduates and 3 Accountants-Managers, and have a hospital generating as much as possible, within the financial limits of our farmers, to become as self-sufficient as possible, except for heavy equipment.

We apologize for the tenuous narrative above, but please, please, don’t let us down...don’t get fatigued...keep sharing our dreams and its challenges, which is lined up with the solutions to the needs of our less fortunate.

Again, any **donation is gold $25, $50, $100 or more**... as we would like also to see this project, not just an AHDH’s project, but yours as well, a shared project. And, don’t hesitate to join us... **visit with us**, during one of our trimestral missions, like some of you have already done.

And remember, every donation is fully tax deductible (**AHDH is a 501-c-3**), a letter/receipt will be sent to you right away. It is the season to extend our heart to the larger humanity.

**We need your support to reach the finish line. Please, please, stand by AHDH!**

**Now, back to the headlines:**

On behalf of the Executive Committee of AHDH, Inc., please allow us to express, first of all, our indescribable joy for the blessing AHDH has been in our lives for the last **32 years**, and the privilege of walking along the hundreds of volunteers and supporters during those years, all of you humble participants in HIS missions.

Indeed, it was an extraordinary blessed moment to find all of us, pionneers on this great mission, around the cake of **AHDH’s 32nd Anniversary Celebration**...

With our first President, Keynote Speaker, **Ludner Confident, MD. (red tie)**, former presidents, Charles R (2nd from left) and Yvelyne G.M. (1st from left) and current President Fenelle G. G., (1st from right): Good friendship, identical humanitarian goals, simply an **indefable joy**. 32 years later! (AHDH's 3rd President, Farere D., MD, was missed, as he could not make it)
December 1st Celebration which took place on the heel of **Our Fall 2018 Mission** (see Mission Report below), quickly followed by our Educational /Humanitarian mission, in collaboration with **We Care Charitable Foundation (Chicago)**, in **Grand Boulage**, Central Plateau of Haiti, under the co-leadership of our current President, **Mrs. Fenelle G. Guillaume**,(below, 1st row, 4th from left, who just emailed us the latest photos of the program going on there) in the midst of those kids enjoying their new uniforms.
Our Fall 2018 Mission Report, #73:

It was another most blessed opportunity in our life, and once more HIS angels (messengers of good news) were on board.

Our small team, intentionally reduced, given some difficult sociopolitical conditions there in November, we were to make due with our RN graduates (Remember “your” 14 graduates from UNDH/Jacmel campus? Go to www.AHDHhaiti.org, click on Mission Report and Summer 2016) and local supporters, were at their best.

We pursued our Cervical Dysplasia/Cancer Detection and Treatment program (so far extraordinary success, as that community of at least 30,000 women is well under AHDH’s radar: no more case for the last 10 plus years)

While providing Prenatal care (Ultrasonography), with management of High Risk Pregnancy (Severe Pre-Eclampsia, Preterm labor etc..), took consultations from local practitioners…EKG, Infertility…which kept us quite busy both weeks…and of course we took advantage of the lush, healthy, natural environment, which made it worth every minute there.
**Outpatients Clinics:** A lot of our attention was certainly largely dedicated to the infrastructural progress of the campus, as we have described above.

Another piece we just completed is the **doubling of the Eye Surgery Room size:**
As our cataract eye surgery is developing, a well deserved reputation in the County (Commune) of La Vallée de Jacmel and beyond, our program is crying for expansion: And the energy is there: Under the leadership of our dear pioneer, Anika M., MD, the OR, now expanded to 10 additional feet (*photos below*) is ready for 3-4 concurrent eye surgeries. Winter 2019, will be a big splash, as we already have 5 ophthalmologists on their marks.

As a new generator dedicated to eye on the way: Great job Dr. Anika!

Please, be patient with us, we are closer and closer to the goal: Provide plenty, efficient, dignified healthcare to our less fortunate brethren.
2018: A Review of another extraordinarily blessed year of progress and solidarity with our less fortunate brethren in Haiti:

With our 3 (Winter, Summer and Fall) Medical/Educational Missions for the year 2018, once more, resoundingly blessed successes have paved our way.

1- **Eyes:** 137 recovered their sight with cataract surgery.
   832 + patients were seen at the clinics, 400 + pairs of new reading glasses and brand new distance glasses, dispensed.

**General surgery:** 43 general surgeries: Debilitating hernias, Hydroceles, all handicapping our farmers, impacting the agricultural productions; Breast tumors, sometimes with early cancer resolved, others with advanced cases, which motivates us more to dedicate a division of our soon to come Outpatient Clinics with a **Mammography** component. God willing!
We can never thank enough Roger B. MD, and wife, Amelia B., RN,(TX), since joining us in 2010...teaching and inspiring future premed student, as well...

.. Our colleagues in practice in P-Au-P, Marie May L.F.; Jacmel: Drs. Ritza E-C. Louis P., Jhonny S.C and Victor K.... **Merci Beaucoup chers collègues.**

**ENT:** A year ago, our colleague in practice in P-Au-P, Dr. Phoebe J., returned to our mission, covering anything ENTknocking at our doors. She has been pretty busy, and AHHD and patients very blessed  (**center in picture below**)
DENTISTRY:
With another maverick specialist, Sophie D-A, DDS, (below, left end) not only is Hopital St. Joseph well covered, but La Montagne Clinic, is also benefiting largely, where tens of patients are attended.

Internal Medicine/Family Practice/Pediatrics:
We had a busy 2018 agenda, with quite a few challenges (diabetics in acidosis, hypertensions, infectious diseases...) but with the dozen or more volunteers in the field, from Ohio (Anisa’s group), NY, FL, LA etc….we stood by the hundreds of our less fortunate, under HIS umbrella.

Ob_Gyn: 96 patients were screed with Pap Tests; 5 needed colposcopy & Endometrial Biopsies, 2 caesarian sections were necessary to subtract those babies from the still dire neonatal mortality statistics; several gynecologic surgeries myomectomy, tubal ligations...

What a privilege to see that cervical cancer is definitely a rarity in the County (Commune) of La Vallée de Jacmel, fruit of 20 plus years of AHDH’s detection and treatment program, for that so easily treatable curse, once caught early.
The unwavering support of Dr. Claude L., local pathologist, remains a blessing.

**LA MONTAGNE CLINIC (about 1 hour from Ridoré):** The latest frontier of AHDH’s efforts. Under the leadership of our colleague, Michelle I. G., MD, and friend, Olga Ludmilla J., RN, (below left) closely supported by S.O., Weber P.L. (Cyto), new frontiers kept active, with a recent addition: The pre-op patients are offered the opportunity to spend the night before surgery in a hotel nearby, instead of squatting the hospital hall. Merci, Miche.

![Image of LA MONTAGNE CLINIC](image1)

Image at H.St.J:

Under the leadership of Mike B., *(Director of Ultrasound program in Baton Rouge, at BRCC)*, our efforts are just unstoppable: Noot only heis bringing along some of his graduates (below left, blue top), but continue to train our youth *(below right)*. We are thrilled that he will soon have his own Imaging Division in the Outpatient Clinics. Tens of ultrasonographic studies: Ob, Gyn.; Internal medicine; surgery (as study of organs: breast, abdomen, and intra operative guidance).

![Image of Imaging at H.St.J](image2)

**PHARMACY:** We were also very blessed with a large and diverse pharm team: Students from Xavier University and faculty, Dr. Sarah A. *(New Orleans)*, private pharmacist, the Leas (Louisiana), and the Vrabecs (Wisconsin). Life has been so much easier for internists, Ob-Gyn etc., since.

![Image of PHARMACY](image3)
ENGINEERS:

Once more, in 2018, we were able to count on our faithful engineer, Georges L. who doesn’t stop puzzling us: Any challenge coming his way finds a solution: And his company is religiously cherished by his aids: Carl V. every winter (below left) and Jeff A. every summer (below right).

His workshop is anxiously waiting for him in the new building of the Outpatient Dept.

A CHEF in OUR Midst:

A *lagniappe* (you must have adopted New Orleans, like I did 32 year ag, to know what a lagniappe is. *Go at the end of the text*) to our mission: Those who read our Mission Reports are familiar with the Financial Advisor, Philanthropist Rickie J., who has been a God-sent to our mission, and at all levels: 1/3 of our RN graduates (below left, blue top), and now 2 of our 3 Management students, the Outpatients Clinics constructions etc., you name it.

This time he brought us a nice gift: His recently graduated Culinary Chef, son, Chayl, teaching the students at the vocational school (below left, gray top, right). Of course, he tried to mix Haitian and Louisiana cuisines.

RIVIERE FROIDE PROJECT:

Under the leadership of former President, Yvelyne G.Mc., every summer, AHDH organizes a two weeks Mission Camp for the youth, from K thru 12, while some small projects of financial support are going on.

We need to move on in the near future to address the medical need of that community, implement AHDH’s dream of building a clinic etc.
Andrew: A christmas story?

Who is Andrew? Before August 1, 2018, we didn’t know either. But, since, Andrew is an angelic figure in the New Orleans AHDH’s family.

Some of you may be familiar with our collaborative relationship with HeartGift…children with correctable congenital heart diseases, are recruited in Haiti, and brought to Children Hospital in New Orleans. This is when the AHDH’s community usually gets involved.

And so since 2014, with our first case: Elizabeth is seen at our Hopital St. Joseph, in La Vallée, with a Tetralogy of Fallot. Brought to New Orleans, had successful surgery and is having a healthy life, back home, in La Vallée, as we keep a close eye on her needs. Then last year, we had Kerverson, from Mirebalais area.

Back to Andrew: We were notified in July of Andrew’s impending arrival for same. AHDH’s membership, on August 1, welcomed Andrew and his dad (below left).

After 6 weeks of careful investigations, the verdict was: He is not suitable for surgery; he might die, as his health is compromised by a neurological problem.

Very hard to accept by all, as you can imagine. Except one person: His dad (below, left). A very spiritual brother who has faith that the surgery already happened and his son is already cured. ???

We organized their return, raised funds so they could finish building their house in Haiti, and provide monthly stipend for Andrew’s needs.

Surprise, surprise! Last month we received Andrew’s photo, who could not even stand up, at 16 months (below, left), now starts walking (below right). A jewel of angel!

AHDH can but continue to support them and remain priviledged to be part of this miracle.

We can’t thank HeartGift enough. Stephanie, Claire, Diane. Merci Beaucoup.

Please, support them, as you can (www.heartgift.org).

Since, a kid, from Uganda, with same challenge, has one Haitian family involved in supporting their stay in New Orleans. Great work! Mrs. Iranise W.

Dear Members, Volunteers, Friends of AHDH and Haiti,

You are witnessing the “resultante” of AHDH’s extraordinarily blessed chain of solidarity from so many extraordinary souls…in Haiti, the USA, Canada, Switzerland etc.
And believe us, more is to come in 2019!

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

Translating AHDH gratitude to all of you, volunteers, supporters, friends, during this blessed year 2018 is not an easy task.
All of you, 60 plus MDs, RNs, CRNAs, LPNs, NPs, Pharmacists, Pharm students, countless pre-med 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, etc...), and
Allergan,
Plenty International,
Blessings International,
MAP,
Savoy Medical Center,
Patio’s Drugstore
Cashway Pharmacy, all of you who have joined our efforts throughout the Blessed year 2018.
Heartgift
Nicole V. M. MD
And the countless prayers for AHDH’s success,

Simply put:

Merci Beaucoup! Merci anpil! (créole)

For sharing AHDH’s dream, since 1986, in our efforts to leaving a strong, lasting 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 32nd year.

Now, let’s get on our marks, for a fruitful, blessed 2019, as we have 3 missions already lined up:

Winter 2019, #74th: March 15 thru 30, 2019

Summer 2019, #75th: June 21 thru July 6, 2019, and

Fall 2019, #76th: November 16 thru 30, 2019

If interested in joining our Winter 2019 mission, please send us a note ASAP, as Team-1 is literally booked up, but 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 2019

Above all:
Pray for Peace on earth!!

Very Cordially yours,

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Le 21 décembre 2018

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 73ème 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 2019, 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, 2019, 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 2019

Et surtout…

Priez pour plus de PAIX SUR TERRE !

Cordialement,

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Hospital St. Joseph Med. Center OUTPATIENT CLINICS
project: 2015-2019

$245,000.00

- Strong commitments
- SFH
- ED&F
- The Michaels
- The Renes
- The Johnsons
- Fundraiser/Auctions
- TFMCT
- Miscellaneous