



Hospital Lumière, Bonne Fin, Haiti

Dr. Frantz Comes Full Circle

GETTING TO KNOW OUR HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

In 2001, a young medical student was making the long bumpy trek up the mountain road to Bonne Fin. This young student, Frantz Codio, had little idea at that time how important this journey was. Frantz was a medical student at University Lumière, a medical school in Port-au-Prince. At the end of his journey that day was Hospital Lumière and the beginning of a long association with the hospital that continues to have a great impact today.

Dr. Frantz Codio, better known as Dr. Frantz, serves today as the Administrator of the hospital. He leads a team of five new directors and managers, all born, raised, and educated in Haiti. The hospital leadership has been undergoing quite a change over the past two years. Hospital management was formerly under the leadership of missionaries sent from various congregations across the United States. However, as service terms of missionaries ended, God saw fit to lead the hospital on a path of transition to Haitian leadership. The Haitian leadership team works hand in hand with the hospital's Executive Director and Board of Directors through frequent visits to the hospital, weekly teleconferences and daily communication.

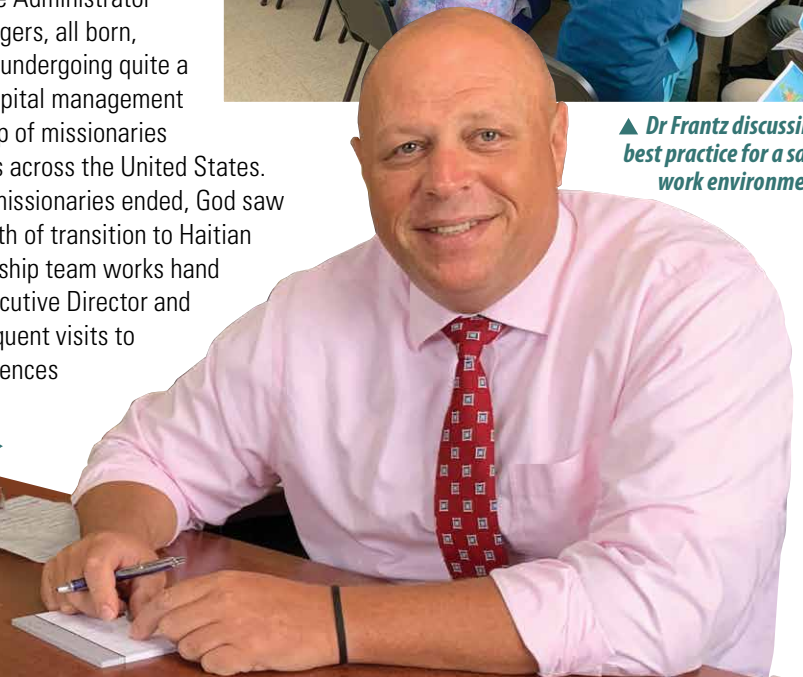
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▲ Dr Frantz discussing best practice for a safe work environment



Dr. Frantz



Rick Aberle



Getting to Know Our Hospital Administrator

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From the beginning of HarvestCall management of the hospital, this type of transition has always been a goal. With Dr. Frantz leading this new team, the goal has been realized.

Dr. Frantz was born and raised in Carrefour, a well-known area of Port-au-Prince. His family was in business, although his father passed away when Dr. Frantz was age 9. While growing up in Carrefour, he met many American Christian missionaries. These relationships helped him develop very good English language skills. Most importantly, through this influence, he came to know the Lord Jesus, and became a Christian at the age of 16.

His first visit to Hospital Lumiere was part of his medical schooling through his university. Dr. Frantz completed medical school in 2007 and went on to serve a year of public service to complete his education and receive his medical license. In 2010, he and his wife, Charenne, also a physician, were married. They have one daughter, Chaneka (age nine), who attends school in Port-au-Prince. Today, they reside in Gressier, a town near Port-au-Prince.

Dr. Frantz and his wife each have post-graduate degrees,

Dr. Frantz in community health and Dr. Charenne in health management. They have a heart for Haiti and their people. On weekends, they operate a mobile clinic serving people in a rural mountainous area near their home. Life in Haiti can be very hard as opportunities to succeed can be few. Dr. Frantz was tempted at times to leave Haiti. However, God's call to remain in Haiti has been clear.

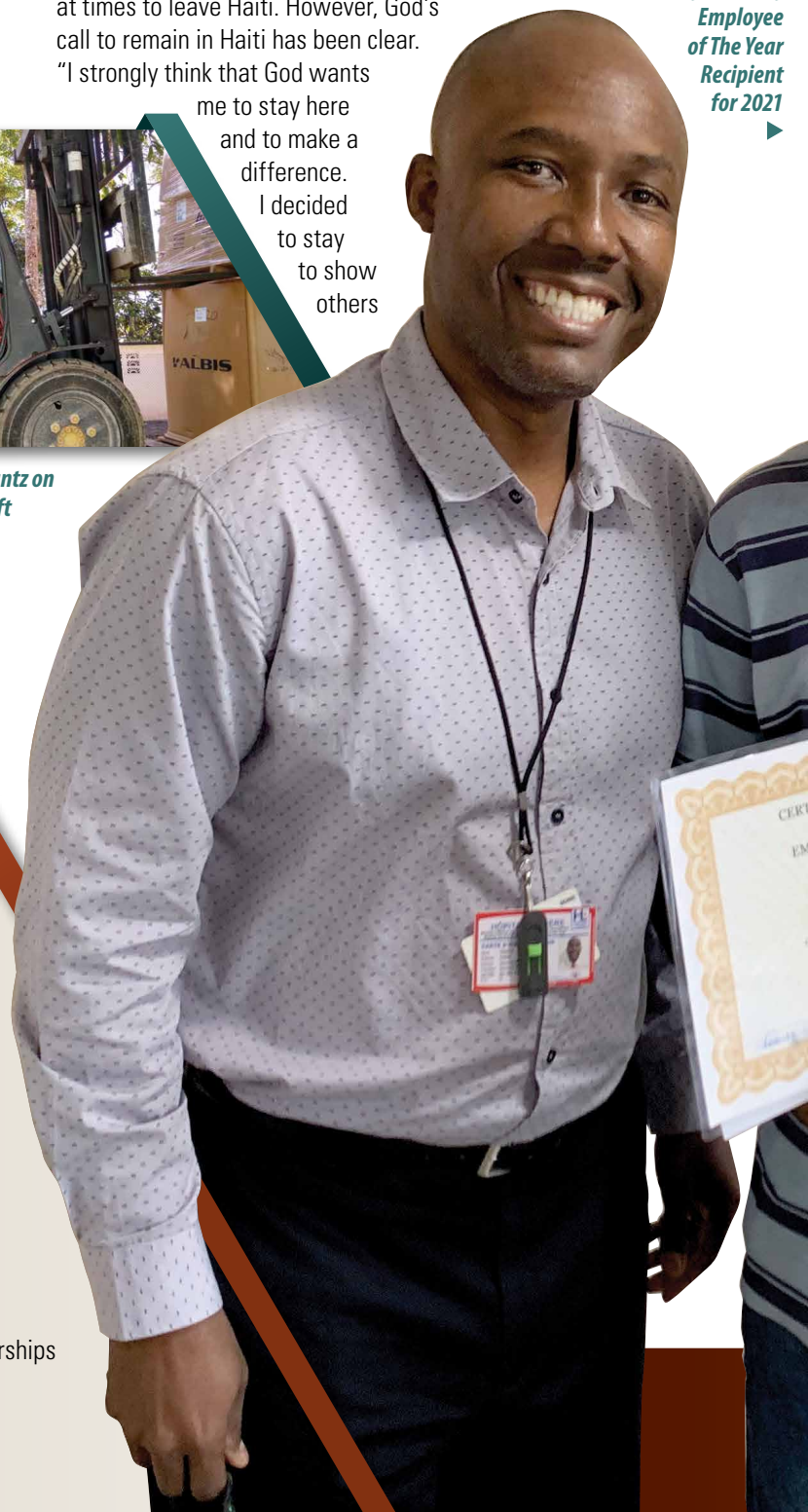
"I strongly think that God wants

me to stay here
and to make a
difference.
I decided
to stay
to show
others

▼ **Dr. Frantz and Nosly Amilcard, Bio-med, Employee of The Year Recipient for 2021** ►



Dr Frantz on forklift



WILL YOU JOIN OUR

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\$600/mo. — sponsors 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.

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2022 HOSPITAL LUMIERE VIRTUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2022



that if God allowed us to be born here we can live here and contribute to change what we can change and accept what we can't change. After all if we all leave, there will be no more Haiti."

During Dr. Frantz's time as a medical student at Hospital Lumiere he often had opportunities to translate for visiting American physicians. Through this work, he met his mentor, Dr. Robert Belding, an American Orthopedist that has served Hospital Lumiere for many years. Dr. Frantz recalls many Bible studies at night with Dr. Belding after long days of treating patients in the hospital. This relationship continues today.

Dr Frantz has worked with many medical mission organizations over the years. Some of his past associations have been with Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children and Haiti Companions to name a few. In 2018, he was called back to Hospital Lumiere. He began employment

We're going virtual again in 2022! Please mark your calendars now, before they fill up. Your gift can make a difference. This annual fundraising auction is a critical part of Hospital Lumiere's support. A successful virtual benefit auction depends not only on bidders but on donations of auctionable items. Some examples are things like dinners, vacation packages, gift certificates, services, admission passes. Other examples are small and lightweight items like games, toys, food items, tools, and electronics.

As the date approaches, we will be providing more information about the event. If you have items to contribute or need more information, please contact: Rick Aberle, 785-547-5138 or hospitallumiere@harvestcall.org.

at the hospital as the Medical Director, leading the medical department. In 2021, he accepted the new role of Administrator when Rick Aberle, former missionary now serving as Executive Director, left the field. When asked why he wanted to come and work at Hospital Lumiere, Dr. Frantz responded "Hospital Lumiere saw me growing up, it is where I came to know how to practice medicine. It is part of my life so I feel like it's a blessing to be able to give back some of what I learned through the hospital."

Dr. Frantz shares how important he believes the hospital is to the community. It is the "blood that flows in the community's veins." If there is no hospital, there is no traffic for motorcycle taxis, no customers to purchase food or drinks the merchants sell, and most importantly, no jobs for over 200 employees who provide for their families.

Dr. Frantz takes leadership of a hospital that is seen as the best hospital in the south of Haiti and one of the best in all of Haiti. This is because of the services the hospital offers and the manner in which patients are served. Hospital Lumiere is often described as a "reference" hospital, one to which other medical centers refer difficult cases. This type of service is possible only by God's grace

and your continued prayer and financial support.

When asked what his vision for the future of the hospital is, Dr. Frantz responds very simply, "To keep it open, so that the glory of God could be seen through the services we are offering with compassion and Jesus' love."

By Rick Aberle

◀ **Dr Guito Med Director,
Pastor Alneve, MEBSH
President and Dr Frantz**





Update

Earthquake Rebuild Update

It has been about seven months since the devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Hospital Lumiere, causing damage to most buildings and destroying the surgical suite and garage. Since that time, with the help of a donated surgical tent and other temporary structures, the hospital has restored full functionality of services at a reduced capacity. To date in 2022, the staff has been very busy, even at this reduced capacity in serving more patients than expected.

Plans for repair and rebuilding are well underway. The hospital has engaged a US partner, former missionary Brett Herrmann and his employer STAND Engineering, a structural engineering firm, to help develop

preliminary repair plans to damaged buildings. Initial designs for a rebuilt surgical suite and garage are complete. Those designs are presently in the hands of Haitian construction firms that are preparing cost estimates and designs which will be reviewed by the Governing Board, STAND Engineering and HarvestCall leadership.

Once final cost estimates, plans and timelines are complete, the board hopes to begin fundraising activities. While much is yet to be determined related to this project, there has been great progress made. As details are

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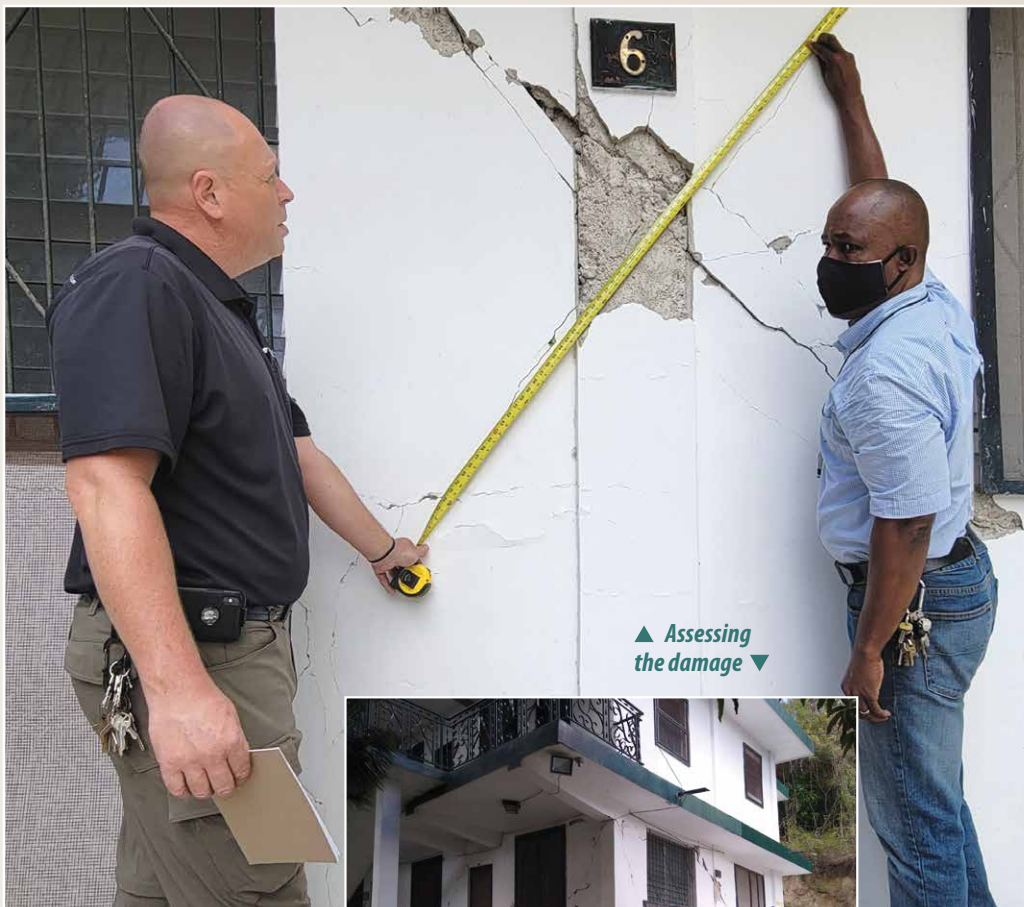
◀ *Damaged staff house with temporary supports*



▲ *Hospital buildings in need of repair and rebuilding*

finalized and needs are known, we will look to the brotherhood for continued prayer and financial support so the hospital can continue to be the beacon of hope as the gospel is proclaimed and the medical needs of the people of southern Haiti are served through the ministry of Hospital Lumiere.

By Rick Aberle



▲ *Assessing the damage* ▼



Bertsch Family Returns Home

FROM HOSPITAL LUMIERE

Plans. We like to make them, don't we? Two and a half years ago, our family moved to Bonne Fin, Haiti to be missionaries at Hospital Lumiere. We had plans to stay for four to five years, along with whoever else God might bring down to be part of the missionary family. Plans. They tend to change on us, don't they? Our time of service certainly did not go as we had intended and perhaps we did not accomplish what we had set out to do. Maybe we or others around us are prone to view our time as

blank canvas. We are unsure of the details of settling back in. We will once again find our place in our church body and local community. We will once again make our plans. And we will once again know that God's ways are higher than ours.

By Danny and Sarah Bertsch

◀ Celebrating special events with teammates

Presenting Employee of the Year Award ▼



Saying goodbye to teammates from other organizations ▶



▲ Treasured Relationships
– The Bertsch and Herrmann families

The Bertsch family (Tucker, Sarah, Summer, Danny, Tanner and Sawyer) packed and ready to fly home

unsuccessful. We have come to trust though, that when we follow God's leading, success is measured differently. His ways and thoughts were different than ours, but they were higher. There were times we truly wondered when, how, and even IF the right Haitian people would come along to fill leadership positions at the hospital. But as we watched and waited, we saw God bringing the people we needed in HIS time. We look at those people and we have high hopes that by the grace of God and with the involvement of HarvestCall, the hospital can continue fulfilling its mission.

During our time of service, we saw desperation and we saw hope. We saw people who, though they had nothing, were willing to give; people who put aside their own desires for the sake of serving others who needed them. Some lived day to day in an incredibly difficult situation, yet continued pressing on "avek Jezi" (with Jesus). The lens through which we view life is forever changed.

At the time of writing this, we have been back in the States for nearly a month. We are not settled, as we are currently living in a temporary housing situation with most of our belongings still packed in boxes. But we have felt an overwhelming amount of support and are humbled by the kindness of the Body of Christ. Moving forward, life resembles a

ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK,
AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU MATTHEW 7:7



Prayers Answered –

THE MISSION OF HOSPITAL LUMIERE CONTINUES

Gilieu Bueno lives in Les Cayes, Haiti, about one hour away from Hospital Lumiere, with his wife Pherah and two children. Like many Haitians, Gilieu relies on a small motorcycle for their daily transportation. In December, Gilieu was riding his motorcycle when another cycle suddenly swerved in front of him and they collided.

Gilieu suffered a broken left femur in the collision and was knocked unconscious. An ambulance transported him to Hospital Lumiere, where surgery was performed to repair the broken femur. Fortunately, Gilieu is now doing well and can now get around using a walker. He is thankful he found good care at Hospital Lumiere. Gilieu shared "Everything they do for me here at Hospital Lumiere is good. They are always consistent with good care".

Gilieu makes a living working on his feet as a mason, so the accident was tragic for him and his family both physically and financially. Gilieu is thankful that his recovery is going well and hopes to return home and resume his normal daily activities soon.

*Gilieu & Pherah
– Thankful and
smiling again ►*

Gilieu encourages those who support Hospital Lumiere to carry on, so the hospital can continue to provide help to others like him in urgent need of good medical care. The care he received was an answer to their prayers. Pherah shared her favorite Bible verse, Matthew 7:7 – "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" Matthew 7:7 is a good reminder to all of us to be "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;" Romans 12:12.

In 2021, Gilieu was one of over 16,500 that sought help at the hospital. Although the structure of the program has changed with new on-site leadership, the mission is still the same. Hospital Lumiere still relies on your

prayers and financial support. With that and God's blessings, we hope and pray that many more can find help at the Hospital Lumiere in the years to come.

By Rich Bertschi

STAY CONNECTED

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.

Social Media | Engage with us on Facebook or Instagram for the most current information.
[Facebook.com/harvestcall](https://www.facebook.com/harvestcall) Instagram at [acharvestcall](https://www.instagram.com/acharvestcall)



HELP FINANCIALLY

Direct financial aid of \$55,000 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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