



Hospital Lumière, Bonne Fin, Haiti

HAVE NOT I COMMANDED THEE? BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE; BE NOT AFRAID, NEITHER BE THOU DISMAYED: FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE WHITHERSOEVER THOU GOEST. ▲ JOSHUA 1:9

Good Courage in Challenging Times

Traveling on Haiti's roads can be dangerous. Roads are narrow and often crowded with vehicles and motorcycles; but today, with violent gangs very active and the country's government in disarray, things are even more dangerous in certain areas. This is what Mr. Emmerson Pierre, Hospital Lumière's Director of Nursing faces just to come to work each month. Through all of this, Mr. Emmerson relies on God, taking confidence in the verse above (Joshua 1:9)

Mr. Emmerson travels each month to work for a

multiple week period at Hospital Lumière in Bonne Fin. Mr. Emmerson, 47, became a Christian at the age of 29 in 2004. He lives with his wife, Marie Judith, in Leogoane, a city near Port-au-Prince. Today, most areas of Port-au-Prince are very dangerous to travel through. In fact, Mr. Emmerson shares that he has not been to Port-au-Prince since 2019. Mr. Emmerson had plans to visit the United States in 2021, but had to cancel his trip because of the peril in Haiti. Even though the situation is very difficult, Mr. Emmerson knows that prayer can change things. He has confidence that where mankind has failed, God can change hearts and minds and heal his country.

Mr. Emmerson and Marie Judith have three children. Maritza, their daughter, is 20 years old. They have a 19 year old son Carl Jerry. Nine years ago, God called them to adopt a newborn son, whom they named Oswaldo.

Their family attends a Wesleyan church in Leogane. Although his work at the hospital has him away from home at least two weekends per month, Mr. Emmerson is still active in his church. He has responsibilities in Sunday School where his heart for students is very evident.

Mr. Emmerson has a heart to teach!
Part

of his most recent experience before coming to

Hospital Lumière was serving as part of the faculty at the University of Nursing Science of Leogoane. Since Mr. Emmerson has served as the Director of Nursing, he has been able to further expand Hospital Lumière's program of providing practical education to nursing students from surrounding schools. Students from nursing schools in Les Cayes, Aquin and Leogoane have participated in this program. Approximately 80-90 students participated in this practical teaching program in 2022.

A natural question for Mr. Emmerson is why he chose to seek employment at Hospital Lumière. Mr. Emmerson shares that a friend referred him to Hospital Lumière. Until 2017 Mr. Emmerson worked for Doctors Without Borders in multiple roles. Toward the end of that time, Doctors Without Borders was reducing its presence in Haiti and closing multiple locations.

From 2017 until 2021 Mr. Emmerson worked as a clinician and teacher at several locations with other organizations, but with conditions in Haiti worsening, he sought more permanent employment with an institution located in a safer area.

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Finding Living Water

Mireille Dorcenat is 58 years old and lives in Cavaillon. Her home is about a 40-minute motorcycle ride from Hospital Lumiere. This is her third time coming to the hospital to seek treatment in removing a cyst in her foot.

Mireille has been at the hospital for two months. While this seems like a long time, it is not uncommon here at Hospital Lumiere. Often, with open wounds like removing a cyst, the patient needs to stay in the hospital until the surgery incision is healed. This is the best way to prevent infection in Haiti.

While Mireille's story of medical care is not unique in Haiti, her story is very special. When Mireille came to Hospital Lumiere, she was not a Christian. However, while she was in the hospital, a woman from the local Bonne Fin MEBSH Church came to visit her. Kristine first told Mireille about Jesus and the plan of

salvation. Even though Mireille had a knowledge of Christianity, she had never given her heart to God. Through Kristine's visits to her in the hospital, Mireille came under conviction that she needed Jesus in her life.

With Kristine, she prayed, asking Christ to come into her heart and change her. Since then, she has felt the converting power of God in her heart. New in her faith, the hospital Chaplain who also leads the Bonne Fin Church where Kristine is a member, has begun to disciple Mireille. Now, Mireille waits in hope for her foot to heal completely. Once released, she wants to begin attending church at her home.

When there is a new convert in the hospital, Hospital Chaplain Pastor Etheard makes sure that the new believer is connected to a local



Mireille Dorcenat—A new believer ▲

church. A new believer needs the support and accountability of a body of believers. In Mireille's case, there is a MEBSH Church in her hometown. Pastor Etheard will contact the Pastor in the local church so that a welcoming body of believers is waiting for Mireille as she returns home.

At Hospital Lumiere, over 16,500 patients per year have an opportunity to not only find health care, but to hear the gospel message of God's plan of salvation. May God continue to guide and lead the mission so others may hear and come to know Christ as their savior.

HOPE AND HEALING FOUND AT HOSPITAL LUMIERE

Let the Children Come

Madam Berant is a young mother of 22 years. She and her husband live in Jeremy, Haiti, a town about five hours from Hospital Lumiere. When they became pregnant with their first child, they faced a decision many parents face in Haiti. Could they afford to have the baby in a hospital?

As is often the case in Haiti, Berant and her husband made the decision to have their baby at home. As Christians, they trusted God would take care of the new mother and child. The birth took place successfully and a new baby was welcomed to the family.

While the birth was without major complications, it wasn't long before the new parents grew concerned. Their baby could not eat or pass waste.

The parents immediately went to a nearby hospital in Jeremy, but the staff there did not feel they could provide sufficient care. The hospital in Jeremy referred them to Hospital Lumiere.



Berant left her worried husband behind and set off in public transportation to go to Bonne Fin. The prayers of their local church in Jeremy accompanied Berant and her sister-in-law Ketline as they sought help for their new baby. They arrived at Hospital Lumiere and found a welcoming environment with doctors and nurses, including a pediatrician.

After two weeks at the hospital, Berant expressed how grateful she was for the care they were receiving. "The doctors and nurses are good...

they take good care of us" she shares. While not ready to be discharged quite yet, their baby's health continues to improve.

Berant expresses that if Hospital Lumiere was not here, they would have tried to go to Port-au-Prince if they could afford it. However, one of the primary reasons they came to Hospital Lumiere is that they don't ask you to pay until you leave the hospital (not always the case in Haiti). Berant's message for the hospital's supporters in the United States is simple. "Keep helping the hospital! It is the best one in all of Haiti! We have felt love and kindness here." Praise God for the opportunity to give medical care with compassion and Christian love!



We Welcome Brett Herrmann

AS THE NEWEST HOSPITAL LUMIERE BOARD MEMBER

Brett and Laura and their family lived and served in Haiti at Hospital Lumiere starting in 2019 before moving back permanently to the Kansas City area in 2021. They have settled back in to the local Kansas City church and community, and life is going relatively well by the grace of God. They want to thank their family, friends, the Kansas City church, HarvestCall, and the church brotherhood in general for prayers and support these last few years.

Although they ended up living in Haiti for a shorter period than they had planned or would have preferred, it has been encouraging to them to look back and see how God has used, and is using, that experience in their life for opportunities today. Along with joining the board, Bro. Brett has been able to use his structural engineering

experience to assist in the rebuilding and repair of the hospital after the recent earthquake damage. He was able to make a trip back to the hospital a few months ago to survey the progress and reconnect with friends there.

▲ Brett & Dr. Frantz review plans with construction firm engineers



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▲ Weston, Joni, Char, and Bryce Herrmann with Abbey (dog)

SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

In-Person Benefit Auction Returns

We're excited to announce the return of the in-person auction for the first time since 2019. It will be held simultaneously with the virtual auction. It will be held again at a central Illinois location! 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 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

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FOR 2023!





CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Walls Start to Rise

For many months at Hospital Lumiere, the area once occupied by the Surgery building and Garage have been starkly empty. These once busy buildings were destroyed in the 2021 earthquake. However, for the past several months, these sites have been busy with construction! Now, walls are starting to rise.


Rebuild Brings Employment Opportunities

Famito Georges, age 33, has lived in the Bonne Fin community for most of his life. In January of 2022, his employer, missionaries Danny and Sarah Bertsch completed their term of service. Upon their departure, Famito found himself without work.

Being unemployed is very common in Haiti. However, even though work ends, the costs of living do not! Mr. Famito, although unmarried, has two nieces that he is helping to support in school. School costs, just like every other cost in Haiti have continued to rise rather dramatically. This is due to the dire economic state in Haiti. Political turmoil and extensive gang activity in Port-au-Prince coupled with worldwide economic conditions have caused extreme inflation over the past 12 months. Food prices, for example, have increased two or three times (or more).

All this can leave a young man feeling desperate. Mr. Famito is grateful that recently, construction to rebuild the hospital's surgery and garage has begun! This project has given 40 or more local community members new work. Through the project, Mr. Famito has daily work. He works with a 3-person team. Some of their responsibilities are to unload supply trucks that come almost daily. In addition, he assists with cleaning (sifting) sand, delivering supplies to the proper location at the construction site, and many other tasks. Mr. Famito is very grateful for his work. Without it, a challenging situation would be much worse.

As the hospital provides healthcare and shares the gospel, please remember those in the community who depend on the hospital for their livelihood. Your prayers lift them up and shine the light of God's love to them in difficult times.



It has been approximately 18 months since the earthquake. As has been shared previously, work began soon after the earthquake to begin planning and preparing for rebuilding. This collaborative effort led to reconstruction beginning in October. SCETRA, the construction firm for the project, has made great progress in that time.

One of the challenges of construction in Haiti, just like in the United States, is managing costs. As many of you are aware, economic and political conditions are very challenging. For the past 2 years, inflation has been rampant in Haiti. To control costs, SCETRA purchased almost all the materials needed at the outset of the project.





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Spring 2023

◀ Mr. Theony
(2nd from left)
oversees the
entire project
for SCETRA



This required extensive planning and preparation. Concrete, rebar, sand and many of the other construction materials needed had to be accurately calculated and procured. Materials for the project are now abundant in several locations on the hospital campus.

These stores of materials are shrinking rapidly! Recent progress on Surgery includes installing plumbing and pouring the floor of the building. Now, walls are being constructed. The spaces between the large columns that provide the structure of the building are rapidly filling in. Each block is laid with care and precision by skilled laborers.

At the Garage, the floor of the building is being poured. This is an impressive sight as much of the work is done in ways we are unfamiliar with in the United States. No cement trucks are visible. There is no pump to place concrete over a wide area. Instead, concrete is mixed to exact engineered specifications using portable cement mixers. All wet cement is manually transferred into wheelbarrows.

The wheelbarrows are then moved to the needed locations and dumped.

While this process is labor intensive it is well organized and efficient given the conditions and environment. The blessing of a labor-intensive process is that it requires many workers. Mr. Theony, the president of SCETRA, is excited to have the opportunity to employ many local people. Pouring the garage floor and building the surgery walls takes many



▲ Concrete is prepared and mixed by hand

hands. A Haitian proverb says 'Many hands make light work.' "We have over 30 people working on the garage today" Mr. Theony states, "and 15 more are working in surgery." These jobs provide necessities for many families in the local community.

Mr. Theony shares that the timeline for completion is still on track for completion mid-summer. SCETRA's contract does not include electrical wiring. Recently, a small team visited the hospital to begin planning for installing the electrical system in both buildings. They met with the managers and supervisors of both Surgery and the Garage. It is our hope that we can assemble a few teams to visit the hospital and install all wiring and electrical systems in both buildings.

Dr. Fantz Codio, hospital administrator, is thankful for the progress. He shares that things continue to progress well. While there have been normal challenges as with any construction project, he is excited to see the buildings take shape. All the staff is looking forward to using the new buildings and getting back to normal operations in the hospital.

Although the construction is proceeding very well, your support financially and in prayer is still needed. As we have previously shared, after the buildings are complete, we hope to begin repairs on several other buildings on campus. Please continue to remember the hospital program in prayer!

Note: if you are interested in traveling to Haiti to help with the electrical work at the hospital, you can contact Rick Aberle at raberle@ximgroup.com



BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; BUT IN EVERY THING BY PRAYER
AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR
REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD. ▲ PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Challenging Times –

MR EMMERSON PIERRE CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Enter Hospital Lumiere. In 2021, Hospital Lumiere was facing decisions about the future. Many of the missionary team at that time were ending their service and moving home. Sister Carrie Stoller, the hospital Director of Nursing was planning to move home in the spring. In February, Mr. Emmerson was hired and spent the next few months working with Sister Carrie as the Assistant Director of Nursing. After her departure and return to the United States, Mr. Emmerson was promoted to his current role.

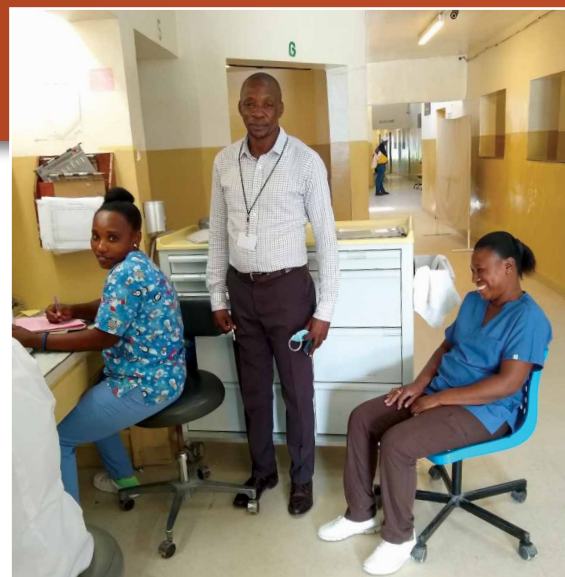
Mr. Emmerson finds his role very rewarding. He is responsible for all aspects of nursing at the hospital. He supervises the largest single department in the hospital, a department of 65 full time and part time employees. He organizes the services seeking to put each employee in the position to succeed in their work by giving excellent care to all the patients that come. He ensures that any training for the staff takes place, holding regular meetings for the staff.

He also oversees the nursing students' education.

Mr. Emmerson is thankful for many good things he experiences in his work. There are of course challenges. It can be difficult to communicate policy and procedures to the entire staff, given part of the staff works at night. He works with 7 supervisors to effectively manage the department. Some challenges also come in the form of compliance with policy. This brings the challenge of correcting non-compliance. As he has gained experience in his role, he sees that the department has continued to improve.

One part of his job that is most fulfilling is the collaboration with the other members of the hospital leadership team. Dr. Frantz as the Administrator and the other members that lead the Medical, Facilities, Business Departments and Chaplains Office work well together. A team is part of how God provides for a good organization.

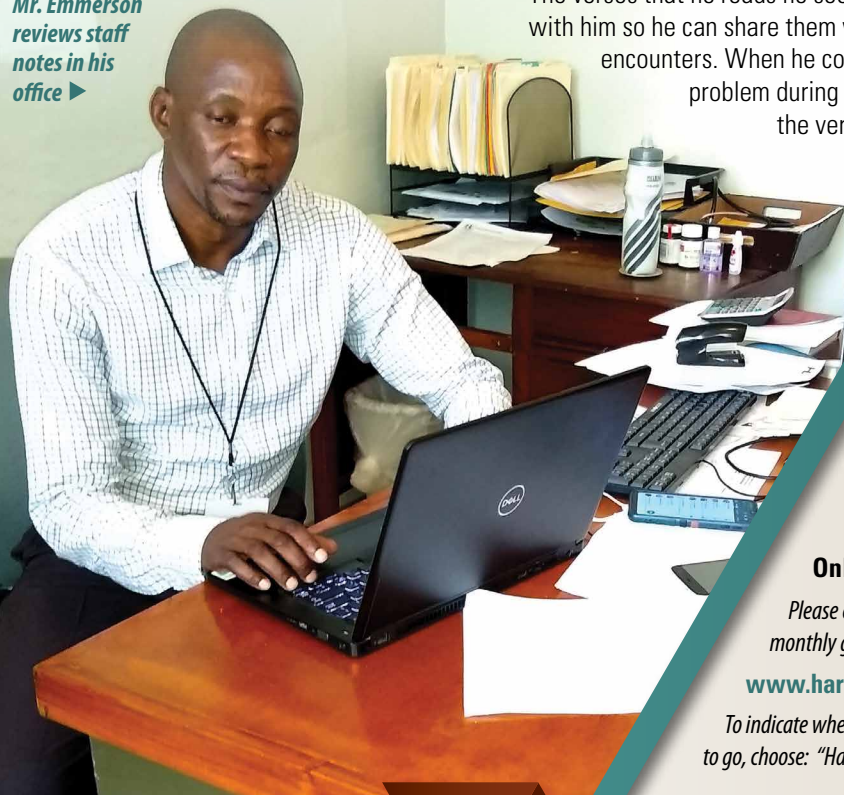
Every morning, Mr. Emmerson reads the bible. The verses that he reads he seeks to keep with him so he can share them with those he encounters. When he comes upon a problem during the day, the verses he read



Mr. Emmerson makes a point to engage with staff ▲

in the morning sustain him and give him courage to address the challenges. One of his favorite verses comes from Philippians 4:6. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. With that verse on his heart Mr. Emmerson shares this message with the hospital's supporters in the United States. "Thank you for supporting the hospital" he says. "It helps the people of Haiti. I pray that God continues to bless all our supporters and bless their families and give them protection."

Mr. Emmerson reviews staff notes in his office ►



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.

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HELP FINANCIALLY

Direct financial aid of \$55,000 per month is needed to support operations.

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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