



Hospital Lumière, Bonne Fin, Haiti

Hospital Lumière

THE PAST – THE PRESENT – THE FUTURE

On June 1, 2011 Apostolic Christian World Relief assumed management of daily operations at Hospital Lumière. At that time, the hospital was broken-down and in a serious state of disrepair and disorganization. Today, with God's

blessings and the generous support of our brotherhood, Hospital Lumière is thriving. In 2020, the hospital provided care for over 15,000 patients and was blessed to see over fifty people give their lives to Jesus.

The Past - A Decade of Progress

There have been many physical changes at Hospital Lumière since 2011. All

departments and areas of the hospital have been

Significant improvements made in quality of care ▼



A decade of construction and renovations



renovated and updated. Various essential medical equipment has been added. Numerous missionary and staff houses have also been renovated, and a new school was built. Significant improvements have been made to the electrical power grid at the hospital including the addition of solar panels, new diesel generators and enhancements to the hydroelectric power system. There have also been many organizational changes at Hospital Lumière. Missionary families from the U.S. have contributed, as well as the many Haitian employees who have assumed additional responsibilities. One example is Central Supply, which today is managed and run

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by Haitian employees with minimal missionary support. Another area of improvement is in the nursing department, where significant advancements have been made in the quality of care.

Many community projects have also been initiated in the last decade including off-campus health clinics, clean water accessibility, food distributions, residential solar power systems and disaster relief after several floods and after Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

The Present – Missionary Shortage

Today's reality at Hospital Lumiere is that there are too few long-term missionaries to effectively manage the hospital. Many challenges arise when missionaries are chronically short-handed. On the missionary field, it is important not just to get the job done but to establish relationships, and that takes time. When

missionaries are short-handed, they are too busy to spend enough time with employees and to effectively mentor them. In addition, some missionaries have been compelled to assume responsibilities beyond what they applied for because no one else is available. At times, those added responsibilities do not reflect the missionary's interests, education or skill sets.

A 120-bed hospital and busy clinic with over 200 employees simply cannot operate without adequate

Hospital employees assume greater roles

management. Even though Haitian employees have stepped up to assume many key roles in the operation — particularly medical roles — HarvestCall staff are still needed for oversight. Keeping the hospital staffed with medical (and non-medical) Apostolic Christian missionaries has always been a struggle, but the shortage of long term missionaries reached near-crisis level in 2020.

In spite of the missionary shortage, Hospital Lumiere is still functioning today. To help out during the shortage, Hospital Lumiere Governing Board members have spent weeks at the hospital to assist daily operations. Short term volunteer interns have also been utilized to help fill the void, which relieves the daily pressures on the missionaries.

One of the long-term goals at Hospital Lumiere is for more Haitian employees to fill key positions at the hospital. Missionaries continue to mentor employees to fill key positions, but it



Interns and board members helping with daily operations



Hospital Lumiere is a beacon of hope

is a long-term process that can take five, ten or even fifteen years. It is especially challenging to instill accountability and to

teach problem solving skills. In addition, the process is prone to setbacks such as employees leaving for opportunities in the U.S. While Haitian management remains as a long-term goal, it does not solve today's immediate problem of being short staffed.

The Future – Unknown Possibilities

The Hospital Lumiere mission is facing great challenges in 2021. The number of missionaries in the field is a difficult issue to overcome. There continues to be a shortfall of potential candidates coming forward, and service terms of some current missionaries are coming to a close. Due to the situation at hand, the Hospital Lumiere Governing Board and HarvestCall have formed a task force to develop plans to address the long-term operation of the hospital. Possibilities exist to find a partner (or

partners) to help manage the hospital, or to find an organization that would manage Hospital Lumiere 100%. Whether HarvestCall manages daily operations at the hospital or not, we envision some sort of on-going support. HarvestCall is deeply invested in Hospital Lumiere and knows how important it is as a beacon of hope, both medically and spiritually to the people of Haiti. Your support and donations are, and will still be needed!

Only God knows ultimately what will happen at Hospital Lumiere. We ask for your continued prayers that a long-term solution can be found, and that Hospital Lumiere can continue to fulfil its mission – “to provide excellent and effective medical care with compassion and Christian love”.



Mark Your Calendars

**2021 HOSPITAL LUMIERE
BENEFIT AUCTION**

TENTATIVE DATES NOVEMBER 4-6, 2021

Last year's virtual benefit auction was a huge success. With the on-line format, many new bidders were able to participate. We sincerely appreciate everyone's generous support. In 2021 there are still many unknowns, but it is likely we will again hold an on-line auction on November 4 – 6.

Your gift can make a difference. The annual fundraising auction is a critical part of Hospital Lumiere's support. If you have items to contribute or need more information, please contact: Rich Bertschi, 309-440-8012 or hospitallumiere@harvestcall.org.

Varnel's Accident -

Varnel Dena is a key staff member at Hospital Lumiere, starting his employment there in 2014. Varnel can fix about anything whether it is mechanical, electrical or something in-between. On October fifth, Varnel was working on one of the autoclave units because the pressure would not regulate. (Autoclaves use high-pressure steam to sterilize surgical instruments.) When the autoclave opened prematurely, the pressurized steam explosively discharged.

When the autoclave exploded, the lid blew off and hit the top of Varnel's forehead. "It was like getting hit on the head with a hammer" says Varnel. As the superheated steam blasted out, it burned Varnel's face and left arm leaving him blinded for several days. Varnel's coworkers heard him scream, and quickly came to help. As they tried to wipe off his face, the skin on his face peeled off.

As a result of his injuries, Varnel could not eat and could only drink



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through a straw. He was in bed for a month, taking medication for pain and returning to the hospital every three days to have his wounds cleaned and to get fresh bandages. Varnel was fortunate and had many visitors while he was bedridden, especially from his pastor and the people from his church. They prayed with Varnel and tried to encourage him, but cried when they left because they did not think his face would ever heal.

Varnel kept on going in spite of the pain and disfigurement. "I kept going because I have faith in God and always try to stay positive," says

Varnel. "My nature is to want to help others, and that inner strength made me want to get better and get back to work to help others because God wants me to do his work. I love the patients at the

hospital and I love the employees and missionaries. I came back to work as soon as I could, because I know that is what God wanted me to do."

On the first of December, Varnel was able to return to work at the hospital. "I would feel tired and some days I would have no strength, so I had to do lighter work. I did what I could," says Varnel. "The strength I found came from God above."

Today, Varnel is doing much better. He still has some pain in his arm, and he cannot see with his right eye as well as before. In spite of those challenges, Varnel has resumed his normal duties at the hospital. He is very thankful that the people of the AC Church were praying for him after the accident. Varnel asks for your continued prayers for increased faith, good health, protection on the job, the ability to help people at the hospital and for God's blessings on him and his family. Please

◀ **Back at work and doing much better**

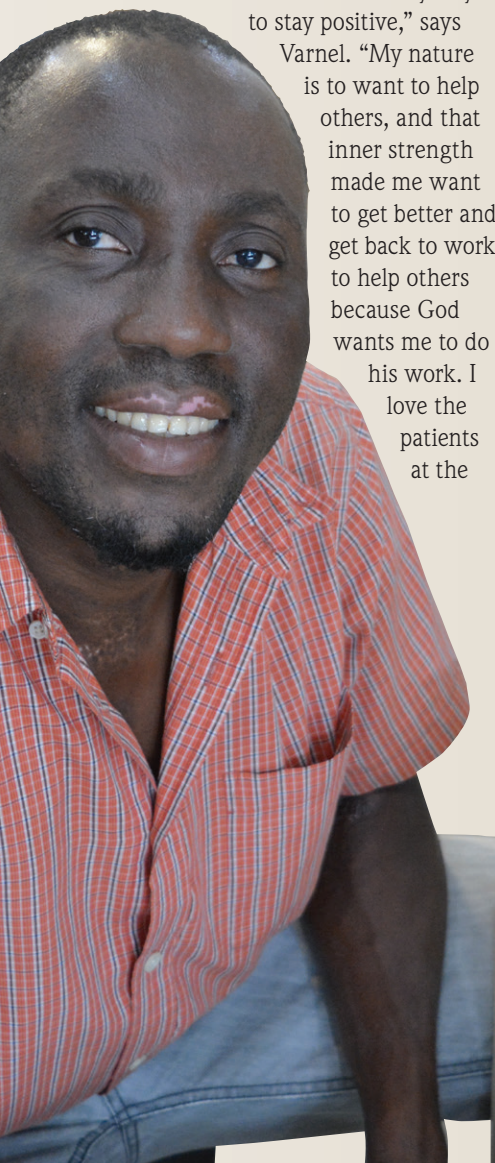
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◀ **Over the past 10 years, Hospital Lumiere has provided healing and hope to thousands of patients**



continue to pray not only for Varnel, but for all of the employees and patients at Hospital Lumiere. There are challenges each day and your prayers are very much needed and appreciated.



THE LORD IS GOOD, A STRONG HOLD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE;
AND HE KNOWETH THEM THAT TRUST IN HIM. NAHUM 1:7



◀ **Varnel suffered burns on his face and arm**



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COVID-19 at Hospital Lumiere

Hospital Lumiere made major preparations for COVID-19 when it surfaced in early 2020. The E.R. and Clinic (physically distanced from the main hospital) were designated as an area for isolation and care of COVID patients. Fencing was also added to better control traffic in and out of the hospital. In addition, new hand washing stations were installed inside the hospital for staff, visitors and patients.

At this time, Hospital Lumiere and Haiti have not seen great numbers of confirmed COVID cases, and far fewer patients have been seen than what was initially anticipated. Today, the E.R. and Clinic have reverted back to their normal usage, and special isolation units

have been set-up for COVID patients. Whatever the future brings, Hospital Lumiere is ready to safely accept and care for COVID patients.

In 2020, COVID testing was provided by the Haitian government. When tests were needed, government employees would arrive at the hospital quickly but test results were delayed, and could take a week or longer. In 2021, Hospital Lumiere is working

to have the capability to perform their own rapid tests for COVID. This testing capability will not only assist in diagnosis, but will benefit team members and visitors who are required to show proof of a negative test before returning to the U.S.

◀ **Making preparations for COVID patients**



Accident Victim Struggles to Find Care

Aniel Duval desperately needed to find a good hospital. While driving his motorcycle to go to the market, a car turned in front of him. Aniel's motorcycle collided with the car, and his right tibia was fractured. Aniel sought help at a local hospital, but they did not have any open beds. So Aniel traveled to another hospital, but they would only treat patients who were from their community. Aniel then found some help at a third hospital, but after two weeks his leg became badly infected, and they told him to go to Hospital Lumiere.

After a couple weeks at Hospital Lumiere, Aniel is on the mend. He is on antibiotics and is still in a lot of pain, but his condition has vastly improved. "There is no other hospital like Hospital Lumiere" says Aniel. "Hospital Lumiere saved me. Without it, I would have lost my leg or I could have died."

Aniel's favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:31. "When you have God on your side, no one can be against you" says Aniel. He is thankful and credits God for sustaining him through the accident and his injuries. Aniel is also thankful for those in the U.S. who support Hospital Lumiere. "May God bless you" says Aniel. "Don't abandon the hospital. I pray to God that the work here at Hospital Lumiere can continue."

Every year, thousands of people like Aniel Duval come to Hospital Lumiere to find care. With God's continued blessings and your faithful support, we trust the mission of Hospital Lumiere can and will continue.

Aniel ►
finally
found
help at
Hospital
Lumiere



**WHAT SHALL WE THEN SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD BE FOR US,
WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? ROMANS 8:31**

ONLY FEAR THE LORD, AND SERVE HIM IN TRUTH
WITH ALL YOUR HEART: FOR CONSIDER HOW GREAT
THINGS HE HATH DONE FOR YOU. 1 SAMUEL 12:24

*"I told God I wanted to give back,
and I have felt spiritual growth
during my time at the hospital."*
Joan Schmidgall – 2021 Intern ▼

*"I felt God telling me there was
something else in my life.
Being at Hospital Lumiere
has been a huge blessing."*
Lydianne Metzger –
2020/2021 Intern ►



Interns Make a Difference

Interns have historically played an important role at Hospital Lumiere. With today's shortage of long-term missionaries, interns are more essential than ever. Past interns at Hospital Lumiere have ranged from college students to retirement age, and have come from a variety of backgrounds. Experience in the medical field is not required.

There are multiple opportunities for interns to serve at Hospital Lumiere

in medicine as well as finance, administration and facilities. Service terms are flexible and can be for weeks, months or longer. Depending on the position and term, interns may be eligible for a monthly stipend. Interns pay their own travel expenses to and from Haiti, but all in-country travel and living expenses are provided by Hospital Lumiere. If you are interested in more information about intern opportunities, contact Amber Miller, HarvestCall's Missionary Care Coordinator at amiller@harvestcall.org or 765.250.4295 x108

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"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. – sponsors a 1/4 of a hospital bed

\$300/mo. – sponsors a 1/2 of a hospital bed

\$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.

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

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
Instagram at 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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