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Institute of Grace:

- The Institute of Grace (IOG) is a USA registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- IOG's mission is to provide educational opportunities and healthcare services to poor and underprivileged children and people of Haiti
- IOG also provides English classes to immigrants and tutors High School students in mathematics in Washington DC
- IOG brings hope, empowerment and a brighter future for Haiti

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Miracia Hospital Opens February 1st To Respond to Earthquake Needs

By God's grace, the Miracia Hospital building in Ka Pe Merger, Haiti, sustained only light damage in the devastating January 12, 2010 earthquake and was able to open on February 1st, 2010. It is providing clinical services to the people of Merger and surrounding countryside. It is staffed with 2 medical doctors, 15 nurses, one administrator, and 3 support staff.

The hospital has already seen 700 patients, and is making incredible progress at vaccinating local people against the most deadly diseases that are prevalent in Haiti, including tuberculosis (TB), tetanus, and malaria. 1,300 children and 406 adults were immunized.

While the staff are providing for immediate needs, much more can be done! For example, we need \$4100 for an ambulance that will help bring critical patients to the hospital before it's too late.

Numerous construction projects are planned, including infrastructure needs, such as reliable electricity, clean water, and garbage disposal; and continuing to build out the hospital with screens for windows and doors, painting, and expanding the services to include more specialized care. A dental clinic is scheduled to open this fall.

Your help is needed to make this a reality!



New Children's building



Laying tile in the hospital

Mission Team provides Medical Care, Education and Construction Support

In June 2010, a missionary team of volunteers went to Haiti to conduct medical, education, and construction projects, and participate in local church services.

The team consisted of 14

people from five United Methodist Churches in the Baltimore Washington Conference (Bowie, Emory, Glenn Dale, Liberty Grove, and Rockville) and a medical doctor from the Republic de

Benin. Ages ranged from 17 to 71.

The team raised over \$36,000, including significant support from St. Matthews UMC in Bowie MD.

Mission Team provides Construction Support

The mission team construction crew was able to:

- Install shelves and an air conditioning unit, build two desks, paint, and stock and inventory the pharmacy
- Install shelves in reception area and records closet
- Build large portable shelving units for the storage room
- Reclaim and transport cinder blocks for Children's building
- Sort and inventory lumber and electrical supplies
- Repair lab microscopes
- Repair portable generators



Team members building shelves

- Repair bathroom plumbing

The team was also able to provide funding to purchase materials and hire local crews (providing much needed income) to:

- Repair earthquake damages to the cafeteria and dental clinic
- Repair and expand the children's hospital building
- Lay the ceramic tile floor in the

main hospital building

- Finish the walls and floor of the storage room
- Construct and finish walls in Generator Room



Team eating in repaired cafeteria

Mission Team provides Bible School for Local Children

The mission team supplemented the ongoing curriculum for the K-5 classrooms being conducted outdoors under a long "tent" of tarps with Bible stories, crafts, singing, and English. This was led by Carole Thompson, Marilyn Hills, and Stephanie Blanchard for approximately 150 students. A lunch feeding program was also funded

for the week (\$1500) providing lunch for the students, nurses, and construction teams.

IOG's fundamental goal is really very simple: to develop programs and activities that will continuously improve the quality of education and medical care and services provided to Haitians.



Children enjoying bible school

Mission Team provides Nurse Training

Dr. Isidore Adeyanju and Elizabeth Brisbane led nurse training for over 50 nurses. Nurse training is hard to come by in Haiti, especially with the collapse of the training building in Port-au-Prince, so it was greatly needed.

Their topics included Tuberculo-

sis, Typhoid Fever, Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Obstetrics, Premature babies, Internal medicine and proper storage of medicines. Dr Isidore was able to provide instruction in French, which eliminated the need for a translator. Dr. Isidore was also able to provide emergency medical care when needed.



Dr. Isidore (L) and Nurse Elizabeth

Seminary Graduates 2010 Class; Future Classes at Merger Facility

After the earthquake, the University of Grace in Delmas (near Port-au-Prince) Haiti reopened on May 1, 2010. College courses to over 120 students in Accounting, Business, and Theology were offered in a Baptist Church since the University building was damaged. Due to the difficulty of the earthquake situation, intensive courses were offered to cover curriculum courses. Graduation was held June 20, 2010.

IOG must raise \$20,000 US dollars to fix the University Building in Delmas before classes can resume there. In the meantime, University classes will be offered in Merger, in the hospital building. Since this is

an hour long trip from Port-au-Prince, many students may not be able to attend classes, but there are few options available in Port-au-Prince due to the extensive damage of many buildings in the area.



IOG Seminary Students

Medical Missionary

Dr. Isidore was so inspired by his trip in June, that he will be working as a fulltime missionary at the Hospital for three months this fall.

\$1500 is needed to sponsor Dr Isidore. He will greatly help transition the clinic to a full-fledged hospital.



Dr. Isidore teaching nurses

Primary School (K-5) Continues despite Earthquake



After the earthquake, the Merger School re-opened in April using tents, but has since moved indoors.

While IOG was able to meet 80% of the 2009-2010 school year teacher salary budget, it still owes the teachers \$2000 in unpaid salary. IOG is trusting God to provide these funds before the opening of the new school year in October 2010.

At this time there are 50 orphans that attend IOG Primary School in Merger. Please consider sponsoring

a child for \$200 per year and giving them a chance at a brighter future.



Containers Arrive Safely

The two containers of greatly needed medical equipment and construction supplies shipped from the U.S. in November 2009 have arrived safely in Merger!

IOG Chairman Jean Filostin was in Haiti at the time of the earthquake to shepherd the containers through

customs. After the immense destruction at the port, the fate of the containers was unknown—had they been destroyed in the earthquake as well? By the grace of God they were found, relatively undamaged, and cleared customs in March 2010.

Thanks to the many organizations and individuals that contributed to this success, including CMTS Ministries, Bowie United Methodist Church, and the University of the District of Columbia.

*God Saved
Our
Containers!*

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How You Can Help

Signs of earthquake damage abound, including to the buildings adjacent to the hospital in Merger. A village of tents fills the field east of the property. Clean water, food, unemployment, the hurricane season, and medical care continue to be primary concerns. Opportunities are present for future teams to have a significant impact.

You can help in a variety of ways—volunteering here in the US or in Haiti, providing financial support or having a fundraiser, and through prayer. Some ideas:

Volunteers in US to:

- Help maintain website
- Write grant proposals
- Plan and carry out fundraisers

Volunteers in Haiti to:

- Teach English
- Work in the hospital (nurses, doctors, pharmacists, dentists)
- Lead/go on short-term missions

Monetary Support for:

- Ongoing efforts—churches and individuals to provide monthly support for the hospital, school, university and missionaries
- Orphan sponsorship \$200/year
- Ambulance—\$4,100
- Medical Supplies & Equipment, including dental clinic
- Water Purification System to support Miracia Hospital and community—\$66,000
- Construction workers and cost to build new school in Merger—\$200,000

In Gratitude:

IOG Chairman Jean Filostin wishes to thank all the individual donors and organizations that make the Institute's projects in Haiti successful. The challenges have greatly increased after the earthquake but God provides! IOG is very grateful to the following:

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- Arts Fusion
- University of the District of Columbia
- Children and Charity International
- United Methodist Churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference: Bowie, Emory, Glenn Dale, Liberty Grove, Rockville and St. Matthew's

THANKS!!!