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SHINING A LIGHT ON HEALTH, PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

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The Lamp has not dimmed!

Life in Port-au-Prince continues to be a struggle. So it is with some delight – and a little pride – that we can report on our continuing achievements. In particular, we are happy to report that we are now providing full services at our original campus in Bwa Nèf, Cité Soleil. Last year, in addition to security problems, the health center was flooded, causing considerable damage. We repaired the damage, and then embarked on a renovation project to prevent future flooding. This work delayed our re-opening, but now, with most of Cité Soleil again flooded, we feel that the delay was warranted!



The Lamp for Haiti Health Center in Bwa Nèf, Cité Soleil is flooded – with patients

The local community is, not surprisingly, very grateful. We are seeing a tremendous number of patients, our two doctors often seeing more than 90 in a single day.

When the Bwa Nèf site was closed, we provided patients with vouchers that allowed them to come to Lamp's second site (called Haiti Communiterre). For some -- for example the parents and children in the Child Nutrition Program -- Lamp also provided a transportation stipend. It was, nevertheless, a less-than-ideal situation, so that our return to Bwa Nèf is something to celebrate for everyone.

Regarding our hard-working doctors: Lamp is currently in negotiation with the Ministry of Health, who would like Lamp to accept various interns including at least one doctor. The additional staff will be much appreciated!

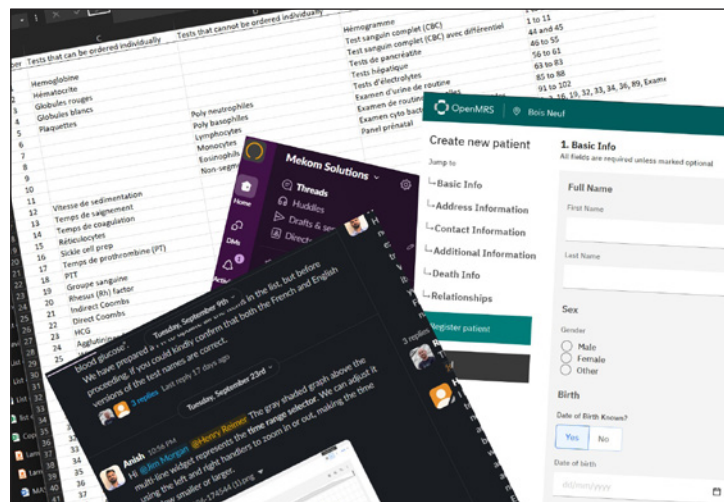


Lamp nurses Merline Merial and Ruth Alissage take it all in stride

Electronic Medical Records

Lamp's major improvement project this year has been to upgrade our Electronic Medical Records system. Weekly Zoom meetings are held with the developers who are themselves scattered over the globe. It has taken somewhat longer than anticipated but excitement is definitely increasing as we near the release date.

It has been an interesting journey. We have found ourselves discussing all manner of technical details, from names of medicines and lab tests, in French and English, to contents of summary displays, to tables of child nutrition information, to details of how the various staff members will use the system. How the pharmacist, for example, will be able to receive the prescription, enter the quantities of medicine dispensed (so that it appears on the patient's central record) and also provide a report of all medicines used in the month.



Our initial expectation was that we might receive a pre-constructed system, essentially complete, to which we would make changes. This turned out to be rather optimistic! But the work has been worth doing and will bear fruit beyond Lamp. We are using an open source code (OpenMRS) which any other medical institution – world wide – can take and use. Our new Women's Prenatal Health and Child Nutrition modules in particular are certain to be of value to many.

Lamp's Child Nutrition Program received a great boost last month, when UNICEF Haiti provided a large quantity of RUTF (Ready to Use Therapeutic Food). This food, which we usually call "medika mamba" ("peanut butter medicine"), is the basic component of any treatment plan for malnourished children. The connection with UNICEF was facilitated by the makers of this food – Meds & Food



Partnership for Child Nutrition

for Kids – who produce it in Haiti, using peanuts grown by small farmers in Haiti.

We hope to establish a long-term relationship with UNICEF, assuring a steady supply of this critical "medicine" (and other supplements). Staff turnover at UNICEF has kept this from happening just yet but we believe that we are on the cusp of a greatly expanded Nutrition program – potentially doubling our already much-expanded program. Lamp is ideally positioned – and this is recognized by all -- to deliver this desperately needed food to residents of Cité Soleil. The Child Nutrition program is truly making a difference in Haiti, and we stand ready to multiply this effort.

CIMPAD/The Dr. Harvey L. White Legacy Group —

Helping to Support Education and Empowering Children in Haiti

Lamp for Haiti extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Dr. Harvey L. White Legacy Group, part of CIMPAD (Consortium for International Management Policy and Development), for their generous sponsorship of 10 students through the Lamp for Haiti Educational Program. Thanks to the Legacy Group's support, these students will benefit from a comprehensive educational package that covers tuition fees, uniforms, textbooks, learning materials, and tutoring services.

The Harvey L. White Legacy Group was created out of CIMPAD to honor Dr. Harvey L. White—a distinguished professor, scholar, administrator, and public service leader.

The Legacy Group fundraises to meet the educational needs of students through scholarships, mentorship, and other resources. By doing so, members uphold Dr. White's values and ensure that his commitment to



Dieudonne-Love and Medjie Honord - two of the girls that will be sponsored by the Legacy Group

empowering students and serving the community endures.

The cost to sponsor a child for one year is \$450. Lamp for Haiti is deeply grateful to CIMPAD for their commitment to education and their belief in the potential of every child. We hope this inspiring example will encourage others to join in supporting educational opportunities for children in Haiti.

For more information about how to become a sponsor or to learn more about our initiatives, please contact Henry at admin@lampforhaiti.org.

Lamp for Haiti Annual Gala & Silent Auction Invitation

Join us for the Lamp for Haiti Annual Gala and Silent Auction—an evening dedicated to celebrating the remarkable courage shown not only by Lamp for Haiti's committed staff, but also by the families of Cité Soleil and surrounding communities. Our theme this year, *Courage*, pays tribute to the resilience and hope that shine through our healthcare workers and the families they serve, who face daily hardships with strength and dignity. Enjoy inspiring keynote speakers, Lamp Founder Dr. James Morgan and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Haitian Times Founder Garry Pierre-Pierre; vibrant music from Vag Troubadou; delicious cuisine provided by Custodi Caterers; and special Lamp Lighter presentation to volunteer and silent auction chair Marianne Sweeney. It will be an evening you don't want to miss.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: November 1, 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
LOCATION: The Women's Club of Glen Ridge

For more information, sponsorship opportunities, to purchase tickets, or place an ad in the program, please visit www.lampforhaiti.org/gala2025/

Your support sustains the unyielding bravery and hope of Lamp for Haiti's staff and families. Together, we can bring health, light, and a brighter future to those who need it most.

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A Community Institution



Dr. Metellus discovers that Lamp's long-term presence has been critical for his teenaged patient, Wilguens: "Have you been to our health center before?" "Doctor, I have been coming to this clinic since I was an infant!" "Then what do you think about the clinic?" "Doctor, this clinic has given the people of Bwa Nèf so much service, and me above all! The doctors always give such good care. The medicine that I receive is excellent; I recover so soon after I start to take it. I have been here many times and I always regain my health quickly afterwards."

For this young man, Lamp has always been a trusted part of his community. A constant source of caring and well-being. This is a very satisfying story for us at Lamp who, from the start, wanted to build a community institution that would last.



Lamp Medical Director, Dr. Stanley Metellus with Wilguens Dorvilus

An institution that would exemplify accompaniment and loyalty, regardless of life's challenges. A minor tale, but a good one!

[Note on quality of medicine: It is sad but true that low-income persons often buy medicine from street vendors that have no pharmaceutical knowledge, their medicines sitting in the blazing sun, expiry dates unknown.]