

**SPRING 2018**

Through the grace and blessing of God, Hospital Lumiere shines as a beacon of hope and healing to the people of Haiti. HarvestCall is thankful to see continuing evidence of God's work at the hospital.

## Baby Woodley Finding a Home at Hospital Lumiere

On November 7, 2016 a baby boy was born in one of the small houses scattered among the hills of southern Haiti. In Haiti, it is typical for babies to be born at home with the assistance

of a mid-wife. Such was the case with Woodley's birth. When there are no complications, this is no problem. But Woodley had a serious complication and he was in trouble. Woodley suffered at birth from a defect know as an imperforate anus – he was born without one.

Woodley's

parents knew he would not survive and went to Hospital Lumiere seeking help. Apparently they felt his physical challenges made his situation hopeless and they abandoned Woodley there. Woodley immediately had a colostomy and recovered well. One month later he was discharged, but with no family now had nowhere to go. Hospital Lumiere became his home.

Many "mama's and papa's" to give Woodley attention

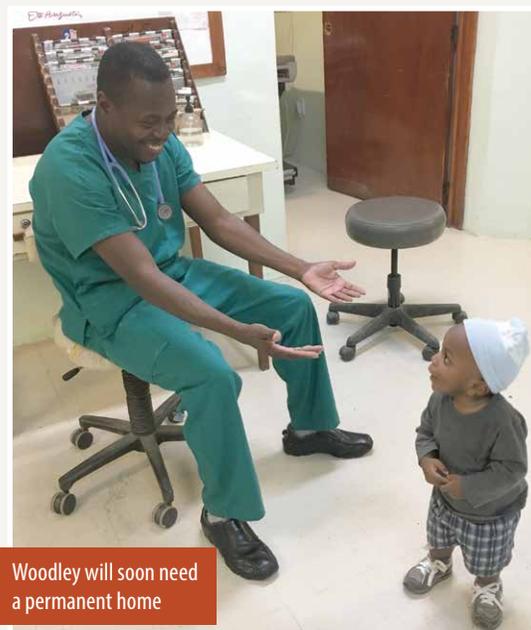
Woodley is now over a year old and is thriving at Hospital Lumiere. Just after his first birthday, surgery was performed to create an anus. And sometime this summer, doctors plan a final surgery to reverse his colostomy. After this is completed, Woodley's body will function normally and he is expected to lead a normal life.

Medical care is not all that Woodley is receiving at Hospital Lumiere. A growing boy has physical needs too, and those needs have been provided for by staff, missionary families and visiting team members.

Woodley's many "mama's and papa's" give him attention by playing with him and carrying him around the hospital grounds. They have also contributed financially to provide clothes, toys and baby formula. Woodley enjoys the children that visit the hospital too. He is a typical curious little boy and loves to play with other kids.



Abandoned at Hospital Lumiere with a serious birth defect



Woodley will soon need a permanent home

Please keep Woodley and the hospital in your prayers. Our hope is that a permanent home can be found for him. Thankfully, there are several Haitian couples that have expressed interest in adopting Woodley after his final surgery. Until then, his home will be at Hospital Lumiere, and his needs will be provided for there. Your prayers and generous support are what makes that possible.

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Matthew 18:5

Engage with Hospital Lumiere and other HarvestCall ministry programs on social media:

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# Medical Missionaries Making a Difference

## ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

Through God's leading, Sis. Carrie Stoller, CNP felt directed to apply for a position at Hospital Lumiere. She arrived at the hospital in June 2017, and began to integrate into missionary life and the Haitian culture. Carrie took Creole classes for two months to learn the language before transitioning into her current role as Inpatient Care Manager at Hospital Lumiere. Initially, she spent a significant part of each day observing the nursing care in the wards to learn the current procedures and to develop relationships with the nursing staff and supervisors.

### Meeting Daily Challenges

As Inpatient Care Manager, Carrie is responsible for managing the nursing care/staff, assessing current nursing policies and procedures, implementing process improvement and training for the nurses on the wards. Ongoing training is vital as Hospital Lumiere strives to improve nursing skillsets and quality of care. Haitian nurses are typically not empowered, and Carrie is working to teach them to use their skills and be assertive in problem solving. In the months Carrie has been at Hospital Lumiere, significant improvements have been made in post-op infection rates on the OB GYN ward. Much more



Taking a personal interest in patients and their families

remains to be done. Along with Ruth Feucht (Hospital Lumiere's medical intern), she is currently assessing lab procedures to improve test turnaround times and quality, and the blood donation process to maximize the number of donors and make it faster and easier for visiting medical teams to donate blood.

Compassion is an important part of the job as well. Carrie takes a personal interest in hospital patients and their families, spending a lot of time in the wards. She will also check on patients during the night and on weekends and make sure food is provided if someone is not receiving proper nutrition.

### Medical Team Participation Encouraged

Carrie encourages those who are interested in joining a medical team to come to Hospital Lumiere. Visiting team members help keep the staff energized and encouraged. Their presence reminds the Haitians we are interested in them and are committed to the work at the hospital. Teams encourage the missionaries too, when they come and work alongside the hospital employees and help teach. Current team schedules can be found on the HarvestCall website. (They are also noted on the back page of this newsletter) Those interested can contact: Komari Aberle, [komarick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:komarick@sbcglobal.net) or 785.284.2950

Ongoing training helps improve quality of care



## The Aftermath of Hurricane Matthew

### MANY ARE STILL HURTING

Hurricane Matthew, a powerful category 5 storm, slammed into southwestern Haiti on the night of October 3, 2016. Like many Haitians, Adriene Dessap rode the storm out in his home. When his tin roof began to blow off, Adriene wired concrete blocks to the trusses and tin to keep them in place. The concrete blocks helped but before the storm ended, a neighbor's tree crashed onto his roof damaging more of the tin and some of the wooden trusses.

Adriene, a Hospital Lumiere employee, received about a small amount of money from HarvestCall disaster funds to help him repair the damages. A total of 200 hospital employees received similar aid to help them rebuild. Today, Adriene and those in the general area around the hospital have effectively recovered, with many homes now in better condition than they were before the storm. The countryside around the hospital is again lush with vegetation, in amazing testimony to the resilience of God's creation.



Adriene Dessap holds the wires that saved his roof during the storm

However, in western Haiti, the damage was much more severe and recovery has been slow. A recent HarvestCall construction

team estimates that approximately 85% of homes in the western tip of the island were damaged. Today, 25% still have tarps for roofs or nothing at all. And 10% appear to be abandoned due to massive damage to roofs, walls or complete building collapse. The team shared: "The most heart rending condition was the people. For 18 years, we have traveled all over Southern Haiti doing roofing projects. Nearly everywhere we would travel the local Haitians would smile, wave, and show excitement to see our team traveling through! This year, mile after mile, the people had long faces, angry gestures, and frustrated

shouting. Even many of the children did not smile back and wave! To us, it seemed that the strong spirit and heart of the people had become broken and was in despair. They were obviously still suffering."

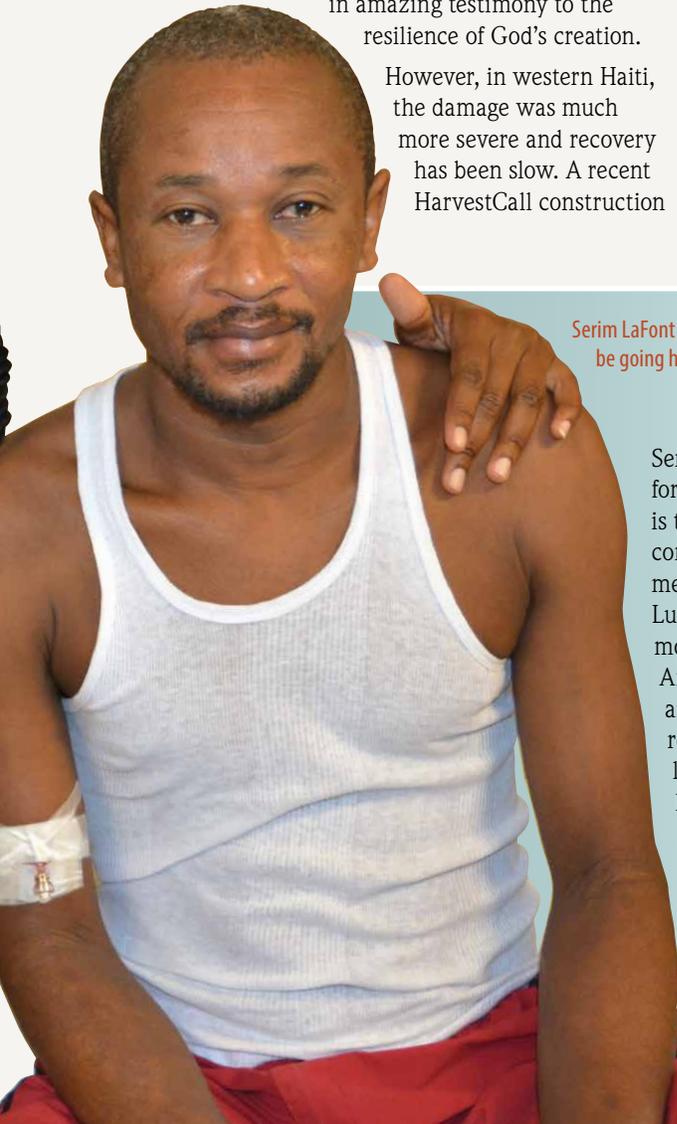
Please pray for the people who are still negatively impacted by the hurricane. Life for many Haitians was already difficult and tragedies like Matthew compound their struggles. Hospital Lumiere and HarvestCall will continue to reach out and help.

*I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35*



The vegetation around the hospital immediately following the storm.

How it looks today.



Serim LaFont – hopes to be going home soon.

## Serim LaFont

### THANKFUL FOR ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE

Serim LaFont did not have to go far for help. He lives in Bonne Fin and is thankful he and others in the community have ready access to good medical care close by at Hospital Lumiere. Serim was involved in a motorcycle accident seven years ago. Another "moto" passed by too closely and struck his leg. The collision resulted in several broken bones and left multiple bone fragments in his leg. Serim came to the hospital one month ago after his leg became infected and has since had surgery to remove bone fragments.

Serim is smiling again because he is healing and hopes to go back

home soon. He says "everyone in Bonne Fin is happy that Hospital Lumiere has remained open." The threat of the hospital closing was very real until HarvestCall assumed the management of it in 2011. Since then, tens of thousands have come to Hospital Lumiere for medical care. Serim continues "we receive good care and good service at Hospital Lumiere. The doctors talk kindly and explain things well. And the nurses always want to help us. We are happy for the medical teams that come from the US to support the hospital too, and we pray that God will always protect them." Effective medical care with compassion and Christian love is what Hospital Lumiere is all about. Your continued prayers and support is what makes that all possible.

*And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. Matthew 14:14*

# Missionary Team Openings

## HAITI, BONNE FIN

Check our website for details and updates. Other dates and teams are possible, please contact Komari Aberle to discuss possible dates and focuses not listed.

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## REMAINING 2018 OPENINGS

- April 7-14 – Ophthalmology Team
- May 12-19 – Nursing Proficiencies
- June 9-16 – Medical Inventory Team
- July 7-14 – Cervical Cancer Screening – Mobile Clinics
- August 11-18 – OPEN – Focus TBD
- September 8-15 – Nursing Proficiencies
- October 13-20 – OPEN – Focus TBD
- December 8-15 – Cervical Cancer Screening – Mobile Clinics



NOV. 9, 2018

## Benefit Auction

### Your gift can make a difference

This annual fund-raising auction is a critical part of Hospital Lumiere's support. It helps raise awareness of the need for prayer and personal involvement

while providing a festive way to give financially. Plus, it's a wonderful evening of good food, singing and fellowship.

### AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

A successful benefit auction depends not just on bidders, but on those who graciously donate auctionable items. Please consider

donating one or more of the following: **Toys, Lego's, Games, Tools, Electronics, Gift Certificates, Outdoor Recreation, Vacation Packages, Dinners or Food Items**

If you have items to contribute, please contact: Rich Bertschi, 309-467-2351 [hospitallumiere@harvestcall.org](mailto:hospitallumiere@harvestcall.org)

Also, if you plan to order auction items through Amazon, you can have them shipped directly to Rich Bertschi at 611 Golf Crest Ct, Eureka IL 61530.



### SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars now, before they fill up with other things. We hope to see you there.

Friday, Nov. 9, 2018

Five Points Washington  
360 N Wilmor Rd  
Washington, IL 61571

4:30 – Food Court & Silent Auction

6:15 – Singing Group

7:00 – Live Auction



We ask that all items be new or handmade. Live and silent auctions are planned so all items are appreciated. Items need to be received by November 1st. Sooner is better.

## LOCAL AUCTION REPRESENTATIVES

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Stay apprised of the progress being made at Hospital Lumiere and the patients whose lives are being touched.

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## HELP FINANCIALLY

Direct financial aid of \$35,000 per month is needed to support operations at Hospital Lumiere. Financial support is also needed to cover the living expenses of the five HarvestCall missionary families now living at Hospital Lumiere.

### Online

If you feel moved to help the project financially, please consider setting up a recurring monthly gift or give a one-time gift on the HarvestCall website at:

[www.harvestcall.org/donate](http://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 to:

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