

Report to The Ten Dollar Club Support for Surgical Staff and Equipment

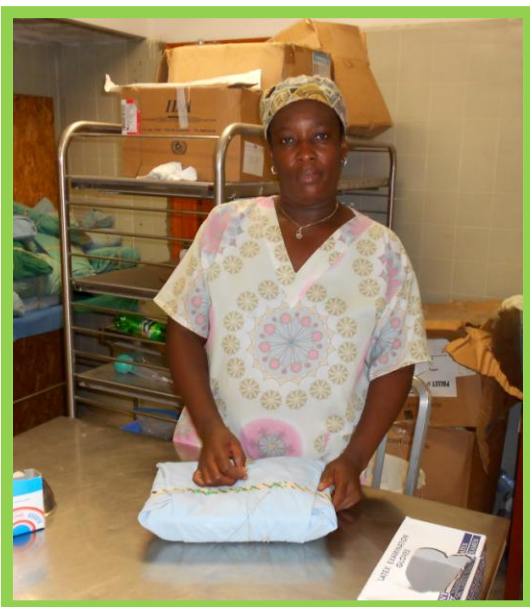
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Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (HAS) has worked on the ground in Haiti, serving the people for more than half a century. Never have we been more challenged than in 2010, which began with a crisis: a tragic earthquake that took the lives of hundreds of thousands of Haitians in a matter of minutes and wiped out medical facilities and much of the country's infrastructure.

HAS is sincerely grateful to The Ten Dollar Club for its generous support of surgical staff and surgical equipment maintenance, and thanks the members of the club for their concern for the people of Haiti.

Surgical Staff and Equipment

HAS' surgical service is well recognized for its excellence; during the post-earthquake period, many patients came to HAS from the impact zone, most of whom required surgical interventions. With a core of full-time Haitian surgeons, nurses and medical assistants, and a rotating international staff of specialists, HAS offers a high level of surgical services to the immediate HAS district, and, increasingly, to other parts of Haiti. Even with the earthquake over year behind us, the current hospital inpatient levels continue to be at least 60% higher than normal capacity.



With a grant from The Ten Dollar Club, HAS was able to fund the salary of Alourdes Emile, pictured at left. Alourdes is a Licensed Practical Nurse who assists in the HAS surgery program. Alourdes was able to help serve hundreds of critically injured patients on an emergency basis, and also for the many follow up surgeries that were needed for patients who had suffered crushing injuries in the earthquake.

Maintaining equipment at HAS is also an ongoing issue. The hot and humid climate creates additional challenges on medical equipment and continual maintenance by biomedical staff is required. We are grateful to The Ten Dollar Club for providing funding for this as well.

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At HAS, we are hard at work – saving lives and changing lives. These have been our watch words for many years, but we say them now with new emphasis and meaning.

For at least the next year, HAS anticipates continued high patient loads. We expect the high demand for surgeries including complex orthopedic procedures to continue, many more cholera patients, and an extraordinarily high need for delivering preventive health services to a greater number of people in our service area.

The support of The Ten Dollar Club last year meant everything to HAS and the people that we serve. The challenges and demands have never been greater, but the difference we are able to make in Haiti is also at its peak.

We thank you for your support which has made all of this possible for the people of Haiti.

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