# MISSIONHAITI MEDICAL

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a healthcare alliance with the people of Haiti.



Hurricane Matthew took the roof off this church.

### HURRICANE MATTHEW

In early October 2016, Haiti underwent another hit from mother nature. Hurricane Matthew hammered especially the western tips of the island but damage was spread throughout the island. Our little hospital did what it could to help not only our own patients but assisted other ministries with medicine, and some food distribution. We experienced a surge in respiratory infections, typical after a tropical storm/hurricane, and currently we await other illnesses, particularly mosquitoborne illnesses, that generally accompany situations such as this for several months after the initial storm has passed. We continue to pray for wisdom, support and resources as we attempt to minister to so many affected in so many ways from the aftermath of the hurricane.

## THE HOSPITAL'S YEAR IN REVIEW

As we enter into the last months of this year, we reflect upon the events of the year, celebrate the victories and hopefully learn from the losses. We have so many victories to celebrate! The hospital in Saint Ard continues to increase its patient census, as more and more are being helped daily to overcome the grip of disease. The new dental and eye clinic area is over 50% finished, complete with a wonderful ramp to help our mobility-challenged friends access care. Haitian prosthetist, lean Gerard, has been hired to come to the clinic a few days each month to fabricate prosthetic legs, arms and various types of braces. The government has granted a full hospital license for a minimum two year period contingent upon the completion of an incinerator (which is currently under construction). We also must remember our difficult times of the last year. We released to heaven our front office coordinator, Charline Joseph, who was tragically killed in a taptap accident in April. Also, each morning before the clinic officially opened, a dear saint from the local church, Frere Eliphete, prayed, sang and ministered to the waiting patients. He went to be with Jesus in

October. Jonas Jean, our administrator, was in a bad auto accident in September, which resulted in some significant head trauma. He was eventually taken to the United States for completion of his medical care. These difficult times, as well as the celebrations, keep us looking to God for answers and for answered prayers. We continue to rely upon His understanding.



#### 2017 our year of prayer focus

While 2016 had both its victories and challenges, we understand that is the nature of life on this planet. Jesus knows that. We are dedicating this year, 2017, as a year of focused prayer for God's little hospital in Saint Ard, Haiti. We pray that we are aware of His presence, His guidance and for a touch of His wisdom as we continue to seek Him in all we do and say.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2



Frere Eliphete who lead morning devotions at the clinic went to be with the Lord in October.

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