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Dear Jaime,

We miss you here at Deschapelles, with your sharp intellect and caring clinical skills. Many thanks for your gift and the gifts of your friends, to assist Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti to respond to the increased demands for health services after the January Earthquake. We are very indebted to you, and to the physicians of the Hospital Clinic of the University of Barcelona (E. 5,000) who provided HAS with a total of E. 17,000, which was converted into \$22,379.20.



During the weeks following the quake, HAS admitted over 800 inpatients, and treated more than 200 other victims as outpatients. Many of these patients required surgical interventions, mostly for orthopedic procedures. Because we had developed a very effective wound care team, we were able to preserve many limbs, but we still had to do 15 amputations. This number was only a small proportion of the more than 3,000 estimated amputations of legs and arms in Haiti. The need for prosthetics was immediately apparent, as the two major prosthetics facilities in Port au Prince were severely damaged. With the generous support of the US Hanger Corporation and Foundation, HAS was able to establish a prosthetics lab in several weeks, and as of today there are more than 100 patients in the various stages of being evaluated, measured, casted, fitted, and gait trained, with the active support of physical therapy.

The former tuberculosis recuperation village, l'Escale, which you remember from your time at HAS, had been closed due to changes in the WHO treatment protocols, and we immediately converted those buildings to a residence for prosthetics patients. All of the houses are filled with patients and their companions, and they have created a caring community of mutual support and peer education about the process of acquiring a new limb. While these individuals have suffered great losses, l'Escale is a place of great joy.

The residents of l'Escale are cared for by a volunteer community group, who provide food, weekly movies, talent nights, bedding, and transportation. HAS contributes the direct cash expenses for this effort, while the community group provides the volunteers. This may be an appropriate direction to guide the gifts from Barcelona, and as time goes forward, we may be exploring other support which might be needed for the program, such as relation expenses for individuals who have no home to return to in Port au Prince.

With many thanks, and best wishes to all of your family,

With best wishes,

Ian G. Rawson, PhD  
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