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Year in Review . . . 2016

Many times I have heard someone ask, “Why don’t we see miracles today like Jesus performed when he walked this earth?” We do!!!!

OIH is excited to share with you firsthand an overview of the modern-day miracles that we have witnessed within the OIH organization over the past year.



First, we have been blessed at *Ecole JeanBrien* (our kindergarten school on campus) with 45 precious, lively students who have minds like sponges and who are very eager to learn! They are all excelling in their studies and love school.

The OIH sponsored primary and secondary school has an enrollment of 150 students and 210 students, respectively, for the 2016-2017 school year. These children (young adults!) have aspirations of becoming nurses, teachers, pastors, doctors, lawyers, builders, architects, and engineers, etc., just like our own children and grandchildren. The excellent education they are receiving now is laying the foundation for them to excel scholastically, and to fulfill their dreams, as they progress on to college and university level education. We are so very proud of all of their



accomplishments and dedication to learning during this school year. We praise the Lord for the success of our educational system and for the OIH partners that make it happen.

In September, Jean travelled to Haiti to distribute rice to local widows/widowers and other families in need. The container of rice was donated to OIH from Feed My Starving Children. We are so very thankful for this much needed food.



As we are all aware, Hurricane Matthew hit the Caribbean islands with a vengeance. When we heard of the impending



damaging winds, OIH made the decision to open its church doors to provide a safe refuge for the locals needing shelter. These people remained in the

church for seven days, waiting for the wind to die down so they could return to their home. Once the storm abated, families scattered to assess the damage to their property, hopeful that something

may still be standing. Sadly, many found that their home had been totally destroyed. Not only was their home destroyed but, unfortunately, many lost livestock; goats, horses, donkeys, mules and cattle, in the storm. It is so very sad, as these animals are costly and are not only a means of transportation, but they also provide a way to support a family. In addition, many avocado, mango and other fruit bearing trees were destroyed. Hurricane Matthew also destroyed the OIH garage and cafeteria. We will begin constructing a new garage and cafeteria as the Lord directs us.



Blessings abound as the seller reduced the price of his truck and donations came in toward the purchase of the OIH truck. We can now transport our own supplies to and from Port-au-Prince, and surrounding areas, to the OIH facility. We will no longer have to pay exorbitant fees for truck rental/driver fees.



The most blessed gift of 2016 though was the baptism of 38 souls in December. What a way to end a year!! Several of the individuals baptized were our beautiful children who had been sponsored through the years by you. Also, several men who had



worked on the construction crews building the OIH facility were baptized, along with others. Our hearts overflow with joy and sing His praises! Next month we will share a remarkable story of one of our young boys and his decision to be baptized.



December baptism



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

While Jean was in Haiti in September, his trip to Bombardopolis is one he will not forget. He had an experience that haunted him and decidedly changed the course of what was to be built next on the campus. While traveling from Port-au-Prince to Bombardopolis, between the towns of Gonaive and Baie-de-Henne, the



road was washed out, destroyed. The vehicle he was traveling in had to turn around and find an alternate route, a much longer route, through Port-de-Paix to Bombardopolis. As his car approached the town of Mare Rouge, he encountered a pregnant woman who was in labor. He stopped to see if he could help. It was decided to hastily get her to the Mare Rouge Clinic, the baby not willing to wait. Instead of the baby's head delivering



first, it appeared that an arm was delivering first. Recognizing the complication, and knowing there was no one at the clinic who was able to perform a C-section, nor anyone with knowledge to help her, the consensus was she would need to be taken by car to Port-de-Paix, a grueling road trip and three hours away.



After about an hour and a half into the trip the car she was in encountered a bus that had had an accident and was sideways across the road, blocking all travel. Traffic could not get past it in either direction. This poor woman was not going to make it to Port-de-Paix. Sadly, the car she was in had to turn around to take her back home where she and the unborn

baby would most likely die. There was no other medical facility in the area she could have been taken to for help.

The outlying remote regions of Haiti have so little in the way of medical facilities. Even in Bombardopolis, population 37,000, there is only one clinic with two beds, one physician, and it is not able to deal with medical emergencies such as surgeries. People are too poor to own vehicles so transportation is at a premium. Individuals needlessly perish daily in these remote regions from very treatable health issues. It is difficult for one to imagine. The one doctor running the clinic in Bombardopolis has been there for 22 years. He

is closing the clinic's doors and will be returning to the United States to care for his own aging and ill parents.

With a lot of prayer and fasting, plans began to form for a health center on the OIH campus.

It was always in the plan. We just did not know when it would be in His plan. OIH received a generous donation to begin the foundation for the OIH Health Clinic, and so with donations totaling \$70,000, we are pleased to report that the construction of the OIH Health Clinic is well under way! And you think this is not a modern-day miracle?

The building engineer has estimated that the total cost for the Health Clinic project will be in the neighborhood of \$400,000 to \$500,000. If you would like to partner with OIH in the construction of this much needed facility, please contact us at 1.800.704.7611!

Please watch for the March OIH Newsletter for exciting news regarding the Health Clinic construction progress.



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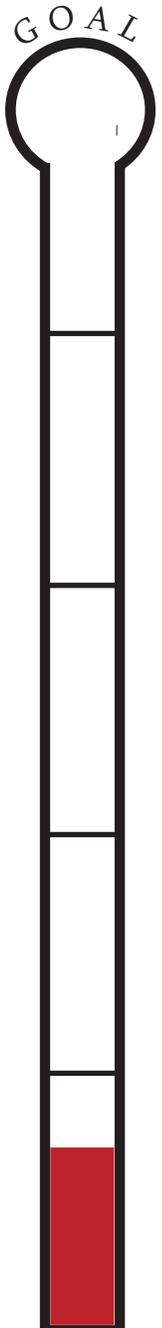
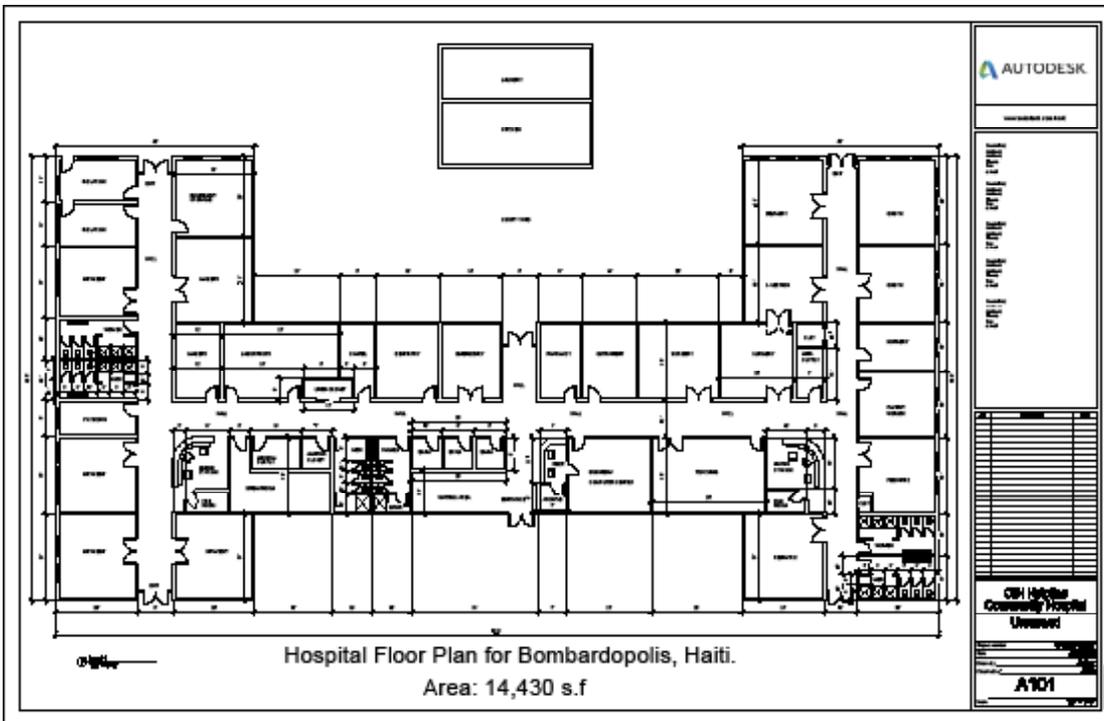
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HEALTH CLINIC FLOOR PLAN



A Message from the President

As one year ends and a new one begins, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of the OIH Partners who support this mission. I believe God has big plans for Bombardopolis and you have all been His instrument to complete His work in northern Haiti. My prayer for the new year is that we draw closer to Him and continue to praise Him, come what may. As a dear friend of ours always said, "God is good always, in all ways." We give all thanks to Him.