9 HAITIAN CHILDREN RECEIVED A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

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Since early 2012, Gift of Life International and select Gift of Life programs have been conducting medical missions to Haiti with the goal of reducing the daunting waiting list. To date, we have provided more than 40 Haitian children with the gift of life during 4 medical missions. We have great plans for the future of pediatric cardiac care in Haiti and Gift of Life International has been working with our partners to develop a context under which we can improve care to the children that so desperately need it.

During the November 2013 medical mission, 9 children were given a second chance at life. Complexity of surgeries ranged from PDA’s to Tetrology of Fallot’s. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet (pediatric cardiac surgeon and Founder of Open Hearts Haiti) and Martine Bouzi (ICU nurse and mission coordinator), an international team of medical professionals was assembled to provide the best possible care for these children who otherwise have no hope.

Additionally, the first-ever stakeholders meeting on pediatric cardiology in Haiti was held just prior to this medical mission. Strategies were discussed and plans were put in place regarding how to best move forward in Haiti so that children suffering from heart disease will receive the treatment they require. Thank you to partners Kado Lavi Foundation and Haiti Cardiac Alliance for making this historic meeting possible.
Saturday and Sunday, Dr. Hugues Lucron performed echo on many patients at the Clinique. Martine Bouzi and her team organized the ICU and the OR. Our perfusionist Bharat Datt and our biomed Bernard Baugey arrived Sunday night and checked the pump and all equipment. We operated 9 patients. All patients were doing well on Saturday at noon, when we turned over the patients to Maggie and her team.

Two patients had complications.

Jean Noldaly, a Fallot was re-operated at night for bleeding. He received a significant amount of blood. He could be extubated the next day but developed a sort of ARDS and required re-intubation. He was finally extubated Friday afternoon and did quite well. We suspect that he has a lung infection. He is on large spectrum antibiotics.

Daina Jean-Baptiste is a William’s syndrome with supra valvar aortic stenosis and moderate PA obstruction. She had a hemoptysis which delayed the extubation.

All other patients were extubated in the OR or a few hours after arriving in ICU.

Only 9 patients were sent to surgery. We would suggest that more patients are screened, knowing that nearly one third are turned down.

We saw two babies with Transposition of the Great Arteries at Bernard Mews Hospital. After discussing with the team, we decided not to operate on them.

The team was outstanding and the new participants have adapted very quickly to the limited space of the Clinique. We had to deal with a reduction of surgical instruments imposed by the French team and we did so very successfully.

Thank you all for this excellent mission. I hope to see you again on the next mission.

All the best,

Francois Lacour-Gayet MD
President/Founder Open Hearts Haiti
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“When you save a child, you save the world”
VISITING MEDICAL TEAM

Thank you to these medical professionals who donated their time and skills to save the lives of 9 Haitian children during the November 2013 medical mission:

- Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon: Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet (Royal Brompton, London, UK)
- Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon: Dr. Carine Pavy (Fort de France, Martinique)
- ICU Nurse/Coordinator: Martine Bouzi (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Bronx, NY)
- ICU Nurse: Caroline Kwong (Miller Children’s Hospital, Long Beach, CA)
- ICU Nurse: Jessica Page (Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA)
- ICU Nurse: Helen Alexander (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Bronx, NY)
- ICU Nurse: Jodiann Williams (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Bronx, NY)
- Surgical Technician: Heather Tucker (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Bronx, NY)
- Surgical Technician: Mary Joy Santillion (Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY)
- Surgical Technician: Ruth Nelson (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Bronx, NY)
- Anesthesiologist: Dr. Carlene Broderick (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, Bronx, NY)
- Intensivist: Dr. Wendy Wong (Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, CA)
- Intensivist: Dr. Sara Aghamohammadi (Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, CA)
- Cardiologist: Dr. Hughes Lucron (Fort de France, Martinique)
- Perfusionist: Mr. Bharat Datt (MAHI & Stollery Children’s Hospital, Edmonton, Canada)
- Biomedical Technician: Bernard Baugey (Chaine de L’Espoir, France)
A Historic Moment in Haiti

The First-Ever Stakeholders Meeting on Pediatric Cardiology

Gift of Life International Director, George Solomon and John Desrosiers, Rotarian from the Algiers Rotary Club, New Orleans donated blood enabling 10 year old Saviola to have his life-saving heart surgery.
A total of 9 patients received a second chance at life. On behalf of these children and their families, we are grateful to everyone who made this mission possible.

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