

Institute of Grace Newsline

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About the Institute of Grace:

- •The Institute of Grace (IOG) is a USA registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- IOG's mission is to provide educational opportunities and healthcare services to poor and underprivileged children and people of Haiti
- IOG also provides English classes to immigrants and tutors High School students in mathematics in Washington DC
- •IOG brings hope, empowerment and a brighter future for Haiti

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Miracia Hospital Transition Process From Clinic to Hospital

Jean Filostin, chairman of the Board of Institute of Grace returned to Haiti on September 7th with Dr. Isidore Adeyanju, the medical doctor from Benin, Africa to begin the process of transitioning Miracia Hospital from a clinic to a full-fledged hospital.

Dr. Isidore made the decision to return to Haiti after getting back to the U.S. He saw the need of Miracia Hospital, and has decided to commit 3 months to help Miracia make the transition. Institute of Grace would like your financial support to fund Dr. Isidore's stay at the hospital for these next three months. His stay is being supported as much as possible by donations to IOG.

There was a lot of work to do at the hospital involving

the transition process, and so while Jean was there, he and Dr. Isidore spent much of their time in meetings with hospital staff working out the transition process. Some of the changes that have already taken place are the hiring of a hospital coordinator by Dr. Isidore, and

establishing a hospital schedule 24 hours a day, vs. 7-5 Mon—Sat clinic schedule.

· Dr. Isidore will also evaluate full-time medical doctors to continue his work as the IOG transitions to around the clock care.



New Children's building

- o The IOG is in the process of working out the details of a lead Medical Doctor schedule salary.
- o We are working on strategies to make Hospital become self-sustainable.
- o We are prioritizing the flow of funds to give priority to what needs to be done first.

Construction Work on the Children Hospital Building

Construction work on Children's Hospital building.

- o Secured the Iron bars on the stairs, and the building so the children won't fall.
 - The school is currently

being held in the Hospital building.

o The children's portion of their new building is complete except for electrical wiring, tiles on the floor, and glass windows.



IOG Primary School in Merger

IOG PRIMARY School in Merger reopened its doors as of October 4 with fifty orphans in the community unable to attend because they lack sponsors. The annual cost to fully sponsor an orphan with IOG is \$300. This will cover uniform, books, food, and tuition for the whole school year. As sponsors come forward these children will be called back to school to continue their studies. You can help bring hope to a child in Haiti for just \$25 per month. Please see the website for an application.

www.Instituteofgrace.org

At present time the school occupies the children's wing building until IOG can find another building for the school. The earthquake destroyed the building they were planning to lease. A future project is a



Children eat in the Cafeteria

new building to give IOG the ability to offer primary and University programs in Merger.

The cost to sponsor a teacher salary is \$1,300 per year.



Primary School Students

IOG Needs your help to ship an Ambulance to Haiti

IOG needs your help to ship an Ambulance to the Miracia Hospital. The Ambulance will enable the Hospital to quickly move around to save lives before it is too late. The cost of shipping the Ambulance and custom duties is \$4,100.

IOG's fundamental goal is really very simple: to develop programs and activities that will continuously improve the quality of education and medical care and services provided to Haitians.



Dr. Isidore (L) and Nurse Elizabeth

Fund Raising Event

The IOG is renting the Fellowship Hall of "Eglise Baptiste du Calvaire" (10002 Riggs Rd., Adelphi, MD 20783) to organize a Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to help raise support to ship medical equipment and Medicine to Miracia Hospital. Also, IOG

would like to establish relationships with the metropolitan DC local business owners, church leaders and individual donors to sustain the Miracia Hospital in long term and short term commitments. The requested donation for the dinner will be \$50.

For tickets, please call Jean Filostin at 301 254 5431 or email the IOG at jfilostin@gmail.com

University of Grace Facility in Delmas 24, Haiti & Theology Students

The Haiti earthquake put IOG in challenging position to meet students needs with a damage building that IOG need \$20,000 to fix. The challenge is so big IOG needs your help. IOG needs sponsors for 60 Theology students for a period of 4 years. The cost to sponsor one theology student is \$1,000 per year. As soon as IOG finds those 60 sponsors classes will be resumed at the University in Delmas. IOG prays that the Lord will send those sponsors as soon as possible so that repairs can be made to the building and around January classes can begin.

The \$1,000 sponsorship for a stu-

dent will provide tuition and lodging for the whole school year. The Theology program is a core program of IOG ministry in Haiti. The vision of IOG is to win Haiti for Christ and also to evangelize other countries as



IOG Seminary Students

well.. Please join IOG in the sponsorship program. If you or your church cannot sponsor 1 student you can still help with any amount to meet the needs in this critical time of IOG ministry in Haiti.



2006 Graduation

New Missionary to serve in Haiti

Miss Jessie Weiss visited Haiti on a four day trip to assess the needs in Haiti while Mr. Filostin was in Haiti in September. Upon return from the trip she was so touched and moved by the magnitude of the needs. The Lord put a strong desire into her heart to return to Haiti this Fall for the 2010—2011 School year to help with the primary school, to teach English and to volunteer in

other areas. She will:

- Become the Administrative Director for the School
- Teach ESL to 300 students
- Promote Community Development and serve as a liaison between IOG staff and Haiti personnel.



New Containers to be shipped

IOG is planning a medical shipment to Haiti this winter.

This will include:

- Surgical room equipment & supplies
- Sonogram machines

- Solar panels/Inverter/Charger
- Generators/Refrigerator
- Building supplies, etc.

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Charlene Taylor, IBC President, Has continuously sponsored IOG Projects since 2000.

She says:

The Institute for Black Charities recognizes the plight of people in Haiti. Our commitment is to provide the resources needed for their continued survival and well being through our partnership with the IOG.

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Jean on the left with reporters

How You Can Help

Signs of earthquake damage abound, including to the buildings adjacent to the hospital in Merger. A village of tents fills the field east of the property. Clean water, food, unemployment, the hurricane season, and medical care continue to be primary concerns. Opportunities are present for future teams to have a significant impact.

You can help in a variety of ways—volunteering here in the US or in Haiti, providing financial support or having a fundraiser, and through prayer. Some ideas:

Volunteers in US to:

- Help maintain website
- Write grant proposals
- Plan and carry out fundraisers

Volunteers in Haiti to:

- Teach English
- Work in the hospital (nurses, doctors, pharmacists, dentists)
- Lead/go on short-term missions

Monetary Support for:

- Ongoing efforts—churches and individuals to provide monthly support for the hospital, school, university and missionaries
- Orphan sponsorship \$200/year
- Ambulance—\$4,100
- Medical Supplies & Equipment, including dental clinic
- Water Purification System to support Miracia Hospital and community—\$66,000
- Construction workers and cost to build new school in Merger— \$200,000

In Gratitude:

IOG Chairman Jean Filostin wishes to thank all the individual donors and organizations that make the Institute's projects in Haiti successful. The challenges have greatly increased after the earthquake but God provides!

IOG is very grateful to the following:

- Ward AME Church
- Institute For Black Charities
- Arts Fusion
- University of the District of Columbia
- Children and Charity International
- United Methodist Churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference: Bowie, Emory, Glenn Dale, Liberty Grove, Rockville and St. Matthew's

THANKS!!!