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MIRACIA HOSPITAL

Miracia Hospital, Ka Pe Merger Haiti is the latest project of the Institute of Grace. Construction began in October 2005 with an estimated opening date of 2010.

To date, FREE Clinics are Organized and held for the community residents. Many volunteers from US Churches and organizations visit Merger to provide services and supplies. Volunteers were from the following Methodist Churches, Bowie, Liberty Grove, St. Matthew, and United. Other volunteer organizations sponsored programs. Approximately 250 residents were served daily.

Since the recent earthquake, free clinics are held in tents to service the needs of residents.

The Miracia Hospital building did not collapse

during the January 12, 2010 earthquake. Many people were in the building and while the vast majority of buildings in Merger are now in ruins no one was hurt in our building.

There are, however some damages that must be addressed. On December 14, 2010, Mr. Jean Filostin, Institute of Grace (IOG) Executive Director met with Dr. Alex Lasen, the Haitian Health Minister. Following that meeting the Board of Directors of IOG, decided to schedule the opening of Miracia Hospital for February 1, 2010.

Institute of Grace needs your help to move ahead with the pro-

ject. Approximately \$1.7 million US dollars has already been invested in the Miracia Hospital in Merger, Haiti. This region desperately needs a medical center to address the health needs of tens of thousands of people.

The Institute of Grace is now seeking to raise \$356,000 to fix the damages and to complete the hospital project in Merger. Below are pictures associated with the Miracia Hospital project.

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**Volunteer doctor
caring for
community children**



Hospital Staff



**At right: Dr. Alex Lasen
and Mr. Jean Filostin**



**Construction
phases of
Maracia
Hospital,
Ka Pe
Merger**



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Jean Filostin traveled 2 times to Haiti to supervise and implement the Youth Summer Camp and Medical Mission Team visit. Many volunteers from Churches and organizations supported IOG with construction, free clinics, summer youth training and community projects both in Port-au-Prince and Merger in Haiti

IOG mission is to provide education and Health Care. IOG intends to promote high quality medical care, which will allow all Haitians regardless of their economic status to lead a full and healthy life. We believe that by focusing on prevention as a key component of comprehensive care Haitians can benefit from reduced

risks of illness, as small problems can be detected and treated before they can become severe.



Computer Literacy Class

WHAT IS INSTITUTE OF GRACE?

A Ministry which Serve the Children of Haiti and Washington, DC. **Institute of Grace (IOG) is a partnership ministry**

of Churches (USA) and Nonprofit Organizations. Institute of Grace, seeks your prayers, advocacy, and financial support.



Medical and Construction team from USA joined IOG in Haiti for medical clinic and other outreach Projects.

June 2009.

WHY WAS INSTITUTE OF GRACE FOUNDED?

Founded in 2000, IOG grew out of the collective efforts of several primary individuals including, Nick Askew, Professor Frank Hill, and Mrs. Marilyn James. Institute of Grace as an institution began as a noble but relatively minor dream. Jean Filostin, child of Haiti, sought to bring back to his birth island a possibility of hope such as he had obtained. His hope had been fulfilled through the care and concern of some Americans who saw in him a possibility of leadership and success. He had little else to offer except possibility. He fulfilled the faith his mentors and supporters had in him.

Jean wanted to begin with a small building on La Gonave Island to provide some continuing education to those who had little other chance of obtaining advanced schooling. Most would not exceed Grade 6. Being encouraged by a group of pastors in Port-au-Prince and starting with a small house he inherited he shifted his focus to the capital city but never lost his desire to reach out to those in rural areas who had limited opportunities Investing his assets,

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

which consisted mostly of intense belief in himself and his goals and the capital he could produce from his own labor and his belief in a God that provides for his children. That small house on top of a hill in the center of Port-au-Prince was built into a 6 story structure which now houses the Institute. At the present time classes are held from Grade 1-8, High School and University level with curriculums in Theology, Computer Science, Business Administration, and Accounting. The construction of a much needed hospital began in October 2005; hoping to open its doors to provide medical assistance to the people of Merger in June 2010.

HOW DOES INSTITUTE OF GRACE WORK?

Responding to local conditions and needs, IOG seeks to enhance the activities of the local population and provide appropriate additional

assistance and resources in the areas of health, and education. IOG encourages people to review the manner in which they live and make the best possible decisions for their own futures and provide seminars on leadership, HIV and Community Development to equip people with tools to change.

WHAT HELP HAS IOG GIVEN?

IOG seeks to work in partnership with individuals and communities to identify and address basic needs in the sectors of Health, and Education. Started with a Medical Clinic, a life saving vaccination program in the Merger area.

In Merger, with funding from the US Local Churches, and private donations, IOG's program includes the following:

1) Vaccination of children less than 5 years of age against infectious diseases and pre/ postnatal health care to women aged 15 - 49 years old, newborn care, comprehensive treatment of diarrhea, family planning and counseling, nutritional recuperation for malnourished children, treatment of upper respiratory infections for children, home/community visits by health workers, HIV/AIDS and STD education, counseling and treatment. Each year, over 120,000 women and children will receive these services. 2) School Health Pilot Program will provide health services and education to 2,000 elementary school children from some of the poorest neighborhoods in the Carrefour, Leogane, Gressier and Merger.

In Port-au-Prince, IOG provides College courses to over 120 students In Accounting, Business, and Theology.

ESL & Spanish programs for adults was recently started on IOG campus (Universite de la Grace).



First Year Theology Students Class of 2008

HOW MANY PROJECTS DOES IOG SUPPORT?

IOG supports several projects in Haiti serving approximately 20,000 people. These projects range in budget from a few dollars to thousands of dollars.

WHERE DOES IOG WORK?

Although IOG's work has concentrated on the coordination and administration of international development and relief projects, the organization is not limited to work abroad. IOG has provided English classes to immigrants in Washington DC and Tutor Mathematics to High School Students. IOG has its headquarters in Washington, DC with field offices in Haiti.

WHO SUPPORTS IOG?

Support comes from the US Local Churches, charitable foundations, Corporations, other private Organizations, and hundreds of persons committed to IOG's vision for a better World. IOG depends on contributions to carry out its essential work in Haiti.



IOG Hospital Building, Ka Pe Merger, Haiti



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***The Institute of Grace is a USA registered 501 (c) (3) organization that operates a non-profit Institution which provides educational opportunities to poor and underprivileged children in Haiti and English as a Second Language to migrants in the USA. In addition, services of food and healthcare are provided free of charge to participants.***

#### **Note of Gratitude:**

Chairman, Jean Filostin wishes to thank all individual donors and corporations that make the Institute's projects successful in Haiti. The Children of Haiti would like to say a special thank you to the following organizations and persons that continuously support the projects of the Institute of Grace: Life's Mission, Ward Memorial AME Church, The Institute for Black Charities, Children & Charity International, Rev. David Graves, Marilyn James. A Special thanks to all brothers who contributed money and went with us to PA to help us load up two containers to ship to Haiti in November 2009. The Institute needs your continued support for the up coming year where some major projects such as, Miracia Hospital, Construction of a new school in Merger, dormitories for Medical staff and students, and orphanage for the Orphans are being implemented.

Thanks!

#### **Needs**

- Volunteer medical workers for Miracia Hospital
- People to sign up for the Good Samaritan Club to support the hospital
- People to sponsor one or two Orphans at a cost of \$200 per year
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Churches to join IOG in its effort to provide financial contribution to continuously support the Miracia Hospital
- Medical staff and to go for short term service to the Miracia Hospital
- Individual donors to finance the Miracia Hospital Project
- Construction workers and cost to build new school in Merger—\$200,000
- English teachers to commit for at least one school year
- Volunteers to help IOG do fundraising activities to support projects
- Volunteers to help IOG write grant proposals
- Water Purification System to support Maracia Hospital and community—\$66,000

