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News from the Leaches



Greetings Friends,

This summer has flown past. It's hard to believe it's September already. It has been a very hot humid, rainy busy summer here in Bombardopolis.

Hospital Care

Ed Stanley and his friend Keith from St Louis, Missouri came down for a few days. Keith was able to repair the X-Ray machine and get it up and running again as well as getting the Lincoln welder running again. He did some maintenance on some other equipment as well. Though it was a quick trip it was very productive and we thank them for taking time out of their busy schedule.



Ed & Keith made a short but productive trip to the hospital. The X-ray machine now works better than ever.

We've been using the Recuperation house for Tuberculosis patients. We've had two patients that live in Mole St Nicolas. The first one had gone through a course of TB treatment without success because they didn't take their medication correctly and the second was a young girl, 16 who has lost both of her parents and doesn't have good follow through on regular medication so we felt the need for more supervised treatment. They are both doing well on the treatment and after their first two months we will be able to send them home with supervised care there. We're pleased to be able to offer this service to the community. Through funds made available for the Nutrition program we have been able to meet these needs. Thank you to those who fill this gap.

Widow's Home

All the rain has made the gardens here very fruitful. The big stem of bananas at the widow's home had over 100 on it and we were all eating them; fresh, cooked and in drinks. Betsy made some muffins for us all and they really loved that. The avocados are ripe and we're enjoying them as well, especially as the widow's try to outdo each other with gifts to us. We've had some really nice ones. This week has been the women's conference at church and several of the widows have enjoyed participating in that.

Betsy Rennells

Betsy has been here for 7 weeks and decided to stay another 6 weeks. She's starting reinforcing her knowledge by practicing doing vitals on the patients and started learning to

do phlebotomy (drawing blood) to get some experience in that as well. She says:

I have been enjoying my time here in Bombardopolis. Every day is filled with something new to do and I enjoy being able to help the Leaches out as much as I can, I am thankful to them for allowing me to stay with them and even letting me extend my stay. I like being able to learn new things and get experience here that I would not be able to if I were in the States right now. I really enjoy watching Faith do ultrasounds; it is an amazing thing to see a baby forming in the mother's womb and to see its heart beating. I also enjoy being able to go on ambulance runs with Steve, a few weeks ago my cousin Aubrey and I went on a run to a little town down the mountain and along the coast. As we were starting our return trip a tropical storm had brewed and began to pour down on us. It was a dangerous trip up the mountain with the road most of the time looking like a rushing river. Aubrey had said she wanted an adventure, and by the time we were half way back she said she had, had enough of an adventure! God helped us return safely and we were glad for His protection on us. I look forward to my next six weeks here in Bombardopolis.

Building Addition

The building addition to the hospital continues, and is progressing well. Please see www.haitihospital.org for more information and photos.



More progress on the hospital addition. You can see the rebar in place at the top of the block. This will be formed and poured with concrete creating a bond beam, so named because it ties everything together and gives added structural integrity to the building. The two men in the photo are digging the footer for the porch.



Here you can see some of the forms in place for the bondbeam.

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