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Health Care

THEN

Accidents and illness are common with all children, and the forty-five who came into our care in 1981 were no different. Social

workers brought street children to us. Babies were frequently found abandoned at the gates of Hope Home for it was known that this was a place of safety for children.

Thankfully, Gladys Thomas was trained as a skilled nurse who could manage most of the health concerns. From time-to-time, however, it was necessary to take a child to the hospital. It was at these times that she realized the deplorable condition of pediatric care in Haiti. By the early '90s, Gladys felt God was calling for a new hospital to be built that would offer first-world medical care for children. Despite an ongoing embargo on Haiti, Hope Hospital (Hopital Espoir) opened its doors in 1993.



NOW



Hope Hospital started with pediatric outpatient clinics; pediatric surgical and hospitalization facilities soon followed; and, later, neonatal care was added.



In 1998 Hope Hospital expanded its services to include maternity care. By 2003 the hospital had expanded to include general adult medicine. The earthquake of 2010 tested staff and facility. Emergency housing for patients was provided by tents in the parking lot. The operating rooms were fully operative, and a prosthetics lab was created to meet the needs of the many amputees. With increased need for medical care, the Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit, and X-Ray Services were subsequently expanded. In 2018 an eight-bed dialysis unit was added.

Hope Hospital now has over sixty beds, employees over 200 people, and serves over 1000 patient visits monthly.

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