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The Communique: Summer - 2010



Restoring Peace

His dream of providing quality Christian health care to the poor people of Delmas 75 area in Port au Prince was interrupted by Haiti's earthquake of January 12. However, his faith and determination have not wavered. Learn more about Dr. Wawel's dream and plan to rebuild Peace. **See page 2**



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wawel
Founder
Peace Hospital

BLINDNESS & LOW VISION PROGRAM



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Unwavering Faith

In 1999, a young and energetic Haitian Christian physician, Dr. Jean-Pierre Wawel, sensed a calling upon his life to serve the medical needs of the poor people in Port au Prince, Haiti. Through much prayer and consultation with respected friends and mentors, Dr. Wawel committed his life's work to an inter-city community of 300,000 known as Delmas. Passing up opportunities for financial prosperity and an easier life in North America, Dr. Wawel stepped out on faith and never looked back. For more than a decade he and his wife Paulette have selflessly given their all to deliver quality Christian health care to the needy people of Port au Prince.

From the beginning the couple worked grueling schedules in a small two-room rented office that would become known as "Peace", delivering long overdue health care to the underserved of Delmas. Day by day access to Christian health care was becoming more readily available and the word soon spread. More and more people stood in line under the searing sun for hours hoping to be helped. Dr. and Madame Wawel's commitment and desire to help grew stronger. Though the *challenges they faced* seemed insurmountable, their faith grew stronger.

Through prayer and wise counsel, friendships were forged and this bi-vocational preacher-physician would be invited to preach and share his personal testimony in the U.S. This proved to be a turning point in their ministry. The funds and volunteer medical help that came out of this open door would enable "Peace" to *rise to the challenge* that God had set before them.

As time passed God's abundant provision brought about steady and dramatic growth. The small two room outpatient clinic soon evolved into a three story hospital complete with a guesthouse for visiting volunteers. In addition, a second surgical suite was added and OB/GYN services were expanded. God had enabled Dr. and Madame Wawel and many volunteers to deliver *physical and spiritual healing* to scores of suffering people each day.

Then it happened. About 4:40 P.M. on January 12, 2010, life in Haiti took a turn for the worse. In an instant the Western hemisphere's poorest country experienced the worst natural disaster in more than 200 years. A 7.0 magnitude earthquake changed the lives of 3.5 million Haitians forever; more than 200,000 lives were lost and hundreds of thousands were left injured and homeless. Dr. and Madame Wawel would not escape the wrath of this horrific event.

The Hospital of Peace crumbled straight down like a pancake trapping Madame Wawel under the rubble where she sustained serious injuries that would require advanced medical care and months of rehabilitation in the U.S. In addition, crucial and expensive medical supplies and equipment were destroyed. The Wawel's home, car and personal effects were all demolished, leaving them with only the clothes on their backs—and strong faith in God.



One could not help wonder or even ask, "WHY?". It is more than one's mind can comprehend, but they go forth in faith apprehending, "*all things work together for the good of those that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose.*" Romans 8:28.

Recently released by her doctor, Madame Wawel has returned to Port au Prince to rejoin Dr. Wawel and the staff at Peace in their interim clinic to continue sharing the love of Jesus by providing quality health care to the people of Delmas while the rebuilding begins.

"The mighty God has provided once again", says Dr. Wawel.

"Help Restore Peace"

We invite you to be a part of restoring Peace and assist the Wawel's in rebuilding their lives. Please make your checks payable and mail to: LMM, 3816-20 S. New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC, 28056. Or visit our web page www.lumiereministries.com and donate safely and securely online.



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