The Conley family, however, is a different story. Ellen Conley, a native of Pennsylvania, and her husband, Michael, have lived and worked in Haiti for several years. Their two sons, David and Andrew, have also lived there. The Conley family has donated a number of times in honor of their mother, Ellen’s parents, who volunteered at a hospital in Haiti in the 1960s and fondly remember working with Dr. and Mrs. Mellon. The well funded by Ellen’s father was also built in 1960. The family has continued to work with HAS since then, providing some 5,000 consultations, including many pediatric procedures.

Dr. Dong-Geun Lee, MD, FACS
Dr. Dong-Geun Lee grew up in South Korea before moving to the U.S., and he and his family have visited HAS since he was young. Dr. Lee notes, “This was my best gift from my son!”

Dr. Albert Schweitzer was well known in South Korea in the late 1950s when I was in high school,” Dr. Lee says. “Ever since then, he has been a great inspiration for me.”

Dr. Dong-Eun Lee grew up in South Korea before moving to the U.S., and learned the story of Dr. Schweitzer right around the time Hôpital Albert Schweitzer opened in Haiti. “I was so impressed by the management of patient care, and the passion and dedication of the staff,” Dr. Lee says. “I believed that this hospital could be a great model for any health care mission in developing countries.”

The two prosthetics and orthotics (P&O) clinics were the first to be built – within 90 days after the earthquake. Each year, surgeons at HAS perform more than 1,800 major surgeries and provide more than 7,000 outpatient consultations. That’s been four years since a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, killing at least 220,000 people and injuring every noon. HAS, there was no place for the demand to stop. Meanwhile, the hospital experienced an outpour of support from all over the world, and a new surgical program was established in the late 1990s. The demand for care has increased and changed in post-earthquake Haiti, and because disaster could strike at any time, HAS must continue to be prepared for further change. Today, for example, we are stocking up on supplies to address a anticipated increase in cases of cholera, which continues to afflict our patient population since it emerged here following the quake.

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Haiti: A Focus on Improving Reproductive Health

BY Adriana LaMonte

HAS, a non-profit non-governmental organization (NGO), is dedicated to helping the people of Haiti recover from the 2010 earthquake. With offices in Port-au-Prince and the United States, HAS supports many of Haiti’s most vulnerable people through a comprehensive range of health care and public health services.

HAS supports a fully integrated health system that provides preventive and curative services for individuals and populations of all ages. In Port-au-Prince, the capital city, HAS operates a range of facilities that provide health care for all, including a public hospital, a medical school, and a number of community health centers.

HAS’s mission is to improve reproductive health and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention, protection, and response in Haiti. To achieve this, HAS works with local partners to provide comprehensive reproductive health services, including family planning, sexual and reproductive health education, and SGBV prevention and response.

HAS’s services are designed to meet the needs of women and girls of all ages, including adolescents and young adults. HAS’s services include contraceptive services, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, SGBV prevention and response, and gender-based violence counseling.

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HAVAS Revised: Four Years after the Earthquake

By Adriana LaMonte

In November 2010, I arrived in Petion-Ville to begin my role as the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager for a new hospital near the capital. The hospital had opened their doors in September. They were still finding their footing as a community health center, even after more than ten years of fundraising and planning.

I was one of a group of roughly 30 people who had spent the last year working to ensure the opening and successful management of the hospital. We had raised tens of millions of dollars and had brought together the expertise of some of the world’s leading health institutions to create the new hospital, which would serve as a model for health care reform in Haiti.

The hospital opened its doors on September 1, 2010, and remains the only hospital in Haiti designed from the ground up to provide comprehensive, high-quality care at the primary care level.

The hospital’s leaders knew that they needed to be able to manage the health care system efficiently and effectively, and they hired me to help them do that. I was there for more than two years, during which time the hospital grew from a small facility with one or two doctors and nurses to a full-service hospital with more than 200 staff members.

At the end of my work in Haiti, I felt both elated and exhausted. I had seen first-hand how much has been accomplished in the last year, but also how much more needs to be done.

HAVAS has drastically reduced the number of people who need medical care. The hospital has served more than 100,000 patients in its first year. The hospital’s leadership is now working to expand its services and reach even more patients.

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