



## LaGonave Alive! Newsletter



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August 2013

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When the church asked us to set up a nonprofit for Haiti, the first thing that came to mind was—what should the name be? We tried several with Haiti in the title, but all of them were already taken. The good news is there are A LOT of organizations helping Haiti.

LaGonave Alive! is just beginning, but the goals are to raise awareness of the island of LaGonave and its unique issues, to provide scholarships for students and assistance for schools, and to enhance the health of the people and their access to medical care.

Current projects -

1. Providing tuition and living expenses for William Hyppolite to continue medical school in the Dominican Republic.
2. Through sponsors, providing scholarships for students to attend school from elementary through university. Holding a Rummage Sale on Aug. 17 for elementary and secondary school scholarships.
3. Have applied for a United Methodist Committee on Relief grant for mobile clinics.

Bruce Blumer



**BOTH EVENTS AT  
2832 MAUI DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 17  
7:30AM—1:30PM**

- Rummage Sale for Haiti School Scholarships

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 17  
5:30PM—7:30PM**

- Come and greet William. Will have hot dogs, chips, watermelon.
- Wm. will be in Hot Springs from Sept 9-15 and Mitchell from Sept. 15-19.



## DR. WILLIAM HYPOLITE

William is an orphan who dreamed of becoming a doctor. He was with our medical mission team when the earthquake hit in January 2010. We made arrangements for him to attend medical school in the Dominican Republic. William had to learn Spanish and they didn't accept any of his courses from the medical school in Haiti. He has only two years of medical school left and then will return to serve the people of LaGonave!

UTESA Medical School  
Santiago, Dominican Republic

William's courses next term:

PSYCHIATRY  
ENDOCRINOLOGY  
HEMATOLOGY  
VENERIOLOGY  
ONCOLOGY  
NEUMOLOGY  
SURGERY II  
BIOETHICS  
GASTROENTEROLOGY



### ONLY 150 BOOKS LEFT!

OK, only three hundred were printed, but if you want a copy of the book *I Saw God Today* or if you'd like a presentation to a group, Sunday School, or sermon/worship service contact Bruce Blumer. All profits go to orphanages, schools, churches, and projects on LaGonave.

### THANKS TO THOSE THAT HAVE HELPED

**The following have provided for William's education, student scholarships, mobile medical clinics, or other projects:**

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Those that bought the book *Paths, Proverbs, and Lessons from Haiti*—over \$11,000 was sent to churches, orphanages, students, schools, etc.

Haiti Orphan Christmas 2012—over \$750 was sent and 150 children received a meal and a small toy for Christmas. Stay tuned!



Big thank you to Bismarck Legacy United Methodist Church for holding these funds until the nonprofit is established.

Any checks/gifts please send to:

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