

# La Promisse

## Dr. Igmar Omar Limonta Pérez: A Maxillofacial Surgeon Who Restores Smiles

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**Hôpital Sacré Coeur** has carved out a place of high reputation in the Haitian health system thanks to the quality and specialized care provided, especially for the most deprived. **For over three decades, the hospital has been among a tiny circle of hospitals — or, in some cases, — the only hospital in the country that provides specialized health services in critical fields.** American volunteer specialist doctors have contributed to Hôpital Sacré Coeur's reputation.

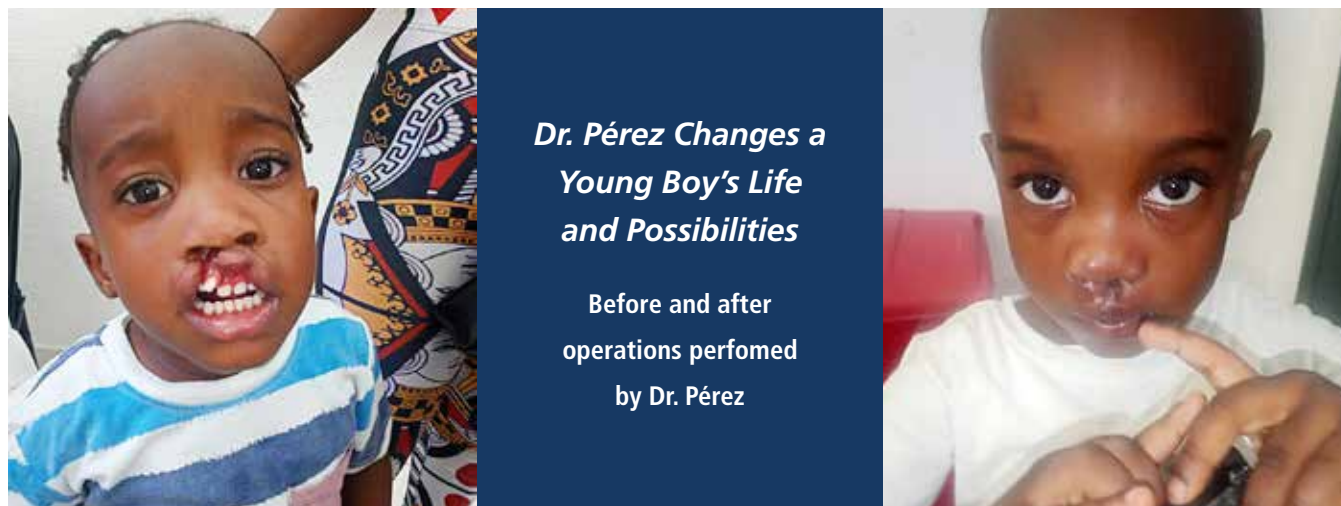
One specialized service in great demand that was only available courtesy of volunteers is maxillofacial surgery. Once a year for one week, patients from all regions of the country requiring maxillofacial surgery gather at Hôpital Sacré Coeur to benefit from Dr. Kyley Wood's team of maxillofacial surgeons. Unfortunately, for more than four years, the interventions of medical volunteers were interrupted because of the health restrictions imposed by COVID-19 and concerns about the country's political and security turbulence — despite Milot's peaceful landscape. Since then, patients requiring this type of surgery, and even those with the financial means to travel to the Dominican Republic, have gone through various adventures.

Originally from Havana, Cuba, Dr. Pérez has a rich academic and professional background. First, he studied Integral General Stomatology at the Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Santiago, Cuba, studies which he completed in 2004. After a short experience of two years as a Stomatologist at the Wilfredo Pérez Polyclinic, he returned to Juan Bruno Zalla Teaching Surgical Clinical Hospital Santiago as a resident specializing in maxillofacial surgery from 2008 to 2012. Immediately after residency, he worked for four years as a Maxillofacial Surgeon in Niger, Africa, first at the Zinder National Hospital from 2012 to 2014, then at the Niamey National Hospital from 2014 to 2016.

Dr. Pérez then returned to Cuba and worked for three years as a Maxillofacial surgeon at Miguel Enríquez Clinical Surgical Teaching Hospital in Havana, one of the best-specialized centers in the capital, from 2016 to 2019. Very motivated to acquire new skills, he returned in October 2019 to the National Institute of Oncology and Radiobiology in Havana and did a subspecialization in head and neck oncological surgery. After obtaining this subspecialization, he returned to Miguel Enríquez Clinical Surgical Teaching Hospital in Havana as a specialist in maxillofacial surgery and oncological surgery of the head and neck until his arrival in Haiti in May, 2023.

Married, this specialist of great technical skill quickly blended into the staff by taking ownership of the institution's mission. Dedicated, lively, cordial, and always available, he is never late for requests for consultations sent to him by his colleagues. Despite the lack of some instruments necessary to be able to carry out specific maxillofacial procedures, he manages with the means at hand to provide care to patients requiring his expertise. He has already carried out several interventions for cases of multiple or different facial fractures, cleft lip, goiter, hare lip, and masses in the mouth, face, head, and neck.

**Thanks to his presence, patients from all over the country who come to the hospital with needs for maxillofacial surgery are no longer desperate.** In short, Dr. Pérez, who speaks French quite well, has stood out for his joviality, sense of humor, responsibility, and compassion. Dr. Pérez's technical skills impress his work colleagues and bring smiles to his patients' faces. ■





# PACKATHONS

## Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Pack 82,000 meals at Bi-Coastal Packathons

Unable to travel to Seattle for the July 21 – 22 packathon hosted by the CSJP Bellevue, Washington congregation, the retired Sisters who live at St. Michael's Villa in Englewood Cliffs, NJ, decided to host their own small packathon to support their west coast Sisters. **On June 5, thirty St. Michael's Villa Sisters and staff packed 10,320 meals.** Haiti Health Promise Chair, Dr. David Butler, and US Medical Director for Haiti, Dr. Jim Morgan, joined in the packing effort.

In July, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, led by Sr. Corky Muzzy, teamed up with St. Joseph Church in Seattle, led by Deacon Steve Wodzanowski, to host a Seattle packathon. Despite a bit of competition from a Taylor Swift concert, **more than 200 volunteers packed 72,000 meals.**



Sr. Corky Muzzy, Sr. Sheila Lemieux, Sr. Margaret Dimond, Cathy Garcia, retired Director of Peace Health International, Deacon Steve Wodzanowsk of St. Joseph's Church.



HHP Chair, Dr. David Butler helped pack meals at St. Michael's Villa



# Wenatchee, Washington's second packathon packs 97,200 meals on June 17 & 18



# Despite 100-degree heat, St. Louis Packathon attendees packed an astonishing 103,680 meals in 2 hours on August 26<sup>th</sup>.



HHP Vice Chair, Dr. Bill Guyol with granddaughter Amelia McKenna and son-in-law Kevin McKenna.



HHP Board Member, Thomas Schlafly and Ulrike Schlafly help pack meals.

UPCOMING PACKATHONS		
DATE	LOCATION	MEAL GOAL
22-Oct	Eagle Scout Jamesly Jesse's Moweaqua IL Packathon	100,000
18-Nov	Dubuque Feeds Milot, IA	100,000
18-Nov	St. Elizabeth Parish, Wykoff, NJ	60,000

**Pack Meals for Milot!**  
**Jamesly's Eagle Scout Project**  
 GOAL: \$17,500 = 50,000 meals  
 Moweaqua Packathon - 10/22/23  
 Contact: jrjesse08@outlook.com



Scan the code or go to [bit.ly/feedmilot](http://bit.ly/feedmilot) to donate



**Jamesly Jesse Story** // Watch Video ▶

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Jamesly Jesse was orphaned as a toddler in the 2010 Haiti Earthquake. He was taken to Hôpital Sacré Coeur for treatment and later adopted by medical volunteer Mary Wills Jesse and her husband, Nathan. Now, Jamesly wants to give back by sponsoring a packathon.

Join a packathon in your area, or show your support by donating **HERE** ▶



# HSC Children's Festival

**Hôpital Sacré Coeur celebrated Children's National Day on June 10th with a Children's Festival.** HSC Chief Medical Officer Michele Hanna, MD and HSC Outreach Director Nirva Fils-Aimee hosted an enthusiastic group of children for a morning of food, drink, and... best of all... presents! The children and their caregivers also received a much-valued food bag. ■



**September Food and Clothing Distribution**  
**Currently distributing 75,000 meals per month**







# Casséus Archange: A Hard Worker Serving the Hôpital Sacré Coeur Farm

*By: Alexis Abdel, Director of Human Resources, HSC*

**In Haiti, where everything is becoming extremely difficult, an organization must seek to be resilient. Resilience comes through diversification and innovation.**

A key aspect of innovation is efficiently exploiting all the resources at its disposal. For almost four years, the management of Hôpital Sacré has taken a closer look at its landholdings and determined that setting up a model agricultural farm would be the best use of this hospital resource. The farm addresses the extreme food insecurity in the region, supports the hospital cafeteria that serves 450 employees, and provides surplus meat to the most vulnerable people in the Milot community.

This farm development is taking place in stages. This agricultural project now includes



61 cows, 60 goats, and ten sheep. Twenty-seven beehives produce honey for food and medical wound coverings. Seven acres support a variety of vegetables, and young fruit trees dot the perimeter of the land. These crops add needed nutritional diversity to diets.

Such a vast and growing project requires the commitment of a motivated team led by a disciplined manager dedicated to the task. Mr. Casséus Archange was selected to lead the

farm's activities. Originally from Lécuyer, a town in the commune of Milot, 42-year-old Archange has already proven himself. He led the USAID-financed "AVANCER" project, which was awarded the contract as the seedlings supplier to support several thousand farmers in the North department.

This fiery man, who graduated in agricultural techniques from the Professional Technical Center of Cap-Haïtien, handles a variety of agricultural machines and has extensive experience in agricultural practices, having succeeded in developing his own gardens and

providing technical support to farmers in his community. Archange has already undertaken with great motivation, persistence, and love various activities in preparation for planting: cleaning, plowing, composting, cutting up the plots to cultivate, and much more. Leader of a team of nine people, **Archange has positioned himself as a hard worker with a firm will, a great sense of responsibility, and dynamism, on whom the hospital can count to achieve its dream of developing a productive agriculture farm. ■**

## Volunteers Needed

Hôpital Sacré Coeur's medical director, Dr. Michele Hanna, and US Medical Director, Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name Dr. Jim Morgan work closely to manage the teams' travel to Milot. The hospital's current needs determine the timing and specialty of the teams.

### The following specialties are needed:

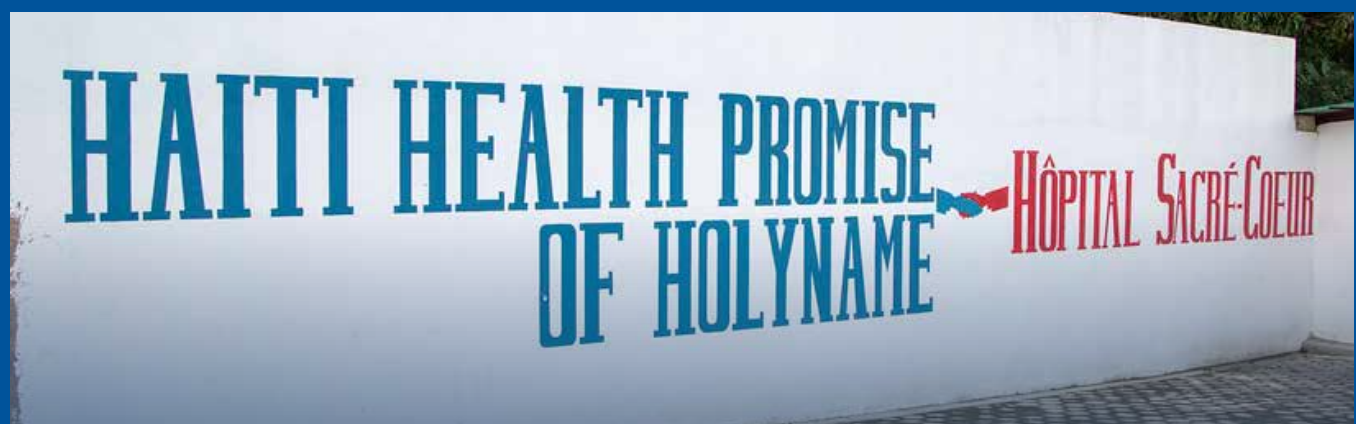
- Urgent need for Ob-Gyn teams
- Urgent Need for Urology Teams.

### Other specialties needed include:

- Emergency Department
- ENT
- Oral Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Internal Medicine

If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Dr. Jim Morgan at [jamorgan@holynome.org](mailto:jamorgan@holynome.org)

If you have not volunteered prior, please visit the Volunteer Application and Forms page [HERE](#) ►



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