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The Snavley family dedicated nearly 7 years to beginning Grace Children’s Hospital.



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## CELEBRATING GRACE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

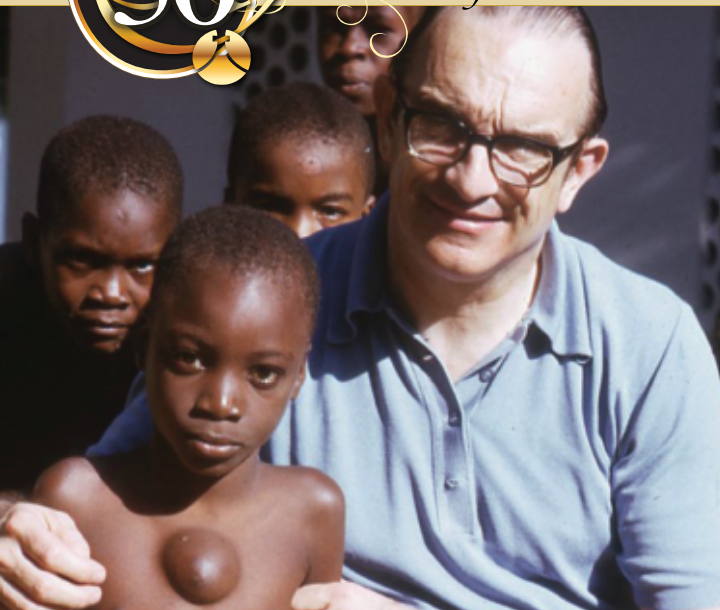
When James and Virginia Snavley moved their life to Haiti more than 50 years ago, the vision of how they would help Haiti’s children was not yet clear. “We did not fully understand why we were going, but we had prayed earnestly and felt sure,” wrote Virginia. “We would use our own personal income for a year or two and see what might develop. A verse of scripture stood out for us in those days and would stay with us through many discouraging and trying times. It was Habakkuk 2:3: ‘For the vision is yet for an appointed time...though it tarry, wait for it...it will surely come...’”

For nearly seven years, the Snavley family worked relentlessly to care for children suffering from Tuberculosis and malnutrition. James, or JB as Virginia so lovingly referred to him as, would get up at 3:00 am every morning just to start tending to all the hospital duties. This is a couple who truly had a deep compassion for these vulnerable children.

When they ventured back to the states, they had accomplished their goal to cure more than 100 children. They left Grace Children’s Hospital in caring and capable hands.

***“The vision has come, and it promises much more, “ Virginia wrote. “We have been very privileged to share in the beginning of what we see developing into a great blessing to the children of Haiti. For it is God that has been working in every one of us.”***

How proud they would be today to see that Grace Children’s Hospital now sees an average of 300 patients a day and continues with their goal of never turning a child away, even if the family cannot pay.



“Because He really does care for His little ones, He has provided this through all of you who have been so faithful in sharing. The vision has come, and it promises much more.”

- Jim and Virginia Snavley

### Celebrating Grace Children's Hospital - continued

Now, Grace is managed 100% by local Haitians and has expanded services to include HIV/AIDs treatment and counseling, family planning, eye care, general pediatric and adult outpatient health, and a pharmacy—that in addition to being widely known in Haiti as a leader in Tuberculosis care.

“You have to hand it to the men and women of International Child Care (however accolade-averse they may be),” says John Snavley, James and Virginia’s youngest son. “They’ve negotiated a half-century of mind-boggling change and brought God’s mercy to the most helpless and suffering.”

*“To each of you, past and present: my hat is off to you. You literally changed the world.” - John Snavley*

Whether you only just started your journey with Grace Children’s Hospital or you’ve been giving since the very beginning, thank you for all you’ve done and continue to do. In this 50th year, take your part to help Grace grow even more and spread God’s love and blessings to more and more children and families. Grace has a golden past—let’s ensure its bright future!



## DOES MY \$8 MATTER?

You’ve heard us say a lot that “Just \$8 can make a difference.” When a child is recommended to the inpatient ward at Grace Children’s Hospital, the family is expected to pay \$8, which covers all the costs for the entire stay. But Grace never turns a child away if the family cannot pay. Or if the child doesn’t have a family.

MarcKenley was abandoned on hospital grounds, severely malnourished and close to death. One of your gifts of \$8 allowed him to receive healthcare, and within months, he was a healthy, happy boy!

What a *difference* your dollars make; thank you!

## LEAVING A LEGACY

When Helen Waterson passed away at the end of 2016, she made sure that her and her late husband’s love and devotion for ICC and Grace Children’s Hospital would be carried on. Alongside their children, she left part of her will to ICC, showing the priority ICC has had in their live since the ‘60s. And all of her children agreed: this is how it should be.

“Haiti and God’s presence there has shaped my entire family’s life,” says their son Jon Waterson, also a long-time supporter. “It has made them better people and in therefore made us better people.”

Read more by visiting the Media section of our website at [www.internationalchildcare.org](http://www.internationalchildcare.org).

## HAITI AFTER THE HURRICANE

Thanks to your gifts, ICC Haiti was able to immediately respond to the community's needs after Hurricane Matthew swept through Haiti last October.

The most immediate, and still pressing, concern is the heightened spread of cholera and other water-borne diseases. Cholera can kill within hours if left untreated.

In the month following the hurricane, the amount of reported cholera cases doubled. But thanks to your gifts, the UN, and other response teams and organizations in Haiti, suspected cases of the disease dropped 25%.

Here's how your generous gifts allowed ICC Haiti to respond to the need:

- Increased hygiene education classes to the community to teach the importance of drinking clean water and regularly washing hands.
- Distribution of Aquatablets, which kill micro-organisms in water to prevent cholera, typhoid, dysentery, and other water-borne diseases.

Education in the community makes a huge difference, as evident when cholera first came to Haiti seven years ago:

***“There wasn't much effect here because we had already been educated by ICC on how to wash our hands and only drink clean, treated water.”***

- Ella Lionel, a women in a rural community in northern Haiti.

Thanks to you, many more are given this same education in areas of Port-au-Prince that surround the hospital, and in the southern region where the hurricane had the most effect.

You may not have received our email updates after the hurricane, but that is easily fixed for the future. To sign up for our e-newsletters, email [iccusa@internationalchildcare.org](mailto:iccusa@internationalchildcare.org).



### CHOLERA: HOW ICC IS HELPING

1. providing hygiene education classes
2. distributing Aquatabs that purify dirty water
3. teaching warning signs of when a person should seek medical help

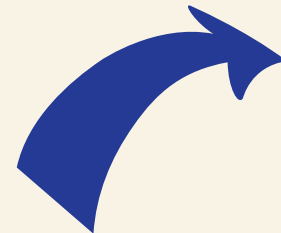
**JOIN A MISSION TEAM** We invite you to be humbled this year, perhaps step out of your comfort zones, and experience the cultures of Haiti and the Dominican Republic on a Mission Education Encounter Team. We strive to build a shared humanity and serve as Christ has called us to, alongside “the least of these...our brothers and sisters.” Contact [kirsten@internationalchildcare.org](mailto:kirsten@internationalchildcare.org) or visit [www.internationalchildcare.org/visit](http://www.internationalchildcare.org/visit) for more information.



# 50 for 50

## CELEBRATE GRACE'S GOLDEN PAST AND PROMOTE ITS BRIGHT FUTURE!

This year, we invite you to join others all over the country in a year-long creative endeavor to spread the love for the children of Haiti. Celebrate 50 years of Grace Children's Hospital by raising funds to ensure its bright future for another 50 years of ministry—and many more!



*We challenge you to create 50 of your own ways that you can help: your personal 50for50.*

Many are getting excited to start already. "I have had my idea ready for months," says Rachel Mills, International Child Care board member.

On her last trip to Haiti, she purchased fifty bags of "the best Haitian coffee" anticipating the 50for50 fundraiser. She plans to sell them to friends and family and donate all the proceeds: 50 bags of coffee for the 50th anniversary.

Of course, selling 50 items isn't the only option. Get 50 friends donate; cycle 50 miles for pledges; host an event and sell tickets for \$50; or come up with your own idea. 50 is the magic number, but you decide how it will be used.

There is no end to the creative possibilities, and all age groups can get involved. Create your own project, or get a group together and take the challenge on as a team! As long as you have a compassion to help others, your 50for50 will celebrate Grace Children's Hospital's success and show that you all are a part of its future!

International Child Care will help you throughout the process and provide support materials to help you fundraise. Visit [www.internationalchildcare.org/50for50](http://www.internationalchildcare.org/50for50) or call 800-722-4453 to learn more about how to get started.



Rachel Mills loves Grace Children's Hospital and will sell 50 bags of coffee to raise money for her 50for50!

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### 2017 TOUR AND PRESENTATIONS

Robenson Luceus, ICC Haiti's Public Relations Director, will be touring the United States in 2017 to speak about Grace Children's Hospital and thank you for your great support. If you're interested in having him visit your church, school group, etc. please contact us by calling 800-722-4453 or emailing [iccusa@internationalchildcare.org](mailto:iccusa@internationalchildcare.org).