

## The opening of new premises for the Limbe PPFB

We are pleased to announce that the teammates of the Limbe permanent program now have new premises in the Village of Hope (CEDI-VE). This more spacious building, funded by IRIS Mundial, was inaugurated last June. New ophthalmic equipment will be sent shortly, and the centre will offer a larger range of services to the population. One aspect of the current consolidation phase is to optimize and equip the permanent eyecare clinic. This second phase is possible through a grant from the Quebec International Development Program and the Roncalli International Foundation.



Mrs. Marie-Laurence Bordeleau, Intern, with the Limbe PPFB teammates

## Limbe PPFB results

As of August 2016

**Consolidation phase III: October 2015 to September 2017**

- 1570 students screened in schools
- 980 adults screened in mobile clinics or at the permanent clinic in Limbe
- 505 complete eye examinations carried out and 15 eye surgeries carried out
- 369 pairs of eyeglasses provided and 876 medications distributed

## Manager without borders internship in Limbe

From May to August 2016, Marie-Laurence Bordeleau, a Manager without borders intern, stayed at the Village of Hope (CEDI-VE) in Limbe, Haiti. As an organizational capacity building advisor, she helped the PPFB's team to better manage the different aspects of the program, by identifying issues, making recommendations and providing training. Marie-Laurence has a secondary school baccalaureate and is finishing an International Development Management masters program. Her dynamism and leadership were major assets for the local teammates. This is what she had to say about her experience:

*"It's hard to describe Haiti for those who have never been there. My few months experience in this country can be described by perfumes, landscapes and smiles. It was a fourteen-week love story; it was about getting to know others, seeing beauty in dirt and the good in poverty. Without communication technologies, Haiti forced me to forget the rest of the world and focus on the here and now. The progress made by the organization and the impact of the projects on the Limbe community are undeniable. The presence of the service-users, day after day, proves that there is a real need to fill. In the end, my summer at the PPFB helped me to better understand the issues surrounding development projects. I will always be grateful to IRIS Mundial for giving me this opportunity to grow as a young volunteer!" - Marie-Laurence Bordeleau*

