Updated: MSNBC journalists join Hanger practitioner Jay Tew, CP and team in Haiti

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Deschapelles, Haiti – A team of journalists from MSNBC recently arrived in Haiti to follow Hanger practitioner Jay Tew, CP and other volunteers as they provide prosthetic care to the survivors of the January 12th earthquake. MSNBC health writer and editor JoNel Aleccia and multimedia producers John Brecher and Carissa Ray joined Tew and team onsite at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Deschapelles, Haiti. The nearly ten day visit is part of MSNBC's recently launched multimedia report titled *Haiti's Amputees: Building A Life Worth Living*. The special report was designed to follow the prosthetic team as they restore mobility to Haitian amputees.

MSNBC has produced multiple articles documenting the efforts underway in Haiti:

- Click here to read the story of 4-year-old Schneily Similien as he receives care from Tew at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center.
- In this article, MSNBC explores the growing crisis of limb loss and the work of the Haitian Amputee Coalition, a group launched by Hanger Orthopedic Group and its philanthropic organization the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation in partnership with Physicians for Peace, the Harold & Kayrita Anderson Family Foundation & Donald Peck Leslie, M.D., of the Shepherd Center.
- In the article "73 legs, 12 arms -- and hundreds more to go" MSNBC profiles Hanger practitioner Jay Tew, CP and his work in Haiti.
- Here, MSNBC provides a follow-up on 4-year-old Schneily Similien as his mother arrives after a five-and-a-half-hour road trip by bike and bus.
- Carmene and Mike, childhood friends from Port-au-Prince both became amputees as a result of the earthquake. Hanger prosthetist Jay Tew traveled from the Haitian Amputee Coalition clinic in Deschapelle to Cange (about a 100 mile roundtrip) to fit both women with prosthetic legs. Read their amazing story documented by MSNBC.
- MSNBC takes a look at the "nuts and bolts" of building a prosthetic limb at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center in Deschapelle, Haiti.
- With the help of Hanger's Jay Tew, 4-year-old Schneily Similien took his first steps with his new prosthetic leg. Watch the amazing video from MSNBC as they capture the special moment at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center in Deschapelles, Haiti.
- MSNBC tells the story of a Haitian woman who had her right leg amputated 22 years ago because of a disease. After using wooden crutches to get around for more than two decades, she is now walking tall using her first prosthetic leg she recently received at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center.
- This MSNBC article and video shows how the amputees receiving prosthetic care at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center in Deschapelles have bonded together as a community, offering support to one another.
- Elias Brown, a 5-year-old from Austin, Texas who is an amputee himself, sent a letter with words of encouragement to Schneily Similien, the young Haitian boy who lost his leg in the January 12th earthquake. The heartwarming letter which was translated for Schneily and his family can be found on MSNBC here.
- MSNBC documents the progress of 4-year-old Schneily just two days after receiving his prosthetic leg and talks with Ian Rawson, Ph.D., managing director of the Albert Schweitzer Hospital about the future of Schneily, his family and other patients at the Haitian Amputee Coalition prosthetic and rehabilitation center.

- For all of the articles to-date, visit http://haitiamputees.msnbc.com

If you would like to make a financial contribution or volunteer your time to support this effort, visit the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation's website here.

About the Haitian Amputee Coalition –The Haitian Amputee Coalition was recently launched by Hanger Orthopedic Group and its philanthropic organization the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation in partnership with Physicians for Peace, the Harold & Kayrita Anderson Family Foundation, and Donald Peck Leslie, M.D., of the Shepherd Center. The Coalition has created a long-term prosthetic and rehabilitation center on-site at the Hopital Albert Schweitzer (HAS), an undamaged local hospital with a high clinical reputation located 60 miles from Port-au-Prince in Deschapelles, Haiti and plans to create a training program to educate local Haitians to become prosthetic practitioners and technicians for the provision of long-term care in Haiti. For more information, visit www.haitian-amputee-coalition.org.

About the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation –The Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation's mission is to enhance the productivity and quality of life for those who face physical challenges due to disease, war, or natural disasters, domestically and abroad, by supporting charitable organizations, programs, and volunteerism that improve human mobility. For more information, visit www.hanger-sabelfoundation.org.

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