

IHDN News

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends,

We are rapidly coming to the end of another year. This year has been a very challenging one for almost all of us. The excitement that greeted us at the beginning of the year, was rapidly eroded by the deleterious effects of a Covid-19 pandemic. This has produced a lot of illnesses, deaths, loss of jobs and income, uncertainties and the fear of the unknown. The fact that a virus could turn our lives upside down, creating such a havoc on humanity is another reminder of how finite our presence on this earth is. Our bodies are here today and could be gone tomorrow. Having good health and maintaining it is a gift of God. The assurance and promise of an eternal life in Christ Jesus is a great blessing.

Despite these, we are very thankful to God for seeing us through another year. We made only one trip to Ghana this year, making it the 36th Mission trip. Unfortunately, we could not share details of this trip with you previously in this newsletter because we did not publish in the summer. We are glad we could share some parts of the experiences with you.

During our trip, we trained staff, saw patients and started construction of the Women and Children's Clinic at Worgbato, a village 5 miles away from the hospital. Women in this village will now have the chance to deliver in a safe and hygienic condition. Our goal is to reduce maternal death and complications associated with childbirth in an extremely poor community.

The pandemic also affected the work of the IHDN Mission Hospital. Our dedicated staff are making great sacrifices as they work under extreme financial pressures. Attendance at the hospital declined by 40% for the greater part of the year until recently, when it started to pick up. Our cash flow and internally generated funds have also declined accordingly.

Several of you continue to support us on this journey. This has been a big encouragement for our efforts. We also welcome your prayers, and the support of those yet to join us in this effort to advance God's kingdom and be a blessing to the poor and disadvantaged among us.

We thank you for believing in us. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely

Dr. Edem Agamah

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HEALTH STATISTICS

Per capita (\$) expenditure on health -2017

United States	-10,246
Switzerland	- 8009
Ghana	- 146
Ivory Coast	- 175
Togo	-103
Burkina Faso	-129
Sub-Sahara Africa	- 198

COVID-19 cases, Dec 7, 20

US	- 14,949,000
India	- 9,677,000
Nigeria	- 69,645
Ghana	- 52,274
Ivory Coast	- 21,597
Togo	-3111
Burkina Faso	3,315

Source: World Health Org
www.coronavirus.jhu.edu

Thirty seventh mission trip to Ghana January 21 to February 6, 2021

We are undertaking the 37th mission trip to Ghana from January 21 to February 6, 2021. The team is made up of only Dr. Edem Agamah.

The size of the team has reduced because of the pandemic of Covid-19. We have postponed the medical student electives to July 22, 2021. During this present trip, we are going to provide consultation for cancer patients, teach and encourage the staff of the IHDN Mission Hospital in Ghana. We will also be working with the local staff to refine our vision and focus for the future.

We are also in discussions to arrange a CPD program via zoom from the US before we leave for Ghana. Please join us in praying for the team as we make these plans. Pray that all goes on well with this trip.

IHDN Future Mission Trips Summer Mission Trip— July 22– August 8, 2021

IHDN will turn 25 years in 2021. We are planning celebrations in the US and in Ghana. We are presently recruiting volunteers to join us to Ghana in July 2021. Please contact us as soon as possible if you have an interest in being part of this team.

Thank God for a successful 36th mission trip to Ghana – January 23 to February 18, 2020.

We sponsored the 36th mission trip to Ghana from January 23 to February 18, 2020. The team was made up of the following volunteers :

Team A— January 16 to February 8, 2020

1. Mr. Noble Adigbli, Leadership Development & Construction, Moody Church, Chicago, IL

Team B— January 23 to February 8, 2020

2. Dr. Edem Agamah, Team leader
3. Mrs. June Agamah – Logistics Coordinator
4. Pastor Beth Yokley—Mission Pastor, Hope Church, Springfield, IL
5. Ms. Julie Zara - Educator, Business Development, Zara Collision, Springfield, IL
6. Ms. Dorothy Kane—Nurse, Ultrasounds. First Step, Springfield, IL
7. Mr. Felix Lulusa, Construction, Moody Church, Chicago, IL
8. Dr. Joan Miedema, Internist-Pediatrician– Moody Church, Chicago, IL
9. Mr. Charles Davis, Construction, Moody Church, Chicago, IL
10. Mr. Kossi Eklow—Construction, Moody Church, Chicago, IL
11. Ms. Stephanie Wiegert, Nurse Practitioner, Moody Church, Chicago, IL

Team C— January 23 to February 18, 2020

12. Ms. Tatiana Kelly, final year Medical Student, SIU School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

The following is a summary of the major accomplishments during our trip.:

1. We provided medical care to 1,000 patients in 9 days.
2. We performed over 26 surgical operations
3. Hosted 6th Updated lectures in Medicine, Surgery, Hematology & Oncology –over 80 doctors, nurses, physician assistants and students attended
4. Construction work on the Women & Children's Clinic & Staff Apartment
5. Community Screening for high blood pressure
6. Training on Basic Life Support (BLS)
7. Visiting of chiefs and community leaders

We thank God for another successful mission trip. We thank Him for using us to advance His kingdom.

Outpatient Attendance at the IHDN Mission Hospital for 3 years—Data as of October 31 each year

OPD ATTENDANCE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS			
YEAR	IN-SURED	NON-INSURED	TOTAL
2020	19130	2513	21643
2019	24832	3097	27929
2018	22173	3350	25523

Surgical procedures done as of Oct 2020— 318 cases

Radiological diagnosis as of Oct 2020 - 625 patients

Ultrasound examinations as of June 2020 - 689 patients. Our Ultrasound machine became defective in July 2020. We recently shipped a donated machine and other supplies to Ghana. We are hoping to start using it soon to help with our maternity care.

Help us raise funds on Amazon.com

Please select IHDN as your charity on smile.amazon.com when you shop at Amazon.com. Amazon will make donations from your purchase to IHDN. Thanks.

Money Matters

One of the unique characteristics of IHDN is that we have a lot of activities going on outside the United States. Until recently, we were providing medical care for over 30,000 patients at the IHDN Mission Hospital each year, with a staff of 100, including 3 doctors. However, most of the funding and support comes from the US, without which we would not be able to continue with what we do. In 2014 we started the construction of a 5-storey , 30 units, staff apartment and this year the Women and Children's Clinic. We have spent over one million dollars, including \$147,607 this year on the almost completed apartment. We thank all of you for supporting our efforts. The following financial report was submitted as of October 30, 2020.

Financial Report from IHDN Mission Hospital, Ghana from January - October 2020

Total Revenue— \$ 617,504

Total Expenses— \$ 699,061

Deficit - \$81,557

Summary of IHDN Tax Return—Form 990 2019 filed with the IRS

Total Revenue - \$463,926

Total Expenses - \$338,310

Revenue Less Expense - 125,616

Most of these funds were used for the construction of staff apartment, Women and Children Clinic , buy supplies, equipment and medications for the hospital in 2020.

**All donations to IHDN are tax deductible. Thank you very much for your support.
May God bless you**

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Thank you for Gifts received in honor & Memory of:

Mr. Tim Rice, who passed away on October 2, 2020—\$6199
Ms. Rhonda Miller - \$100
Mrs. Ruth Lilo - \$500

Former IHDN missionaries who passed away in 2020

1. Mr. Bab MacAulay from Chicago, IHDN Volunteer Jan 2017
2. Mr. Ben Strode—Carlinville, IHDN Volunteer 1999

We thank God for their lives and for using them to bless many

Solar Power System to help reduce Mission Hospital power cost

We received a donation in support of this project, estimated at over \$60,000. Construction work started a few months ago. When completed, this will provide power to the hospital and help reduce the cost of electricity by over 50%. We thank all our friends for their generous support. May God bless you.

Container shipped to Ghana with medical supplies and equipment

We shipped a 40 foot container to Ghana in September 2020 with medical supplies and medical equipment. We are hoping to complete the delivery process before the middle of December 2020. We thank the Midwest Mission Distribution, Memorial Medical Center, Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, Hope Church and all our friends, donors and volunteers, who helped make this possible. May God bless you.