

# IHDN News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We just returned from our first winter mission trip to Ghana last February. We are currently planning to leave for another trip. During our winter trip to Ghana, our team accomplished a lot of things. The major accomplishment was the extension of water from a 3-mile bore-hole at Klikor to the IHDN Mission Hospital site, at Weta- Adzadokpo. We also reached out to an elementary school in Agbozume by delivering model desks, shipped from the US to the school children.

I will be leading a 12-member team to Ghana from June 10 to 28th, to continue with our work. We will assist with the hospital construction. We will also host Basic Science Nursing classes in Anatomy & Physiology and host several medical clinics. We will host a Christian Family Life & Marriage enrichment conference and conduct a workshop in Christian Leadership. Other programs include a Youth Forum and a workshop for Establishing & Succeeding in Business.

Please join us in thanking God for a successful winter mission trip. Let us also join together to pray for the upcoming trip and the ongoing work of IHDN in Ghana. Pray that in all that we do God's name will be glorified. May the Lord bless you as you continue to partner with us on this journey.

Sincerely,

***Dr. Edem S. Agamah***

***President, IHDN***

### Model School Desks boost morale of students in Ghana

They come to school each day, resigning to their fate of squeezing themselves in very small sized classroom desks. They know that they are uncomfortable in class but they have to complete their assignments anyway. These students, from the Elementary School at Agbozume, are no different from other students in small towns and villages in Ghana or the US. But they do not have the educational resources. When the IHDN team assembled 25 new desks for the school, the excitement and great joy that these desks produced in the lives of the students and the school were unimaginable. We intend to continue supporting this school and others as much as we can. We thank God for the volunteers and staff of Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Chatham, IL, who helped us with these desks. May God bless you.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

#### HEALTH FACTS

- 300 million affected with Asthma in the world
- 255,000 died of Asthma in 2005
- Over 80% of deaths occur in developing countries
- Inhaled steroids reduce death rate by about 50%
- Average price of inhaled steroid is over \$100 per 1 inhaler
- 44.8% of Ghanaians live on less than \$1 per day

Source: WHO Statistics  
2007

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## **Water, Water, Water Everywhere.....!**

**By Dr. Edem S. Agamah**

When we started the project of extending water to the IHDN Mission Hospital site, I did not fully understand the geology of underground water. Now I know that underground water can flow like a river, hidden from man. If man can get to it easily, we can use it for drinking, to irrigate our farms, and to enhance our lives on earth.

Discovering water underground, let alone, hitting a river underground is no mean geological achievement. This is no small feat for those in the developing world. It requires a lot of money and expertise to test for water underground. These countries do not have the resources or expertise to do so. So, underground rivers flow, while people living in that area die for lack of water. But thank God, we do not have to dig very deep to find the Living Water available to us in Christ. This Living Water is not underground, but lives among us today.

In the midst of trying to dig a 3 mile by 3 feet trench for pipe laying, our back hoe broke down and we could not fix it readily. Though the machine looked fairly new from the new paint, the inside parts were very old. Most of them could not be easily repaired. I was reminded of how, as human beings, we put on a very nice show on the outside, but in our daily lives, we may have pain or deep hurts that no one can see or feel but us. It is the exterior that everybody sees and appreciates. The part nobody sees is not appreciated and we suffer silently.

In our water extension project, we can talk about saving over 30-40% on the original cost but that is not enough. What we actually yearn and pray for is that lives will be saved and souls won for God's kingdom. That we will receive the Living Water, which cleans us from all our unrighteousness. That we will receive new hearts, new engines that will function maximally on this earth. When we "break down" and die, we will be sure that a heavenly home has been prepared for us. We thank you for your prayers and material support. May God bless you.

### **Hope Church host Garage sale to help raise funds for IHDN projects in Ghana.**

A garage sale is being sponsored by Hope Evangelical Free Church, Springfield, IL, from June 8-9, 2007, to help raise funds for 2 projects in Africa. These are The Mathare Valley project in Kenya and IHDN Mission Hospital in Ghana. Funds raised will be used to buy cement and other building materials needed to complete the IHDN mission hospital. We thank all who donated items towards the garage sale and all who purchased items

### **IHDN recruiting staff for Mission Hospital, in Ghana**

IHDN is presently recruiting staff (short term and long term) for the new Mission Hospital in Ghana. The following are needed:

Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Laboratory Technicians, Administrators, Computer Scientists, Engineers. Please contact Dr. Agamah at [ihdn@aol.com](mailto:ihdn@aol.com) if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

## **IHDN sends mission team to Ghana from June 10-28, 2007**

IHDN is sponsoring a 12-member volunteer mission team to Ghana from June 10 to 28. The team is made up the following members:

Dr. Edem Agamah  
Mrs. June Agamah  
Ms. Akpene Agamah  
Ms. Aseye Agamah  
Ms. Alikem Agamah  
Pastor Chad Pickering  
Mr. Jake Pickering  
Mrs. Susan Yarrington  
Ms. Susan Lobb  
Mr. Dennis Albanese  
Mr. Michael Soltys  
Ms Morgan Diffenderfer

The team will undertake the following projects:

1. Assist with the ongoing construction of IHDN Mission Hospital
2. Install windows and doors to Clinic building
3. Christian Leadership Training
4. Christian Marriage and Family Life Seminars
5. Rural outreach medical clinics in villages
6. Basic Nursing Sciences – Anatomy & Physiology
7. Youth Forum
8. Workshop on starting personal business and succeeding in business

Please pray for traveling mercies and good health for the team. Pray for the work in Ghana and the Ghanaians we seek to reach. Pray that God's name be glorified in all that we do.

### **IHDN Hospital construction continues & progress made on new driveway**

Construction work on the IHDN Mission Hospital continues. Work has now reached roofing level. We are hoping that by the end of June, the work on roofing, plastering, installing of windows will be completed. We are also excited about the work that is ongoing for the construction of the driveway to the hospital. This involves bringing gravel from a pit at least 30 miles away from the Hospital site. We thank God for the progress made so far. We thank God for all who support us. Our financial update is provided on the next page:

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### **Two Former IHDN, Ghana leaders pass away**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Godwin Horsu-Porbley, former chairman of the IHDN-sponsored Health Committee at Agbozume. Prior to that he was the chairman of the Ghana Public Service Commission. Dr. Sam Annankra, a former IHDN Ghana Board member and pediatrician at 37 Military Hospital Accra also died recently. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved families.

### **Financial Update from January 1 to April 26, 2007, presented to IHDN Board of Directors**

Total revenue	\$89,318.06
Expenditure*	\$108,377.61
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>\$(19,059.55)</b>

\*Almost all the expenditure was made in the Mission Hospital construction.

We thank all of you for your support and generous donations.  
May the Lord richly bless you.



Driveway under construction



Front view of the Outpatient building with new roofing



Dave & Dale working on pipeline



Mr. Ben Agamah excited with water flowing



Ghanaian construction team with part of team



IHDN Mission Volunteers on beach break



Students with new desk in front of class



Mark Dedzo and three students receiving extra classes in Maths