

IHDN News

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU

IHDN IS TEN YEARS OLD...

This year we are celebrating our tenth year of existence as a medical mission organization. When we incorporated IHDN 10 years ago, it was very difficult to know what lay ahead of us. We did not know who was going to be involved with our ministry and where the resources would come from to support IHDN's work. All that we knew was that we have been called to serve the poor, using the earthly healthcare ministry of Christ as a model. It was just by faith that we plunged into this journey.

We are sponsoring a ten-member mission team to Ghana, from June 5-22, 2006. This will be our 10th mission trip with 10 volunteers! We will be doing more of the same, only with a different team. We will provide basic medical care to over 20,000 poor villagers in the Agbozume, Klikor areas. For most of these people, our visit provides the only access to medical care for the whole year. We will also host health fairs and teach villagers about prevention of common diseases like malaria, typhoid fever and malnutrition. Our clinics will focus on treatment of hypertension and musculoskeletal pain. We will host workshops in English Literature and Mathematics for High School students. In addition we will start preparation of land for the construction of the IHDN Mission Hospital.

In this edition of our newsletter, we describe the organizational structure of IHDN and the people involved with that work. All of these people have accepted the challenge to serve by volunteering their time and resources to help advance the work of the Lord through IHDN. We thank Him for the lives of all these servants. IHDN is still in need of volunteers, so please feel free to contact us if you would like to get involved with our work.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edem S. Agamah
President, IHDN

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

• **Mortality from Hypertensive heart disease**

US - 15,000

South Africa- 19,300

Ghana - 8,500

• **Mortality from Stroke**

US - 56,000

South Africa- 67,700

Ghana - 55,400

Source: WHO statistics

• **Target population for IHDN Mission Hospital - 67,314**

Source:Ghana 2000 Census Data

Assuming Responsibility for the Kingdom

By Dr. Edem S. Agamah

Personal responsibility is one of the values that have shaped this country. Children are taught at a very young age to assume responsibility for their actions. Teenagers, who enter adulthood without learning the value of personal responsibility are more likely to depend on others or society for their survival.

Over the years, we have hosted workshops on Christian values for Christian leaders in Ghana. We have emphasized personal responsibility, which help people take ownership of their situation and work towards a better tomorrow.

As I reflect on the ministry of IHDN and my desire to reach out to others with the love of Christ, the value of personal responsibility came to mind. Specifically, I wondered about the responsibility of advancing God's kingdom. Who is responsible for advancing the kingdom of Christ? Do Christians have the sole responsibility for advancing His Kingdom on earth and in Heaven?

To a very large extent, God Himself is responsible for advancing His kingdom. He demonstrated this by sending Jesus Christ His only son to this earth to die on the cross for our sins. Secondly, through Jesus, we are called into His kingdom to be partners in the work to save a dying world. With a commitment to Christ, we receive a very large gift of eternal life which we do not deserve. We did not work for this; God's Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts, we listened and received Him and became closer to Him.

If you are like me, you will agree that you did not become a Christian because you wanted to help God advance His kingdom. You came because you recognized that you are a sinner, needing a savior. However, once you got to know Him and what He gave you freely, you wanted to obey Him. Ultimately, in our obedience, we assume a shared responsibility for advancing His work. We have to go and make disciples of the people in the world (Matthew 28:19). We have to continue to share the free gift we have received. To achieve this, Christ has "equipped us through the scriptures for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17., Ephesians 2:10). Let us arise and assume a little bit of responsibility and share Him with the world around us. In the process, we will be acting as His agents, working with His Spirit to draw people unto Him. Let us become His hands that feed the hungry, the feet that reach out to the poor in His Name. Remember, Christ has the primary responsibility of advancing the kingdom but you also have a secondary responsibility to advance His kingdom.

A snapshot of the organizational structure of IHDN

IHDN is a purely volunteer organization with her headquarters in Springfield, IL. Our first branch is based in Ghana, West Africa. We hope to extend our work to other countries, as the Lord leads and resources become available.

The organization is led by a board of directors. The board meets twice a year to review the activities of the organization. Most of the work done by IHDN is through volunteer subcommittees. Members of the subcommittees are not necessarily Board members but do participate in our board meetings. We thank the Lord for the dedicated service of all these men and women. On the next page is the description of the leadership of IHDN

Composition of IHDN Board and Subcommittees

The IHDN board is comprised of the following:

Dr. Edem Agamah, - President

Mrs. Mona Sue Coffee - Treasurer

Mr. Tim Rice - Secretary

Mr. Jerry Strode

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Mrs. June Agamah

Dr. Onsi Kamel

IHDN sponsors 10th Missions team to Ghana from June 5-22, 2006

We will be sponsoring a ten member mission team to Ghana, from June 5-22, 2006. The team members are as following:

Dr. Edem Agamah

Mrs. June Agamah

Mr. David Miller

Mrs. Vivienne Dawkins

Mr. Jamie Wade Jnr

Ms. Akpene Agamah

Ms. Aseye Agamah

Ms. Alikem Agamah

Mr. Jordan Neviackas

Ms. Ji-une Park

We will be hosting Community Health Fairs at Agbozume/Klikor, Kpedzakope, Nogokpo, Lotakor, Weta and Keta. We will treat common diseases like malaria and degenerative joint disease and screen for hypertension, diabetes mellitus and malnutrition. In addition to treatment we will provide education on these diseases.

We will also be hosting English and Mathematics workshops for High School seniors. We will participate and preach at the local churches and provide a marriage enrichment seminar. The rest of our time will be spent on the construction site for the Mission Hospital IHDN is building in Ghana. Please pray for God's guidance, protection for the team. Pray for God's spirit to touch the lives we seek to reach. Pray that God will be given the glory in all that we do.

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Update on Construction of IHDN Mission Hospital, in Ghana

We have engaged the services of an architect, an engineer, and a quantity surveyor in Ghana. They will serve as technical experts to supervise the project. We are recruiting local labor from Ghana and volunteers from the US to help with the building. Plans are being drawn by the architect and engineer. The plans will be submitted to the Government of Ghana for building permit. Meanwhile we are going to start preparing the site, uprooting trees and leveling the land. We have engaged local masons to mold cement blocks for the project. The total cost of the building will be dictated by the completion of these plans.

We are planning a winter getaway and construction trip to Ghana from late January to early February 2007. We are recruiting volunteers, who would like to help with the construction work. These volunteers will help reduce the cost of building the hospital. Please contact us today if you or someone you know might be interested in the winter trip.

Financial Update through From January 1, 2006 to April 30, 2006

Total contributions	\$16,182.93
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,963.53
Net Balance	\$12,219.40

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