

the Hospitaller Order of St John of God with



Akassato

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BENIN



Total amount required **632.636 €**

all together **WE CAN**

The Brothers: The Hospitaller Order of St John of God has been ministering in Benin and Togo since the 1960s through its two hospitals, one in Afagnan and the other in Tanguiéta. Since then, our apostolate has spread to Porga in Benin and Agoè-Nyivé in Togo, where we already had a novitiate to provide formation for all the Brothers in Africa.

In Benin, partly because patients were unhappy with the country's public hospitals, they were attracted to the St John of God Hospital in Tanguiéta. This led hundreds of sick people to leave the southern areas of the country, including the capital, Cotonou, to travel more than 600 km to Tanguiéta in the north, after a journey of over 10 hours because of the state of the roads and modes of transport.

It was against this background that, as soon as the Vice Province of Benin-Togo was erected in 2010, the need to build a Vice-Provincial Curia became clear, and it was out of concern to take the charisma of St John of God to the people in southern Benin that we were able to justify the construction of the Saint John of God house in Cotonou which was opened to the public in April 2014 thanks to the generosity of local benefactors.

In this house, the charisma of Hospitality is being deployed at a day clinic offering general medical care, with a specialised option in ozone therapy.

After four years in operation, and faced by an ever-increasing demand for care, the ground floor used for clinical care became so inadequate to meet the demand that some of the rooms intended to be used by the Brothers and Co-workers had to be converted to provide medical care for patients.

THE PROJECT:

Care and re-education centre with ozone therapy

Because of the cramped conditions at the Cotonou clinic and the impossibility of expanding the existing premises, it was considered advisable to purchase a 2-ha plot of land on the road leaving Cotonou, at a place called Akassato, to set up a medical care and re-education centre with ozone therapy. The project will comprise:

- Building a new modern and more spacious medical centre to be able to guarantee respect for human dignity.
- Offer the beneficiaries easy access to high quality care.

With this project, the Hospitaller Order intends to improve the quality of care by offering medical facilities that will more effectively cater for the real needs of the people. In this way, the Hospitaller Order intends to cooperate in transmitting the Hospitality of Saint John of God throughout this region of Africa.

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