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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW EMERGENCY BLOCK



FRONT VIEW OF THE NEW EMERGENCY BUILDING

The new emergency unit which is directly opposite the main hospital building was inaugurated on the 21st of October, 2016. Operations at this new block began two weeks after its inauguration and since then the unit is living up to expectation; more emergency and accident cases have been recorded. This new block has helped the hospital to launch a new era in emergency medical care for its clients; the goals of the hospital were to build a new facility to better meet patient needs, enhance patient's experience and better serve the ever-increasing number of people seeking emergency medical care. This new accident and emergency unit has to a greater extent met those goals and this will enable the hospital to provide a 21st century emergency medical care to patients for many years to come.

There is now more beds (20 beds) for patients, staff have more space and room to operate freely and most importantly patients do receive adequate resuscitation care before they are sent to the recovery wards owing to a spacious triage area at the block.



Daily operations at the new emergency block

PROVINCIAL'S VISIT TO ASAFO

The Provincial Superior of St. Augustine's Province Br. Bartholomew Kamara on the 25th of October, 2016 paid a day working tour at Asafo. The purpose of His visit was to acquaint himself first-hand with the progress or otherwise of the hospital's activities. In the morning he met with the management team of the hospital to deliberate on issues in order to get a clear picture as to the affairs of the hospital and most importantly to present to them his vision and ideas going forward as an establishment.



Hospital Director on his feet opening the meeting



Provincial seriously articulating himself

Later, the Provincial met with all the unit heads as well as some of the other staff members. He was very pleased to meet them – He first and foremost congratulated them for their good work done and also urged them to continue working hard for the good of the hospital. He presented his ideas about the future to the house as he strongly encouraged everyone to come out with innovative ways to facilitate the progress of the hospital. In that light he urged management to constantly engage the unit heads and everyone to solicit their views and ideas for the advancement of the hospital. Staff raised issues concerning staff accommodation, the establishment of an orthopaedic unit, etc. The Hospital Director, Br. John K. Oppong on behalf of the staff expressed appreciations for the visit and also thanked all staff.



Members of the house eagerly listening on



Provincial in a group picture with unit heads after the meeting

After the meeting with the staff members in the afternoon, Br. Bartholomew had the chance to tour the various units of the hospital especially, the newly constructed emergency block.

A TOUR OF THE NEW EMERGENCY BLOCK



At the entrance

Inside one of the wards



A staff briefing Br. Kamara at the mini theatre

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT ASAFO



A Christmas Tree Place at The Information Centre

St. John of God Hospital Asafo attaches a lot of importance to Christmas celebration because of the significance of the death of Christ to us the Christians. Usually the Christmas fever is set off by elaborative decoration of both the hospital premises and the brothers' house with Christmas paraphernalia including Christmas trees, lights, Crib, etc. This year the Christmas celebration was started off with a carol night on the 22nd of December at the forecourt of the hospital. The next day on the 23rd all staff (including clinical interns and students) traditionally were presented with Christmas bonuses after the last staff durbar for the year.



Crib Mounted in front of the Males' Ward A Section of The Singing Group at the Carol Night

On the 25th of December, A Feast was organised at Brothers' House for Br. Manuel Anthonio



The Hospital Making A Gift Presentation To All Patients On the 25th of December



On the 26th of December, Infant Jesus Sisters from Wiawso, HHCJ Sisters at Asafo, St. John of God Brothers and the Priest at St. Agatha Parish (Fr. Benjamin) had a Christmas party at Brothers' House



Again, from the 26th to 28th of December, St. John of God Brothers from Accra visited to celebrate the Christmas with the fellow Brothers at Asafo.

A COURTESY CALL ON THE BISHOP OF WIAWSO DIOCESE AND ASAFO CHIEF

The Hospital Director Br. John K Opong on the 26th of December, 2016 Monday made a courtesy call on the Bishop of Wiawso Diocese Most Rev. Francis Joseph Kweku Essien at His residence. This is one of the regular visits by Bro. Opong to the Bishop to interact with Him and particularly to present gifts to Him and most importantly to wish Him a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Again, as part of the hospital's Christmas activities a delegation in the persons of (Br. John Opong-Director; Mr. Asensu Mensah-Executive Secretary and Albert Nkuah-records) went to visit the Chief of Asafo Nana Kofi Ahenkorah II On the 27th of December, 2016. This is an annual ritual observed by the hospital to wish the chief well on His throne and also to wish Him a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The delegation presented gift of items to the Chief and his kinsmen and also thank them for their support for the hospital and its activities in the communities throughout the years.