



# SAINT JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL SERVICES IN CAMEROON



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### FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

It is already four months since the year 2016 began and we are proud to say the health services we are providing are beneficial to many needy people in this remote part of country.

In April the Batibo and Douala community had a monthly recollection animated by Reverend Father Cheo Parfait from St Sebastian Parish Batibo.

Two Volunteers from Spain Ayoze Gil Santiago(MD) and Ombreta D'Aura (Nurse) and assisting in Douala left back home after serving for a month in Boko and Yassa health centres.

Three aspirants have been approved to start their postulancy into the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God in Senegal. We pray for more vocations.

Finally the brothers in Nguti have been affected to others communities to pave way for the General Curia and Saint Augustine Province to carry on discussions with the

bishop of Mamfe whose interest in assisting to run the hospital is increasingly drastic. May the discussions land us on a lasting solution for the people of Nguti.

The rehabilitation building in Yassa is now at the roofing level. Thanks to the donors, the contractors and the supervisors executing the project.



Bro. Linus Tangu  
(Regional Counsellor)

### ACTIVITIES UPDATES

The centres are continuously making progress in terms of consultation, primary health care, immunisation, outreach ministries and the like.

DESCRIPTIONS	CENTRES			TOTAL
	BATIBO	BOKO	YASSA	
OUTPATIENTS	418	681	341	1440
ADMISSIONS	192	34	36	262
DISCHARGES	137	26	33	159
LABORATORY	1413	853	908	3174
SCAN(Ultrasound)	41	31	1	73
X-RAY	27	5	0	32
ANC	35	34	37	106
NORMAL DELIVERIES	10	13	10	33
C/S	2	0	0	2
SURGERIES	18	0	7	25
Physiotherapy	2	0	22	24
DEATHS	4	0	0	4
BEDS	65	11	9	85
PERSONNEL	31	14	15	60

**PASTORAL CARE AND BIOETHICS**

The centre in Batibo has a functional pastoral and bioethics committee that carries out activities in the hospital. They also hold weekly meetings.

**OBITUARY**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2016 Mr Peter Bung the father of Rev Brother Patrick Bung gave up the ghost at the St John of God Integrated Health Centre after a protracted illness. He was laid to rest on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in his village at Fuanantui. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

**FINANCIAL AUDIT**

In order to improve on its financial activities, the centres in Cameroon have consulted an Audit Firm to audit its services for the years ending 2014 and 2015. The purpose of the audit is to identify where we

are coming from, where we are and where we are going in line with the policy of the Saint Augustine province. Since it's the first time, it's strenuous.

**RECOLLECTION FOR BATIBO COMMUNITY**

The brothers from Batibo and Douala came together on the 30<sup>th</sup> April to have their monthly recollection and meeting. The day was marked by reflection, penitential service, and holy mass celebrated by Fr Cho Parfait. It was immediately followed by community meeting, lunch and departure since 1<sup>st</sup> May which is labour day was at hand.



**SOME FLASH BACK OF THE EVENT IN KOANO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The flash back in pictorial shows the Donors from Ireland presenting academic materials material worth over one million francs cfa to the pupils of government primary school in Koano village. The materials include books, pencils, pens, learning aids, balls, and two laptops to the teachers.

It should be recalled that the school edifice comprising of six classrooms and the head teacher's office cost over thirty thousand euros.



## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The outreach team continue to visit villages of Mben-gok, Efah, Elum for vaccination and general consultations. The villagers are very happy whenever the team visits the community. The Hilux has been very useful throughout this encounter in remote villages.



*Team Transporting Drugs to Health Post in Efah Village*

## FORMATION

It is frequently said that the first place of formation is from our individual families. It is here that are formed to love God, love our neighbours, our enemies and even learn how to live and be happy with them. The absence of this home formation makes it difficult for one to fully embrace the community life where cultures and mentalities are mixed.

To be happy in the community, true fraternity is the answer. This goes to embrace what the Father General Jesus Etayo once said that “fraternity prevents us from temptations such as individualism, egoism and isolation” Vocations are dying because fraternity is fading away in communities giving way to individualism, self-centredness and double agenda.

## HUMOUR

If you are poor; you are poor – Stop talking about others who appear rich because they have worked hard, you also can be like them if only you work harder.



*Bernice and Students presenting the Gifts*



*Students from Cork posed with pupils holding their gifts*



*Bernice, Valentine, Cork students pose with pupils and gifts*



*Children, John Mitchell and the Head Teacher*