



SAINT JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL SERVICES IN CAMEROON



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St John of God,

We are fast at the end of the first quarter of the year 2018. Thank God for making all to go successfully into this first quarter. A lot of things have happened and many more are in the pipeline still to happen. The successful celebration of the 3rd Provincial Chapter of St Augustine Province of Africa is a great achievement to move our services here forward. The St John of God Health Services in Cameroon wishes to congratulate Rev Bro Bartholomew Kamara for his re-election as Provincial of St Augustine Province of Africa. We continue to keep him in our prayers for courage and determination in this big and challenging task.

In this 2018, the Saint John of God Health Services in Cameroon is celebrating the fifty years of St John of God Hospitaler Missionary Brothers presence in Cameroon. This is the biggest event ever in the history of our Order in Cameroon after St John of God Nguti celebrated its Silver Jubilee some twenty years ago under the then leadership of Bro Jose Cardenas Zafa.

This great jubilee will be celebrated at the St John of God Hospital in Batibo on the 2nd June, 2018. The purpose of the celebration is to raise funds and realise a **PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT** in Batibo for the physical rehabilitation of children and people with disability in the Batibo health

district and beyond. Come and be part of the celebration.

HAPPY EASTER CELEBRATION

"HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS RISEN". May the Risen Lord bring you Love, Joy and Peace.

*Bro. Linus Tangu
Director*



TRAINING ON BUDGETING

From the 19-23/02/2018 two staffs from St John of God Hospital in Batibo (Ms Claudette Nsoh and Mrs Diana Beteh Ako) attended a one week training workshop in Bamenda. It was organised by the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) under the Liliane Fonds/EDID programme. The training was to equip partner institutions with administrative, managerial and budgeting skills in order to handle community based rehabilitation (CBR) programmes on the physically challenged population. It was a very enriching workshop especially to the staffs directly working with the programme. At the end of

the course, members are able to draw up the 2018 annual plan in line with the updated standards.

PASTORAL CARE

On the 22-23 February, 2018 St John of God hospital in Batibo received the visit of Fr Cletus Tita who is the Chaplain of Hospitals in Bamenda archdiocese. During this time, he gave a talk to the workers, visited patients, listens to confessions, celebrated the Holy Eucharist and encourages Staff and management in their work.

It was a nice day. Workers were very interested in the talk which was centred on evil spirits in our society and the health sector. He promised to come back again another time.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The world day of the sick was well commemorated in all our centres in Cameroon. The day was marked by prayers and sharing of some meal with the patients.

DEPARTURE OF BRO DIEUDONNE

On Thursday 8th February, 2018, the staff of Yassa health facility and the Brothers said farewell to Bro Dieudonne as he returns to Togo to attend their pre-chapter conference. It should be recalled that Bro Dieudonne joined the community in Batibo in November, 2015 where he was assigned to Boko and later to Yassa.

The Brothers and Co-workers in Cameroon and especially the staff of Yassa will miss him. We render thanks to Bro Dieudonne for the time he spent with us here in Cameroon. It was enriching and we pray that he enjoyed his stay.

RAIN STORM DESTRUCTION IN YASSA

On the 26th February, 2018 heavy rains and storm fell in Yassa causing material damages in the centre. It brought down two of our electric poles and the roof of our small store at the centre. For one week we had to rely on generator as alterna-

tive energy supply.

FEAST OF ST JOHN OF GOD CELEBRATED IN CAMEROON

The preparations leading to the great celebration was marked by the novena to St John of God. It's a nine day spiritual preparation drawn from the letters and writings of our Holy Founder St John of God. This was done with the active participation of all the Co-workers in the centres. The D day which falls on 8th March, 2018 was climaxed by holy mass at Batibo and Yassa.

In Yassa, the event was special in the sense that it coincided with a mini fundraising in support of the golden jubilee celebration was organised after Holy Mass. The occasion was attended by many shareholders, religious, priests and well-wishers. The cash raised amounted to 336,100Fcfa(517.00 euros) plus 5000 tablets of paracetamol. We ex-



Cross section of invitees and staffs at the Mass



Charity Sisters at the Mass in Yassa



8th March celebrated in Batibo (Staff and Stakeholders at Mass)

OTHER NEWS

PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

The Provincial and his Council organised three days economic conference in Accra under the theme: “consolidating financial sustainability of the Province”. Participants drawn from Ghana, Cameroon, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Liberia included Provincial definitory, Directors, and financial administrators of St John of God Health services throughout St Augustine province in Africa. The conference started from 28-30/01/2018

The purpose of the conference was to seek ways and means of consolidating sustaining the finances of our centres in the Province. Facilitators deliberated on financial sustainability of health facilities, investments,, brothers welfare funds(BWF), loan schemes and solidarity among facilities. The conference was very enriching and paved the way for many practical financial resolutions of our health facilities in Africa.



Participants at the economic conference in Accra

Our pressing needs for St John of God Hospital and outreach health post:

- Anaesthetic machine to assist patients to sleep during surgical interventions. The absence of which could hinder major surgical cases to be carried out in the hospital.

Construction of a small permanent structure at Elum village to offer better healthcare to Elum and neighbouring villages (15,000 euros).

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