



SAINT JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL SERVICES IN CAMEROON



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FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Hospitality lives on truly within the St John of God health services in Cameroon. The months of November and December are at hand and have brought about the celebrations of two important events in the life of the church and the hospitaller Order namely: Advent Preparations towards the coming of Christ at Christmas. We have to prepare ourselves spiritually and physically to usher in the New Born King at Christmas into our lives, families, societies, and workplaces.

We wish to thank God first to our Holy Founder St John of God for preserving our hospitaller services to see this day of Advent through to Christmas. At the same time we wish to equally thank our Benefactors, Donors and Collaborators for assisting us to sustain our Hospitaller heritage to date. Already the People of Efah village are rejoicing because the promise made to them by John Mitchell to sponsor the construction of a 20 cubic metre water tank worth six thousand euros has kicked off.

Opening an outreach centre at Ashong village in the Batibo health district to ease health care to the deprived people is yet another way of assisting people to prepare well for Christmas in good health. Bringing health service closer

to their door steps gives them health care assurance. The Chiefs and people of Ashong officially welcome this initiative on the 18th November, 2016.

The archdiocesan hospital chaplain by name Rev Fr Cletus Tita visited our health facility from the 21-22 December, 2016

The year has run fast and a balance sheet of our health care activities is encouraging. There is a bright future out here as we continue to put the little available resources into meaningful use. The limited resources available are but a daily challenge to our services here. I am highly indebted to the donors who have been assisting us to meet up with the huge challenges in our health care systems. I can assure that many have felt the touch of hospitality thanks to your assistance.

A lot of sustainable strategies are being put in place to alleviate poverty in the centres here in Cameroon. Any little assistance obtained from our donors is being put into sustainable use for the benefit of our needy people. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

*Bro. Linus Tangu
Regional Director*



OUTREACH CLINICS

The outreach clinics in Batibo continue to assist the remote villages. Our preoccupation continues to be that of equipping these micro health units for minimum care.

Quite recently health care services were re-vamped in Upper Ashong since they were suspended some ten years ago due to lack of strategic focus. But since 2015 a lot of strategies have been directed towards this end.

It is for this reason that on the 18th November, 2016 the chiefs and people of Upper Ashong welcome in grand style the services of St John of God. The day started with Eucharistic celebration followed by statements and medical consultations.

A mini fundraising was organised to crown the occasion where the sum of 40,500Fcf was raised on the spot in support of the health care activities. The centre has two staffs permanently working there. They are assisted by Health Management Committee selected from the various surrounding villages. So far over 86 consultations have been carried out in the centre and three deliveries conducted.

On the 28th December, 2016 the Health Management Committee was officially installed to start work. This was followed by some general and dental consultations. The visit of the medical team from St John of God Hospital in Batibo timely assisted one pregnant woman who could have experienced miscarriage. With St John of God Outreach, man don well, the woman and the family exclaimed.



ACTIVITY UPDATES

November 2016	CENTRES			
DESCRIP-TIONS	BATIBO	BOKO	YASSA	TOTAL
OUTPATIENTS	267	496	375	1,138
ADMISSIONS	75	40	43	158
DISCHARGES	57	35	38	130
LABORATORY	795	1176	909	2,879
SCAN (Ultrasound)	48	28	11	87
X-RAY	51	0	0	51
VACCINATION	182	212	59	453
ANC	39	22	33	94
NORMAL DE-LIVERIES	10	3	5	18
C/S	3	0	1	4
SURGERIES	21	0	0	21
DENTISTRY	14	0	0	14
Physiotherapy	7	5	8	20
DEATHS	0	0	0	0
BEDS	65	11	11	87
PERSONNEL	35	14	15	63

YASSA HEALTH CENTRE

CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON REHABILITATION UNIT

The building of the rehabilitation unit in Yassa has finally been completed. The Provincial Prior of Saint Augustine Province and the Saint John of God health Services in Cameroon jointly say Bravo to the Provincial of Andalucia Bro Antonio Soria Craus and Fundacion Juan Ciudad for financial donations for this project. Much thanks goes to the Technical Supervisor Ms Esther De Castro and the Contractor Mr Magloire who put their hands on deck to realise this unique edifice in Yassa.

Despite the huge challenge of physiotherapy materials to work with, the centre has since been put to use thanks to efforts of Br Jesus Gonzalez and Madam Beatrice



thank Bro Michel Eke for all his contributions in Yassa and pray for successful in studies. Vibrant staffs have been left behind including a Medical Doctor to continue the works at the centre.

We wish to thank Dr Guillermo Vazquez Mata through Juan Ciudad, Saint Augustine Province other well-wishers for the support of brothers studies.



Bro Jesus mobilising a patient.



Staffs of Yassa Centre.



Bro Jesus and Beatrice mobilising a toddler who cant walk.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF QUEEN OF ROSARY COLLEGE IN MAMFE

The Queen of Rosary College founded by the congregation of the Holy Rosary Sisters at Okoyong in the Diocese of Mamfe clocked 60 years on the 10th December, 2016. The celebration was highly attended by the Bishops of Mamfe, Bamenda, Kumba and many priests, religious and lay faithfuls. The pontifical high mass was concelebrated by Emeritus Christian Cardinal Tumi.



Big Physiotherapy hall



Bishops and some past students of the college

BRO MICHEL EKE FOR FURTHER STUDIES

On the 5th November, 2016 Brother Michel Eke finally left to Togo for a two years studies. This has become possible thanks to the approval of the Provincial Curia. We wish to

VISIT OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN HEALTH CHAPLAIN

It was on the 21 to 22 of December 2016 that the newly appointed archdiocesan health chaplain made a visit to the St John of God Hospital in Batibo. During the visit visited patients, celebrated holy mass with staffs and sick people. He then crown the day with a workshop with the staffs. He also encouraged staffs on good ethical behaviours that are required in a health setting.

EFAH VILLAGE WATER PROJECT

In March 2016, during the visit of Mr John Mitchell to inaugurate and handover the primary school complex in Koano village, he had a brief stopover at Efah village where the people asked for water tank.

The people of Efah are rejoicing so much because the promised made to them early this year to provide 20 cubic metre storage tank some 4km off Efah village by Mr John Mitchell is now being fulfilled. The project cost six thousands (6000).Euros.

The project has since started off. It is expected that when this project will be completed, it will serve well the needs of the village people and the centre as well.

END OF YEAR PARTY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF BAMENDA

On the 27th December, the Religious, Priests and Lay faithful converged at the Pastoral centre in Bamenda to attend the traditional end of year

with the archbishop. The day started at 11:00 am with a Holy Mass concelebrated with the Archdiocese and priests.



Group picture with Archbishop Cornelius Fontem Esua

FUTURE NEEDS OF THE SERVICES

- Full blood count machine to ease work in the laboratory(€5,385.00).
 - Theatre bed to replace the present obsolete one (€4,615.00).
 - Essential drugs to subsidies the outreach clinics (€3,000.00).
 - Assisting 60 children suffering from epilepsy (€500.00).
- Portable anaesthetic machine(€6,462.00).

“With your support, Saint John of God lives on”.

Merry Christmas

and a

Prosperous New Year