



SAINT JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL SERVICES IN CAMEROON



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FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It is with great delight that I welcome to this month of October which is characterised by special devotion to our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Saint John of God confined every act of his hospitaler activity into the hands of our Holy Mother Mary. During this month of October, special devotion throughout our hospitaler services here was reserved to Mary our Mother.

The Sisters Servants of Mary in Widikum celebrates founder's day in grand style at the St Joseph's Health Centre campus.

It is not wonder that we carry our many activities during this month including the visit of Mr David Heye from Holland, the budget presentation of our hospitaler works in Cameroon, the conclusion of the construction works of the rehabilitation.

May God continue to bless you a hundred fold for all your support to the poor and needy. Every day you touch the lives of hundreds of many poor people even without knowing. Sparing time to read our up-

dates and talking to friends on how to change the lives of many abandoned poor people is one of these ways. We thank you for being always there thinking about our health services to humanity.

*Bro. Linus Tangu
Regional Director*



OUTREACH CLINICS

St John of God hospital in Batibo continues to bring healthcare service to the people in the villages through outreach programmes. They have come to stay remarked the chief of Elum village when he was so happy for the presence of a health facility in his village. The chief of Ashong wants our services re-established since it was closed some seven years ago. The management and the outreach team are seriously studying the situation and next month, St John of God will extend his services to that enclave area of the Batibo health district. Already management has made a visit there in the company of Bro Jesus Gonzalez and Esther De Castro to have first-hand assessment. The people need this health service.



Ms Esther De Castro visit St John of God Annex at Ashong Village

ACTIVITY UPDATES

October 2016	CENTRES			
DESCRIPTIONS	BATIBO	BOKO	YASSA	TOTAL
OUTPATIENTS	251	630	375	1256
ADMISSIONS	67	26	43	136
DISCHARGES	64	24	38	126
LABORATORY	914	1177	909	3000
SCAN (Ultra sound)	45	23	11	79
X-RAY	37	0	0	37
VACCINATION	165	283	59	507
ANC	54	19	33	106
NORMAL DELIVERIES	18	7	5	30
C/S	2	0	1	3
SURGERIES	19	0	0	19
DENTISTRY	16	0	0	16
Physiotherapy	91	30	8	129
DEATHS	3	0	0	3
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 Andalusia Bro Antonio Soria Craus and Fondacion Juan Cuidad 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 realised this unique edifice in Yassa.

The brothers present were introduced round the



New Building Completed and handed over at Yassa (Douala)

building by the Technical Supervisor and Contractor. It was with satisfaction that the brothers commented on the entire quality works done on the building. After the inspection, the keys were handed over during a thrilling ceremony at the site in Yassa before all the brothers in Cameroon present including Bro Patrick Bung who had just arrived from Lunsar -Sierra Leone for his annual leave.

ANNUAL BUDGETING MEETING OF CENTRES

At the MAB level, the Saint John of God services in Cameroon scheduled their annual budget defence on the 25th October, 2016 in Yassa. Before this could happen, preliminary budget hearing have been done at the level of each centre giving room for more participation by the staffs.

The budget session was well organised and the administrators and Accountants had the opportunity to defend their budgets. We were oppor-tuned to have in attendance Mr David Heye, Esther De Castro, Bro Jesus Gonzalez, Bro Patrick Bung and other experts for more input. It was a

wonderful experience in the life of our hospital-
ler services in Cameroon.



Budget presentation in Session



*Ms Esther De Castro and Bro Jesus Gonzalez discuss a point
about the budget during a tea break*



Participants at 2017 Budget Meeting in Douala

VISIT OF MR DAVID HEYE TO CAMEROON

The service was delighted to welcome Mr David Heye to Cameroon from the 19th October, 2016 to 26th October, 2016. The purpose of his visit was to follow up some projects under funding by HospitalBroeders and MIVA in Cameroon namely:

- ◆ the outreach project in Batibo that saw the purchase of a means of transport Toyota Hillux.
- ◆ The Purchase of a Toyota Hillux for immunisation program in Boko village
- ◆ The Construction of incinerator plant in Yassa etc.

During his short stay, he had the opportunity to visit our outreach centres in Efah, Elum, Mbengok and Koano. At each village he was well received by the Chiefs and people with traditional dances etc.



Chief of Elum village move a dance with Mr David



Chief and Elders of M'bengok posed with David for group photo.

SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S DAY

On the 11th October, 2016, the Sisters Servants of Mary at St Joseph's Health Centre in Widikum celebrated their founder's day. The day began with a holy mass celebrated by the Parish priest and the rector of Catholic Comprehensive college. In attendance were the Brothers of Saint John of

God in Batibo community, the workers of the St Joseph Health Centre and other invited guests. After mass, there was good meal served self-service. There were some entertainments such as drama and other games. The day ended well.



Sisters Servants of Mary in Widikum Founder's day

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”.