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Missions Newsletter

Medical Outreaches in Nigeria **Opportunity Arises**

In April 2021, we started a monthly virtual Health Outreach program. These Health Education sessions are geared towards improving the knowledge and awareness of community members about common health conditions. The topics that have discussed at these talks include Hypertension and other Heart Diseases, Diabetes Mellitus, Gastro-Intestinal Conditions, Exercise, Safe Medication Use, Healthy Living, Arthritis, and Vaccinations.

Our February 2022 session focused on Common Gynecological (Gynaecological) conditions in women. This topic was selected to de-stigmatize health conditions common experienced by women, such as urinary incontinence. It was to prompt women to be more open about their unique health concerns.

Medical Practitioners in diverse fields have shared their insights with the widows in Home of Hope 1 in Eastern Nigeria. The disciplines include nurses, pharmacist, physiotherapists, nurses, and physicians in different specialties.

With God's enablement, our monthly health webinars will continue throughout this year and beyond. Our goal is to improve people's awareness about common health conditions. This knowledge will be translated into better health practices. Our goal is to help people recognize symptoms and seek prompt and appropriate assistance.



Question and Answer (Q&A) after a recent monthly Health Talk.

Medical Outreach in Sierra Leone

Pastor Amara, a Registered Nurse, and complained of joint pain. There his wife, Adama Bangura visited their home country of Sierra Leone in January 2022. His experiences are highlighted below:

"Lives have been definitely touched and we left the village feeling like the people really appreciated the help. The opportunity to share with the medical mission took place on Monday and Tuesday. It was a very successful program to the glory of God.

We assessed and treated over 350 people. We started on Monday at 2:00 pm and worked till 10:30pm; then we woke up the next day at 0600 am and worked till 3:30pm.

We fed the entire village.

The surrounding villages heard about what was happening and they showed up in numbers. We got one medical doctor, two clinicians and six nurses. Most of the cases we saw were people with gastrointestinal concerns. About 70% of the adults had hypertension and everyone

were also some infectious conditions like urinary tract infections (UTIs). After the first day of the outreach, we played the 'Jesus movie' till midnight and had the

Overall, it was a great success!

gospel with people.



Food served after the monthly Medical Outreach in Home of Hope 1 in Umuahia, Nigeria.

FOLAH MISSION INTRODUCTION – Pastor Prince Nwigwe:

James 1: ²⁷ "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world".

Fountain of Life Mission and Medical Outreach started way back from FOLAH Italy in 2000 with the vision and mandate of reaching out to widows, orphans and the less privileged in rural Nigeria. We have provided micro-business sponsorship to young widows, school sponsorship to orphans, and equipped local Maternity Units with mattresses, bed covers, fridge, sanitizing machine, delivery and other medical equipment. and on the ground medical outreach annually.

In 2013, FOLAH Canada mission started as Home of Hope with a Sponsorship program taking care of orphans, providing them with education, food, school uniforms and medical care, we also offered eyeglasses to the poor widows and their children.

Our medical outreach extended to Uganda, and Rwanda in the last few years thank God for the medical supply donated by the physicians in our congregation. In partnership with Jorge & Anna Parrott of CMM word charlotte NC, Home of Hope Mission was able to build five water wells, three in the Rural Uganda town of Lugazzi and Kinoni, toilet facility in an orphanage in Kinoni and two water wells in Rural Nigerian Villages. Our medical outreach in Uganda has been taking care of orphans suffering from malnourishment and victims of HIV. Presently we have ongoing orphan sponsorship and food bank for widows and orphans in Nigeria and Uganda.

Today the task ahead of us is great and we are getting more innovative in meeting the mission demands.......

Bottle Drive

We are collecting cans and bottles at Fountain of Life Apostolic House (FOLAH) in Red Deer. The monies we raise is being used to purchase vitamins and other nutritional supplements for children and older persons.

Thanks to all those that have contributed towards this project.

Medical Supplies: Items needed

- Glucometer and other diabetes testing supplies
- Blood pressure machines
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) machine
- Portable ultrasound
- Adaptive/walking aids such as walkers, canes, crutches etc.
- Laptops and tablets (iPads)
- Oxygén concentrators

Gratitude

Our Heartfelt Thanks

Your donations and support go a long way in ensuring that we can provide excellent care in Nigeria, Uganda, Sierra Leone. We are grateful for all that you do to improve the lives of other people. Your assistance in obtaining supplies is appreciated.

God will reward your kindness.

OUR ACTIVITIES

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

We have a child sponsorship program to support the health and education of orphans.

We have monthly health education sessions followed by a meal.

FOOD BANKS: We provide food items to widows in the communities we serve.

WELFARE PACKAGES: Toothbrushes and other dental hygiene products, soaps, lotions and diapers.

MEDICAL ITEMS: We collect pill bottles, medical equipment and instruments. We also need mobility aids such as crutches, canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

SHOE DRIVES: We collect new and fairly used footwear for children and adults.

SCHOOL KITS: Your monetary gift will help us provide school kits comprising backpacks, stationery and hygiene products to pupils and students.

TRANSPORTATION: We need wheelchairs, a bus and an ambulance.



Food supplies ready for distribution to widows in Nigeria.



Boxes at the Lagos depot about to be tranposted to Umuahia on March 7, 2022.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for guidance and wisdom for our medical outreaches.

We pray that God's name will be glorified in all that we do. Our purpose is to reveal the true character of God in all that we do.

We pray that our work will be ongoing and continue to have a positive impact.

Please pray for our upcoming medical trip in November 2022.

We need more volunteers in Home of Hope 1 & 2 in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Uganda.

'A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed' – Proverbs 11:25 "In your seed, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."- Genesis 22:18a

Our goal is to have supplies to adequately stock health care centres. Some of the supplies that we have donated within the past year include syghmomanometers, stethoscopes, thermometers, reflex hammers, otoscopes, pulse oximeters and weighing scales. We have also received surgical instruments, such as forceps, etc for minor procedures.



Medical supplies

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