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Open Door Activity Report

About Open door

Open Door Medical Development is a duly registered NGO (Association) and have been operational since September, 2006. Prior to the establishment of Open Door my wife and I have been coming to Cameroon, for the past 12 years, rendering free medical/surgical care to all of the 10 provinces. In 2005 after retiring from the US Air force ,we settled as permanent medical missionaries here.

Local Partners

We have partnered with the Nobel Social Group, an AIDS sensitivity health center in Muyuka . We travel there once per week where we perform surgery and preach the gospel of Christ. We also work with the Idenau Council to bring free care and medicine each month to the Idenau municipality. We plan to expand care once per week in this area. We treat the sick orphans in the Hotpec Orphanage in Buea.

Facts

Over 10,000 people in need of dental, surgical and medical care. We have dispensed medication with a retail value of over 12,000,000 FCFA free of charge. In addition we have taught preventive care to hundreds of patients at Limbola Health Center including hygiene, clean water, sanitation, hypertension, cholesterol, diabetes, nutrition and child care. We have participated in the distribution of Mosquito nets to the Limbola community and our students have carried out a survey on the implementation and use of these nets. We presently have 22 students enrolled in our medical/dental technician training school, 6 of whom are in their third and final year of studies. They attend school at no charge to themselves as they prepare to be of service to the people of Cameroon. Our school for physician assistants has been placed on a national level and has acquired 2 new teachers making our count 7 permanent teachers, along with the visiting physicians and dentist we get during the year. Our senior students are doing their final internship while fulfilling their graduation requirements for June, 2009. Many souls are being won to Christ. Approximately 5,000 persons have given their hearts to the Lord in 2 ½ years keeping us reminded of the reason why we are here in Cameroon We start each day with prayer, praise and worship . The priceless gospel of Jesus Christ is preached. Our students, employees and visiting helpers are exhorted to always show the love of Christ in all we do.

Coverage

We have conducted free medical/dental outreaches to outlying and far flung villages including Bombe, Bimbia, Bangem, Bakingili, Bota, Bojongo, Mapanja, Wovia, Mokundange, Idenau, Muyuka, Yoke, Kombone, Galim, Penja, Bamunka, Babungo and Kai in the Northwest Province.

HIV/AIDS

In association with other organizations we have lectured on HIV/AIDS awareness and sensitization. Working with Batoke Health Center we have administered immunization to children and are actively involved with the local CDTI program.

Local Assistance

The General Manager of Cameroon Development Corporation (CDC) was most gracious in allowing us the use of 3 buildings in Moliwe for our needed relocation. These buildings provide us with a main Clinic, Surgical/Dental and School. (see photo of Mr Njalla Quann) H.R.H. the prime Minister has been instrumental in getting the school on a national level and obtaining governmental approval .(see photo with PM)

Foreign Assistance

We receive financial assistance from Friendship Baptist Church in Ft Myers, FL, Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Port Charlotte, Fl. and Mr.& Mrs Carl Bryson of New York. Other contributors of equipment

and supplies are Shine Rehab of Port Charlotte, Personal Printing, Port Charlotte owned by Carl Gomez, Dr.Asperilla of Port Charlotte, Dr. Isaac of Virginia Beach, and through Dr Isaac, Bon Secours Maryview Hospital also of Virginia Beach and Southampton Memorial Hospital in Southampton Virginia. We received a large donation of medical supplies including an anesthesia machine and dental chair from ISOH/Impact in Perrysburg Ohio. Dr John Chacko of Virginia also donated equipment through Dr Isaac.

Looking up to the future

We are acquiring land near the present location to build a 2 storey structure with classrooms, a library and conference rooms on the second floor and the clinic on the first. This will enable a permanent home for Open Door where our students can be trained to take medicine and the gospel into the enclaved villages. We plan to revisit the local villages in the southwest region and set up hypertension clinics where villagers can have their blood pressure monitored. Later Maternity Health and Childcare will be monitored as well as other preventive care. We recently had an outreach in Penja where many souls were won to the Lord but hygienic conditions there leave much to be desired and so will define our future work there. We also plan in the very near future to go back into the Bamenda area for outreach. One of our long term projects is to go to the southern region around Kribi and the River Lobe to work among the pygmies there.