

DECEMBER'S THRUST, AS MOTEC PREPARES FOR THE NEW YEAR

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For most people, December presents itself as the month of celebration of Christmas, the end of a year and the beginning of a 'hopeful year'. There is joy for most but others may have little or nothing to celebrate about. We have recently revisited our projects in Ghana in order to bolster our work in Ghana in 2010. We have seen renewed dynamism in our hierarchy and many more continue to commit themselves and we are very grateful to all.

This December, dedicated Motec members have been working very hard on projects like the Surgical Centre and the Basic Drug Manufacturing base at Sefwi Asafo, Western Region, and Nutrition Working for Life in Jirapa Upper West of Ghana, Observational Training for Ghanaian Nurses in India. Others have supervised Improvements in Radiological Services at Nkawkaw, Specialist Workshops for Health Workers at Akosombo and the impending one in Accra (April 2010). We are in the process of arranging Courses and Training projects for Ghanaian Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeons in Europe in 2010. Most of these projects are being concluded or about to be inaugurated in the New Year.



Nursing Officer prepares for Kerala observational training. Koforidua December 2009.



Potential candidates for India from Sefwi Asafo stand between Motec's Ofori-14th and Rev Bro Bartholomew. December 2009

We have seen marked improvements in Motec's Information /Technology and a project is being finalised this December for Nkawkaw. We have enjoyed improved collaboration with many organisations, companies and Institutions especially the International Organisation for Migration / Migration and Development in Africa - The Hague, The International Development Company –Dublin and The World Orthopaedic Concern – UK. Others include The Ghana High Commission in London, Smith & Nephew- UK, Exactech Ltd – UK, SODirect, Corin UK Ltd, De Soutter Medical, Synthes UK and Rotary Club – Hastings and many more.

We continue to enjoy the support of many Ghanaian families with accommodation in Accra notably the Nkansah, the Bediako, Dita, Benson, Keately families. Our host institutions in Ghana have also been very kind to us. In the UK, we have enjoyed the support of individuals like Mrs Marilyn Goreham, Mrs Zena Bullmore, Mrs Corinne Budd, Mrs Pamela Fleming and many more.



Motec President, middle, flanked by with Mr Peter Huntley, Chief Executive Officer of Corin UK Ltd and Mr Daniel Hagerty, Company representative with Mr Sheraz of Motec after talks on training opportunities for sub-Saharan Africa

Throughout the year we have delivered lecture series at all our target hospitals, provided an orthopaedic trauma workshop for various health professionals and delivered two freight container loads of medical donations of wound dressings, x-ray, anaesthetic and other theatre /patient recovery equipment and others, at a total shipping and handling costs of about £7,000.00. Equipment and materials donated costs were well over £100,000.00. Thanks to our donors and sponsors including members of public and local fundraisers.



Donated items from Motec being off loaded at the Centenary House Dec 10th 2009.



Donating IOM – MIDA/Motec books to Nurses College at Nkawkaw – Principal in Accra. receives items from Mr Ofori-Atta. In attendance

The Hospital Medical Director, Deputy Principal and final year students. 13th December 09

Like last year, we have been able to facilitate the training of a doctor from Ghana. Dr Akosua Serwaa Hemeng, anaesthetist from the Komfo Anokye Hospital continues to enjoy her training in Intensive Care at the Northwick Park Hospital, thanks for the efforts of Dr Mike Brunner, Northwick Park Hospital Authorities and MIDA for making this possible. Dr Hemeng will be spending the Christmas in London and will be returning to Ghana early next year. Next year, it is expected that about five individual health workers from target institutions in Ghana – Nurses and doctors are likely to benefit from our overseas training in India and Europe as Motec focuses on training and education and cuts down on clinical services.



X-Ray Equipment arrives at Nkawikaw.

Boxed Processor donated in December

In addition to Intensifier delivered April 09



Motec treats patients supported by Hastings Rotary Club. Victoria, head of orphanage in Kumasi carries a patient treated by MOTEC.

Motec also supports treatment of the disabled from the Lighthouse orphanage in Cape Coast.

I am delighted with the efforts our membership is making towards the achievement of our objectives and sincerely hope we remain focused on humanitarian work. Where possible, we intend to collaborate with all well meaning people who are in the position to facilitate our work or aligned themselves with our clear objectives without diverting our attention away from our goals. Motec has honoured an invitation by the Military Hospital in Ghana for a 'collateral' collaboration in education and training. It is hoped that they join our educational and training sessions during our working visits to Ghana.



Mrs Ofori-Atta middle with Commander of the Military Hospital, Col. Paul Kponyoh and Captain Aitkins. Dec 2009



Colonel Paul Kponyoh at his office at the 37 Military Hospital in Accra in December 2009.