

Hertfordshire comes alive again!

Motec's NUWLIFE project has received another lift in Hertfordshire. Mrs Glenda Cooper of Little Gaddesden and Mrs Pat Swift of Hemel Hempstead have donated sewing materials and a sewing machine all worth several hundreds of pounds. The materials are part of the donations to Motec's NUWLIFE (nutrition working for life) project. Mothers learning sewing will use the materials to make dresses for their children in hospital. Other children in the wider community in the Jirapa district in northern Ghana who lack the most basic necessities of life will also benefit from the finished products from the centre. Pictures show Mrs Cooper with Mrs Linda Bigham and Mr Ofori-Atta (both Trustees of Motec) at the village of Little Gaddesden. A million thanks from Motec to Pat, Glenda and all others supporting the children's project including human resources support from the International Organisation for Migration (I.O.M.) and Migration and Development in Africa (MIDA).

The NUWLIFE project was launched last year with public appeal in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette. It has received a wonderful support from the county. A structure for the mother's kitchen has been constructed at the Jirapa hospital and so far Motec has contributed several thousands of pounds on the project. Motec has teamed up with a Canadian group in support of health care improvements to the children in Ghana. A bigger structure as a hostel and vocational training centre for the mothers with their children in hospital is now being constructed at the Jirapa district hospital. A minimum of £25,000.00 will be required out of which Motec has only about 30% of it for a start. Pictures show the completed structure as well as the uncompleted site. Motec continues to appeal for funds for the project. Motec is hoping to raise about £15,000.00 over two years.

Mr Ofori-Atta is making another epic eleven hour drive from the capital Accra to Jirapa at Easter and is hoping that there will be plenty good news from UK for the mothers and malnourished children of the Jirapa district to smile about.