

## **MOTEC JUNE 09 TEAM ARRIVE IN TIME FOR SUMMER BARBEQUE**

Seven Motec Life volunteers have all returned to the UK after an educational and clinical work in target hospitals in Ghana. The working visit saw volunteers provide a combination of lectures, clinical services, professional guidance and transfer of skills at Koforidua, Akosombo, Nkawkaw (Eastern Region), Donyina, Kumasi (Ashanti Region), Sefwi Asafo (Western Region) and Jirapa (Upper West).

Mrs Joanna Owiredu-Oppong, a mid-wife worked longest at for 4 weeks while the others worked for 2 weeks. The surgical team was led by Mr Michael Burke, Consultant General Surgeon and Medical Director of Northwick Park Hospital assisted by Dr Thungo Kuwani, Consultant Anaesthetist of the same Hospital. The Trauma and Orthopaedic programme was led by Mr Ofori-Atta of West Herts NHS Trust assisted by Anaesthetist Dr Christine Amakye of Queen Elizabeth 2 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City (overall trip leader). Mr Raymond Ofori, Chief Biomedical Scientist of Quest Diagnostics and Mrs Felicity Adu – Mills, Palliative Care Nurse (Formerly Community Nurse) of St Luke's Hospital, London provided cross site teaching and training of local staff.

The working visit has been hailed as a marathon working trip with pretty good results. Lectures were lively and clinical work was encouraging with many complex surgical cases done over the period. Lecture attendance averaged about 150. Collaboration with local staff was delightful with a few hospitals expected to maximise the exchange of skills and experience during the working visit of Motec professionals and experts.

The trip was made possible by sponsors - International Organisation for Migration –IOM/ Migration and Development In Africa - MIDA (3 individuals) Brothers of St John of God, Dublin (one individual) and self sponsorship (2 individuals). Motec wishes to express her profound gratitude to all sponsors.

As if by plan, the team arrived back just before the Summer Barbeque on Saturday 11.00 - 16.30, 18<sup>th</sup> of July at QUANTON, Buckinghamshire (please see advert on website). The planned fun-time is expected to help raise funds for Motec's planned October 09 working visit to Ghana. The invitation has been extended to members of the Public (RSVP).



**Pictures show Mrs Joanna Owiredu-Oppong with her students at one of our target Nurses Colleges.**