



GNMC Newsletter

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Dear friends of the Gye Nyame Mobile Clinics

The rainy season has started- and almost every day heavy downpours keep the air humid and the soil soaked to the brim.

Our ways are getting difficult to cross- and malaria roams through the communities again and especially harms the most vulnerable!!

But our teams reach the remote villages and keep their promise to be there!



Team training

This time, we focused on training the new teams. Ori decided to lecture about “childhood epilepsy and its management”. Currently, we have over 2,000 patients with epilepsy.

The Ghanaian health staff is familiar with frontal lectures – but they were definitely not expecting THIS! Once it came to the different types of seizures, the videos of real patients demonstrated every type of fit. The case reports, first met with surprised silence soon changed into heated and involving discussions between nurses and medical assistants, about this or that treatment. Questions about witchcraft and spiritual healing centers came up, as epilepsy is traditionally considered a punishment for one of the family members trespassing. By and by, the training turned into an intercultural discussion of treatment modalities and it became clear how much we all still have to learn...



It is a little more straight forward to teach pediatric surgery!

In the operating room in our missionary hospitals, Britta operates the babies and children always assisted by a team member. This is the place where nurse anesthetist and surgeon discuss the safest anesthesia for the child prior to operation.

This is where we understand that a short power-cut for several minutes might cost a child’s life and that a simple operation like a hernia can turn into a life-threatening scenario. That is why we train our teams and learn with them at the same time.

Not alone with cancer

Shaibu was just 4 years old when he came to us with a suspicious mass in his body.

After diagnostics he was soon operated on. The father was so happy. He told us that he would have never gone to a big hospital for operation, out of

fear for hospital bills he could never pay and afraid to lose his son to anonymous health staff.

He trusts the team of our mobile clinic as they are coming regularly to his village. The GNMC Team will follow up on Shaibu, as long as needed and as much as needed.

During our next visit, we will discuss the histopathologic result of the tumor- and figure out how to tackle the way ahead of us, together!



Current Developments



At the second mobile clinic in St. Peter's Missionary Hospital the first operations have started.

The new team is marvelous. They organized the workshops together and addressed the challenges with health authorities. Now they are moving forward to start the outreach.

Our first mobile clinic in St. Patrick's is thriving, they have are now an integrated part of the hospital, with a psychiatric unit and pediatric surgery section added.

We are working on capacity building for our nurse anesthetists, who are in dire need of training. 117 of them have registered so far for the continuous medical education courses we are currently organizing.



Thank you for being on board with us and Gye Nyame Mobile Clinics!

Ori, Britta and the GNMC Team