



Gye Nyame
CHILDREN'S HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH
IN GHANA



Healthpost visit Sept. 2022:
Our oldest patient (over 100 years)
GNMC supports all in need

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Dear Friends of GNMC,

Weeks after the rainy season's annual peak in July, many roads remain flooded and impassable. This picture was taken on the way to Adowa. Several rural communities depend entirely on the GNMC Mobile Clinic for all healthcare. They would be left alone without our 4x4 pickups, dedicated teams and drivers.

The new GNMC team from the St. Peters Hospital has to drive far into unknown territory to engage with remote communities and set up new health posts.



CHILDREN MALNUTRITION

In 2022, we noticed a severe decline in child attendance at our rural health posts. The villagers informed us that the inflation and energy crisis in Ghana caused extreme difficulties to cater for the most basic needs. The small fee charged by the hospital for every patient of GNMC might prevent children visits. To further assess the situation and increase the children attendance, we organized a day of free kids' screening in several health posts.



A FRIGHTENING DEVELOPMENT!

Once we arrived at the villages, we discovered that our presumption was correct:

- The number of children had increased massively (times 20) at all free screening venues.
- Out of the hundreds of children that joined, less than 5% were healthy.
- The general health condition of the children has become a big concern. Over 60% of those village children were malnourished!

NEW MOBILE CLINIC, NEW CHALLENGE

Establishing a new mobile clinic in a new hospital is a complicated process. One big challenge we face, besides the logistics, is patient attendance; how to convince patients to trust and visit the mobile clinic, especially the most vulnerable of them. After the Covid-19 pandemic, this challenge has become more and more pertinent. Follow us to stay informed about our efforts to reach even the most distant of our patients!





LEFT TO RIGHT: Community leader, Dr. Britta, Mr. Agyei medical assistant, the Local Chief and his brother

Our new healthpost

GYAMETAEHUNU - DON'T HATE ME FOR NO REASON!

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we inspected four additional health posts for St. Peter. One of them is called Gyametaehunu "Don't hate me for no reason", a village over an hour drive away from the missionary hospital. In the village, we met with the chief, his brother, and the Community leader. Curious about the name of the village, we asked for the story behind it:

"Long ago, two brothers living in the village of Femoaso often quarreled about money. To stop the tension, the younger brother gave up at last and left the village to settle in a place nearby. He built a house, settled, and named the new village: **Don't hate me for no reason!**"



CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

- **Cooperation** with Ghana Health Service for continuous follow-up of malnourished children in remote areas.
- **Fundraising** - due to additional donations we hope to ensure the free GNMC access for all children under 14 years in 2023.
- **First peer learning event** - the new team St. Peter will meet the "established" St. Patrick team in November.

THANK YOU ABUNDANTLY FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

Ori, Britta, and the GNMC teams



CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our GNMC-pickup for St. Patrick has enabled us to reach out to thousands of patients. By now it has done its duty and needs to be replaced by the beginning of 2023.

We are incredibly thankful for all donations (15.000\$) dedicated to our new 4x4 pickup.

Please help us to raise the 12,000\$ needed