

# CHRIST HOSPITAL MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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CARING FOR THE SICK, REBUILDING & TRANSFORMING LIVES!

#### **EDITORIAL**

The excitement is building up and all hands and minds if I can say that, are on deck for the celebration. It is shaping up to be a grand event and why not? Everyone is looking forward to it and ideas on how to put together a befitting celebration on the day is flying around in an attempt to showcase the goodness of The Lord in our lives and the several lives that have been touched by this glorious ministry.

Well, if you have not guessed it by now, we are talking about the 25th anniversary celebration of the inception of CHM International taking place on the 13th of September 2025. It is hard to believe that our ministry and please permit us this token of pride, will be 25 years old in September 2025!!!

We have been careful not to despise the day of 'small beginning' of Christ Hospital Ministry on that fateful day, the 2nd of September 2000. And so because of The Lord's faithfulness over the ministry, we can today confidently say that we are witnessing the goodness of The Lord in the land of the living. And if I can be permitted to paraphrase the songwriter, "Great has been His faithfulness, O God our Father and there has been no shadow of turning with Him. He has and will never change and His compassion has failed us not."

As we look back over the years at what The Lord has done through our ministry, we also look forward to what He will accomplish through it in the years to come.

#### WE ARE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES

















U.S.A.

**ZAMBIA** 

SIERRA LEONE

SOUTH AFRICA

#### CHM NIGERIA

The annual conference of CHM Nigeria took place on the 7th of December 2024 in the Regency hall, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos. The theme was 'knowing the truth that sets free' and this year the extraordinarily well attended event, was televised by TVC News. The health seminar was on school-based substance abuse prevention and it attracted many secondary school students who learnt first hand the menace of substance abuse among the youth in Nigeria. The health seminar speaker, Dr Olajumoke Koyejo, a consultant addiction psychiatrist, used the occasion to spell out practical strategies in preventing addiction and adopting healthy living.

The health seminar topic was a follow on from that discussed at the CHM conference last year which was well received by those who attended. Mrs Ibiba Odili, Assistant Commander General of narcotics, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), in her interview by TVC News, spoke about the drug abuse programme targeted at the youth to catch them young and prevent the downward spiral in mental and physical health that drug abuse can cause. She specifically mentioned the sensitisation of students and drug abuse awareness education provided in secondary schools to prevent this menace of our time.

Other speakers at the event included, Revd Samuel Ajibola, president of CHM International and Deaconess Joyce Akinola, Vice President CHM Africa. The conference chairman was Pastor Ituah Ighodalo, senior pastor, Trinity House and patron of CHM Nigeria. Other special guests at the conference included Mrs Susan Oyemade, founder, Turn Back Time Nigeria Ltd, Dr (Mrs) Stella Okoli, CEO/GMD, Emzor Pharmaceuticals, Mrs Adebimpe Giwa and Lagos state commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

In an interview with TVC News, Nigeria, the chairperson of CHM Nigeria, Mrs Bolanle Akiwunmi also lent her voice to the growing number of those advocating proper and timely intervention to tackle drug abuse among the youth. And kudos to CHM Nigeria for joining hands with the drug law enforcement agency to tackle the scourge of illicit drug abuse and misuse in Nigeria.

As in previous years, the conference free medical checkup was held in partnership with Dunia Hospital, Oko Oba, Agege, Lagos led by its medical director Dr. Lekan Dawodu, who ensured that tests and medical consultations were made available at the conference centre.

Dr (Mrs) Stella Okoli, CEO/GMD, Emzor Pharmaceuticals presented all the students with a customised water bottle with the Emzor logo emblazoned on it, while CHM Nigeria gifted each school with a pack of books (ten in each) titled "Let the bud open" authored by Deaconess Joyce Akinola, Vice President, CHM Africa.

## ERSARY Schools in attendance at the conference included

- King's College, Lagos
- Queen's College, Yaba, Lagos
- Federal Science and Technical College, Yaba, Lagos
- CMS Grammar School, Bariga, Lagos
- Baptist Academy, Obanikoro, Lagos
- Re Events School, Iba, Lagos
- Canic Schools, Iba, Lagos
- Bright Rainbow International School, Papa Ajao, Mushin, Lagos

All the Schools were led by their teachers and counsellors.

#### **CHM NIGERIA PHOTO GALLERY**





Revd Sam Ajibola, President CHM Int'l delivering his keynote address



Deaconess Joyce Akinola, VP CHM Africa delivering her speech



Students of Re Events School, Iba, Lagos receiving gifts donated by Dr (Mrs) Stella Okoli, CEO of Emzor Pharmaceuticals.



Deaconess Joyce Akinola and Ps Shola Adebayo flanking Vaniel Akon who testified of how he overcame drug abuse after six years



**Students of CMS Grammar School Bariga, Lagos** 



Students of Bright Rainbow International School, Papa Ajao, Lagos



Mrs Ibiba Odili, Assistant Commander NDLEA with the students of FST College, Yaba, Lagos



Students of Queen's College, Yaba, Lagos



Students of Cinac School, Iba, Lagos flanking Mrs Bolanle Akinwunmi, Chairperson, CHM Nigeria (middle)



Revd Sam Ajibola with officers of FRSC Nigeria (in uniform) behind him



Pastor Itua Ighodalo (centre), Revd Sam Ajibola (4th left) and students of King's College, Lagos



Mrs Bolanle Akiwunmi, Chairperson CHM Nigeria (centre), Pastor Sola Adebayo (right) with students of Baptist Academy, Lagos



Mrs Bolanle Akiwunmi (centre), Mr Dele Lanisa, General Secretary, CHM Nigeria (right) with students of Queen's College, Yaba



Federal Science & Technology College students with the chairperson of CHM Nigeria in the cream and turquoise gown

#### CHM ZAMBIA 📑



Our colleagues in Zambia in their characteristic style of taking care and compassion right into the heart of their communities are making a difference in the lives of people. They call it, 'ministry beyond the pulpit' and draw inspiration and encouragement for their work from James 2:14-16, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you tells him, "Go in peace; stay warm and well fed," but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that?"

In collaboration with To The Nations (TTN), they recently donated a pair of crutches to a 48 year old man with physical disability to facilitate his mobility. The man who is an elder in a local church in Ndola, Zambia had been struggling to carry out his ministry but the provision of the crutches has helped him greatly in moving around. On a separate occasion, our volunteers donated some wheelchairs to the Ndola District Health Team. They also supported a community clinic in Mapalo (Chipulukusu), Ndola by providing hospital beds. This donation helped in improving the care provided by the centre to the community.

CHM Zambia would like to recognise its continued partnership with To The Nations (TTN) and Operation lift which has been of great boost to their outreach programme and helped them to make meaningful contributions to the quality of healthcare available in their localities.

Our volunteers in Zambia would also like to seize this opportunity to thank all their friends, volunteers and ministry partners without whose support, the works they do would be near impossible. They pray the Lord remembers them all for their love towards the needy in their society.

Let's continue to shine our light as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Hebrews 13:3, "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also"



Pastor Chilekwa Mulenga, Chairman CHM Zambia visiting a hospital to minister



Hospital equipments courtesy of CHM Zambia and TTN being offloaded



Hospital bed donated by CHM Zambia



Hospital Bed Ready to be delivered



Revd Mulenga helping a recipient load his tricycle with his crutches



The man trying out the crutches donated to him



Crutches of various sizes donated by CHM Zambia



**Revd Mulenga delivering a message** 

#### CHM USA

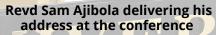
Our 'Yankee' colleagues held their community mental and physical wellness seminar on the 23rd of November 2024 in Lakeland, Florida. The health seminar was delivered by Dr. Abdul-Rasheed Ajayi. His keynote address focused on the title, 'Community is the cure' in which he encouraged people to maintain a connection with one another. He mentioned the modern day social issues in the USA that lack of social communication and connection can cause and how rebuilding communal connections can help to mitigate those issues and foster a strong community.

This talk is the continuation of the efforts of CHM USA to connect that chapter to those in need within their community. Another health speaker, Dr Eniola Ayoola, spoke about allergic conditions with a special mention of the recognition and management of asthma.

Revd Sam Ajibola, our tireless president was in attendance to lend his support and encourage the volunteers in their effort to reach out to their communities. Other dignitaries at the conference included Mrs Modupe Ajayi, national coordinator CHM USA and Bishop Wright, patron CHM USA and his lovely wife.









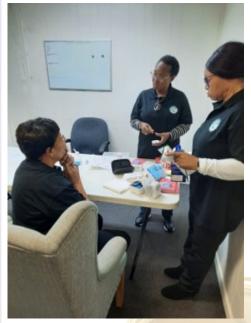
Address by Pastor Olabisi, chairman CHM USA



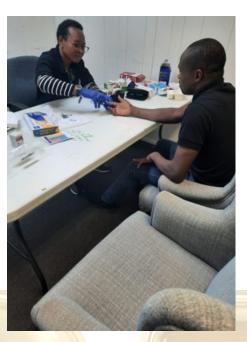
Mrs Dupe Ajayi, National Coordinator CHM USA speaking at the conference



Dr Ajayi delivering his keynote address on community is the cure



Mrs Dupe Ajayi (right) with the nurse and a delegate (sitting)



A guest having a blood test



Another guest having a medical test



Dr Eniola Ayoola delivering her talk on allergies with a special focus on asthma



Bishop Wright and his wife



A group photo of volunteers and guests at the conference

## **Volunteer Spotlight**



### Esther Umude Social Media & Publicity Secretary, CHM UK

Esther Umude joined CHM as a volunteer circa 2018 after being invited by another volunteer.

In the secular space, she works in a medium secure hospital as a forensic social worker, a role in which she takes pride in, being able to use a God-given ability to support people living with mental health challenges. She is currently a care-coordinator/social supervisor in a forensic outreach team.

Esther is married to Irikefe Umude and they are blessed with two lovely young adults.

To unwind Esther does enjoy reading and writing (being a published poet). However, work and life's demands have impacted the opportunity to do this more often. Despite this, she is able to experience some of these pleasures when combined with her other favourite activity of travelling.

I have recently joined a book club and striving to keep up with reading books and critiquing it within the four week time limit allowed. In any case, I hope to pick up my writing buzz again.

Being a member of CHM, I have learnt that a lot goes on behind the scene which others that are not directly involved may not be aware of. However, it is quite rewarding to see the combined efforts of the team that has lasted almost a quarter of a century in supporting those that are physically, mentally and socially vulnerable. I am excited and expectant of what God is going to do in the next 25 years with the new and youthful team that has recently come on board. I have recently been appointed as the social media and publicity secretary of CHM UK and it is a role I have settled into and enjoying immensely.

#### **TESTIMONIES**

At CHM UK intercessory department, we have seen the work of God day by day in healing and deliverance either physically, emotionally or spiritually. We stand on the platform that believes in the divine power of God to heal as mentioned in *Luke 5:17b, ...... "And the power of the Lord was present to heal them."* With this in mind and with faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we have witnessed many healings which are testament to the power of God through intercession. Some of these are recorded here as testament to the power of God to heal.

#### Stroke healed

A lady diagnosed with a stroke and receiving treatment in the hospital has made a remarkable recovery, thanks to the prayers of our Intercessors who supported her while in hospital. She is now walking around by herself and has also recovered and her speech has been restored. Hallelujah to The King of kings!

#### **Recovery from prostate surgery**

We give God the glory for the successful outcome of prostatic surgery to treat enlarged prostate in two men. Both were supported by prayers and are back home now, enjoying an uncomplicated postoperative recovery. Praise be to God.

#### Stage 4 cancer of the thyroid gland recovery

A lady with the late stages of thyroid cancer was fervently prayed for while receiving medical treatment. We thank God that she miraculously survived and the disease is now stable with no further spread. She requires continual prayers but we give glory to Almighty God for His goodness thus far.

There are many more healings that have taken place following the intervention of our intercessors. We give God the glory, honour and adoration for His goodness and faithfulness in the lives of people. Please continue to pray as mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Prayer is the backbone of all we achieve in CHM so be encouraged to continue in that.

#### Successful hysterectomy

A lady in Canada had a hysterectomy (removal of the womb) due to troublesome fibroids. This kind of surgery can be very bloody and fraught with undesirable complications like damage to neighbouring structures like the ureters (the ureters are the tube convey urine from kidneys to the bladder, that conveys urine from the kidneys to the bladder). But thanks be to God, she had a successful operation without any complication. She later sent her appreciation to CHM for the prayerful support she received before, during and after the operation.



## SAVE THE DATE!



## 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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DATE

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