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# **EDITORIAL**

Another year rolls by and our army of volunteers march on. It has been one of mixed blessings with the loss of Zambia and the treasurer in successful refurbishment of the chapel in Ndola Teaching Hospital in Zambia which is now regularly used for worship by those seeking spiritual sanctuary when visiting the hospital. On another positive note, we are buoyed by the participation of the youth at our annual conference in the USA last August. What a refreshing time it was to witness their youthful exuberance at the conference. With the year almost at an end, we can only look back and recite the words of Psalm 107:8 that says, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!" On that note, we wish our donors, readers and volunteers everywhere a very merry Christmas and all of God's blessings for the approaching year.

- Editorial Board (CHM International)



CHM USA

Any organisation that hopes to continue to be of relevance in the future will take seriously the issue of succession. We in CHM are acutely aware of this and so it comes as no surprise to us that our colleagues in USA are already taking a lead in this. At the last annual conference held in sunny Lakeland Florida, there was a large turnout of the youth. This we're sure you'll agree is rather refreshing and more importantly encouraging for us, in view of our drive to pass the baton of mercy and compassion which is our overriding ethos down the line to the next generation. As you may appreciate from the photos below, they all appear to be enjoying being part of this great organisation. To this we give thanks to God Almighty for fulfilling His promises in Joel 2:28-29, ""And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."



A cross section of the youth at CHM USA conference



More youth with the President of CHM International



CHM Zambia

CHM Zambia recently partnered and supported the Copperbelt Zambia
Police health and sports event in Ndola. The event was aimed at promoting
health through sport and Christ Hospital Ministry (CHM) was privileged to have
provided free vital check-ups including blood sugar and body weights and
other important tests. In addition, CHM was at hand to offer spiritual counsel
and prayers. See photos from the day below:



A Police Officer having his blood pressure measured



CHM volunteers at the Sports Day



Copper belt Police Sports Day



CHM volunteers

It would be presumptive to think we in CHM only offer our services when prayers are needed for the sick but that would be wrong because our charitable works do extend beyond this as exemplified by the next story.

CHM Zambia kindly supported a helpless elderly lady from Luapula province who needed financial support following the death of her 18 year old grandson in Ndola.

The necessary funds needed by the lady to buy food and purchase a coffin for her late grandson's burial was provided by CHM with the hospital management in Ndola also assisting by providing transport to convey the body of the deceased man to his village for interment. In addition, CHM donated many useful items to some local hospitals and these included wheelchairs, reading glasses, surgical materials, clothes, bed linen and toys. They also donated pharmaceutical consumables, bibles and devotional books. We in CHM not only preach but demonstrate love as clearly shown by the stories above. These accounts are just some of the ways in which CHM is making an impact in the lives of people in Zambia.



CHM Nigeria

Our colleagues in Nigeria went one better by partnering with Dunia Hospital in the Agege area of Lagos State to provide free medical care. Yes, free medical care! Mercy and compassion in action. This rather unique opportunity for free medical care ran from the 28th of September 2019 till the 31st of October 2019. Included in this package were surgical procedures like hernia repair, removal of skin lesions like lipoma, ganglion and removal of appendix. Others include medical checks like blood pressure measurement and measurements of weight, height and body mass index (BMI). The service was well received by the locals many of whom have no access to affordable good medical service. CHM Nigeria on their part in making this service available was praised by many who were privileged enough to benefit from it and also by others including those in the Muslim community who recognised the immense value of the service provided.



Free Medical Care Poster



Dr Dawodu, Medical Director of Dunia Hospital, Lagos

Laudable services like this are very few and far between in Nigeria and that is why this was such a unique opportunity for the masses to access good and free healthcare. The care was coordinated by Pastor Shola Adebayo, the irrepressible National Prayer Coordinator of CHM Nigeria whose visionary idea created this opportunity. Our sincere gratitude goes to the management of Dunia Hospital under the able leadership of its charismatic, kind-hearted and inspirational medical director Dr Olalekan Dawodu who generously provided the medical facilities for the free medical care. We however, reserve our utmost gratitude to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom all praise and honour be and we hasten to add that this was His doing and it is marvellous in our eyes (Psalm 118:23 paraphrased)



CHM volunteers registering prospective patients



Pastor Akinjiyan Vice Chairman CHM Nigeria shaking hands with Dr Dawodu



CHM volunteers at Dunia Hospital



Local Muslim leaders congratulating CHM



Pastor Adebayo with a recipient of the free healthcare



Pastor Adebayo, Prayer Coordinator, CHM Nigeria



Dr Dawodu (centre), Ps Akinjiyan (2nd R), Ps Adebayo (2nd L) with Muslim leaders & other volunteers



More recipients of the free medical care with CHM Nigeria volunteers



CHM UK

The 19th annual international conference of CHM UK was held on the 28thvof September 2019 at Spurgeon's College Chapel, West Norwood, London. The theme of the day was, 'God has a plan for you.' Among the highlights of the day was the very eloquently delivered and well received talk on healthy eating by Helen Fawehinmi, an experienced food safety consultant. She also gave a similar talk at the conference back in September 2018. The health seminar this year was on Asthma and it was delivered by Dr Olugbenga Sofowora, a general medical practitioner in Chatham, Kent.In his address during the conference, Revd Sam Ajibola, President CHM International extolled the virtues of the volunteers and encouraged them to continue their work with Godly fear and dedication. He thanked the donors of CHM for their generosity and encouraged them to continue supporting the work of CHM both in the UK and internationally. Present among the guests at the well attended conference were Mrs Joyce Akinola, Vice President CHM Africa and Chairperson of CHM Nigeria who also gave an address, Mrs Dupe Ajayi, National Coordinator CHM USA, Apostle Emmanuel Mbakwe, former leader, Apostolic Church UK, Mrs Helen Mbakwe, Pastor (Dr) Joshua Boateng, Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy, University of Greenwich, Medway Campus and other pastors and church leaders from local churches in London. The conference concluded with a time of corporate and personal ministrations.



Helen Fawehinmi, Food Safety Consultant delivering her lecture



Mrs Joyce Akinola, Chairperson CHM Nigeria delivering her address



L-R Apostle Mbakwe, Ps Boateng, Dr Sofowora, Mrs Ajayi, Deaconess Akinola & Revd Ajibola



Delegates at the CHM Int'l Conference



Dr Sofowora delivering his lecture on Asthma



Revd Ajibola President CHM Int'l delivering his address



Apostle Mbakwe ministering to the youth



CHM Ghana

Our colleagues in Ghana held their 15th year anniversary celebration and annual conference on Saturday the 26th of October 2019 in the Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT) conference hall, Accra. It was a glorious occasion attended by many dignitaries from within and outside Ghana. This year CHM had the special privilege of having the Vice Dean of the University of Ghana School of Medicine and Dentistry, Dr Francis Kwamin deliver a public health lecture on heart attack and stroke. It was a very informative lecture on these conditions which are important causes of morbidity and mortality in the developed and developing countries. The lecture ended with a question and answer session moderated by Dr Kwamin and Dr Afua Abrahams, Consultant and Head of Department of Pathology at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra. Notable among the dignitaries at this year's conference were Revd Sam Ajibola, President CHM International and Apostle Abraham Sackey, Senior Pastor and Leader, All Nations Centre, Vauxhall, London who is a long term supporter of CHM UK.



Dr Djaba, Chairman CHM Ghana (centre) & guests at the conference



Apostle Sackey (3rd R) and his family with Revd Ajibola (3rd L) & Dr Djaba



CHM Nigeria delegates



Revd Ajibola & Dr Djaba praying



A CHM Nigeria delegate praying for a patient



# VOLUNTEER Spotlight (Nigeria)

My name is Shola Adebayo, a minister of the gospel with a passion for mission, having a divine focus for Hospital ministry, reaching out to those whoare physically ill and emotionally and spiritually disturbed. I currently minister A CHM Nigeria delegate praying for a patient Pastor Shola Adebayo in Evergreen Christian Church of God, Lagos, Nigeria and I serve as a volunteer and National Prayer Coordinator for Christ Hospital Ministry, Nigeria a position I have been privileged to occupy since 2015.

Pastor Shola Adebayo

As my title states, I coordinate all prayer activities for CHM Nigeria and this include the monthly, quarterly and six monthly prayer conferences. I also coordinate prayer seminars, outreach programmes as well as home and hospital visits and any other prayer and fasting activities among the our volunteers. As part of my role, I coordinate the activities of our prayer squad otherwise referred to as the prayer warriors and assist in the organisation of the annual conference of CHM Nigeria. In my secular role, I serve as an associate partner of Life Changing Group and Health First Organisation, a wellness consulting outfit that specialises in holistic health management and promotion of healthy living at a personal and corporate level. We also organise health-related seminars in partnership with qualified medical practitioners. Because of my Christian faith, I use the opportunity afforded me by this platform to emphasise key spiritual truths about faith and how it can be applied to healing. I am a recipient of several awards of various voluntary work I offer. These include the following:

- Christ Hospital Ministry (CHM) award for the recognition of outstanding selfless service and contribution to the growth of CHM in Nigeria.
- Life changing Group and Health First organisation award of excellence for outstanding performance and unwavering dedication.
- Director/Principal special award in recognition of exemplary voluntary contribution to the Federal Science and Technical College, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria.

I am happily married with three children and I seize this opportunity to thank the following persons who provide spiritual support for me - Revd Sam Ajibola, President CHM International, Pastor Bayo Akinjiyan, Vice chairman CHM Nigeria who also introduced me to this ministry and my spiritual parents, Overseer Akinola and Mrs Joyce Akinola, Chairperson CHM Nigeria. May The Lord bless them all abundantly.



## 7th December 2019

Nigeria conference

# September 2020 (TBA)

CHM International 20th Anniversary Celebration September 2020