

CHM in Action

CHRIST HOSPITAL MINISTRY (CHM) INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER October 2015

Editorial: Christ Hospital Ministry has had a successful year internationally, thanks be to Almighty God for His grace and blessing upon the ministry. Our work is moving ahead in leaps and bounds in the five countries where we are represented especially Ghana, where it is now well established in three cities: Accra, Kumasi & Keta with plans to move to other areas of the country. As this is our last publication this year, we feel this may be the right time to take stock of the work of the ministry internationally so far this year.

CHM GHANA

Christ Hospital Ministry, Ghana reports that 2,250 people were ministered to in the 2014/2015 season. In the same season, 112 home visits and 2,138 hospital visits were undertaken while 700 bibles were distributed in the hospitals. The work of the ministry in Ghana continues to progress, thanks to our ever dedicated team of volunteers and of course the blessing of God over their efforts.



Prayer for new volunteers at the CHM Ghana Conference in August 2015

CHM USA

CHM USA organised training in hospital chaplaincy for 12 of our volunteers in Florida this year. Their approach to the ministry is refreshingly different in that they encourage the volunteers to train as hospital chaplains, which helps to facilitate our work in hospitals. CHM USA enjoys the privilege of the voluntary assistance of Bishop Bruce Wright of Life Spring Community Church, Tampa, Florida. He is a former head bishop for Florida University chaplaincy and an executive member of The American Board of Certified Master Chaplains.

In the USA, 85 people were ministered to in the 2014/2015 season and 60 home visits were undertaken. Regular monthly prayer meetings are organised and often well attended by our volunteers. We give thanks to God that the much awaited Government recognition (certificate 501) which is required for the work of the charity to be recognised has now been granted.



Bishop Bruce Wright, Senior Bishop of Life Spring Community Church, Tampa, Florida; Former head bishop for Florida University chaplaincy; Executive Member of The American Board of Certified Master Chaplains and Patron, CHM USA.

CHM INDIA

The work of Christ Hospital Ministry in India has seen tremendous progress this year, despite the constraints faced by our volunteers in terms of the sheer number of cases they have had to deal with. In total, 3,848 people have been ministered to so far this year, of which 2,400 were among those who attended the medical camps held in the course of the year and 720 home visits that were undertaken by our volunteers during the year.

The work in India is unique in that rehabilitation forms a large part of our charity work. To this end, CHM India distributed 204 eyeglasses (for reading and sight) to those with visual impairment and provided 84 tricycles to patients with mobility problems. In addition to this, 240 hearing aids were issued to those with hearing impairment. Most importantly, about 2,650 people gave their lives to Christ through CHM's programmes this year. We salute our volunteers in India for their tireless efforts and their sterling work in reaching out to those with needs in their communities in spite of the economic difficulties they encounter.

Someone once said: "God's work done God's way will never lack God's resources." How true this statement is because God opened a door of opportunity for His work in the Nellore district of India in the person of Dr. Meesala Manjulamma. She is the district programme manager charged with the responsibility for providing care for the blind. Dr. Manjulamma and her team have been instrumental in providing medical support for CHM medical camps over the years during our annual conferences and she has also regularly attended the conferences. She is always a tremendous help to patients, facilitating their referrals for further care when required.



Dr. Meesala Manjulamma, Programme Manager of District Blind Control Society and a volunteer of CHM.



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The 15th Annual International Conference of Christ Hospital Ministry was held on 12th September 2015 at Spurgeon's College in South Norwood, London. It was one of the best attended conferences in recent years. The attendees were treated to a delightful entertainment by the children, with a solo saxophone performance by one of them. There was also a superbly delivered health seminar on cancer of the womb by Mr. Aderemi Ogunremi, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at Princess Royal University Hospital, Farnborough, Kent.

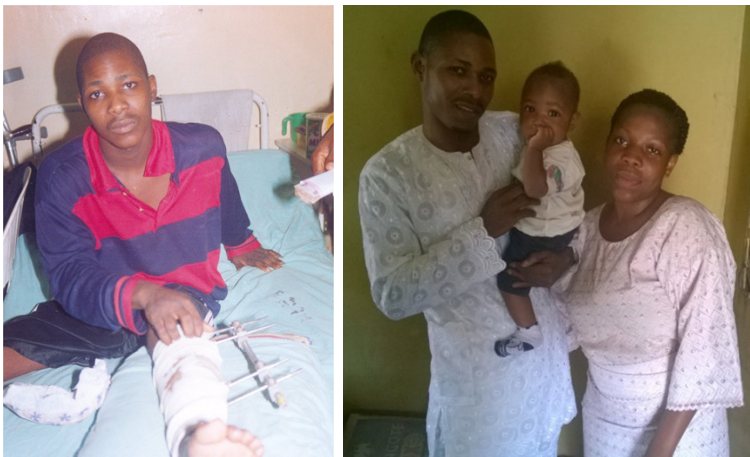
This year registered a phenomenal increase in the number of volunteers working with CHM UK with the number now totalling 53.



A prayer session for children at the Conference

CHM NIGERIA

Christ Hospital Ministry in Nigeria operates from Lagos, but touches lives in different parts of the nation. 600 people were ministered to in the 2014/2015 season and 260 home visits were undertaken. In our January issue, we reported the case of a young Nigerian man who was abandoned in the hospital following admission for a fracture sustained in a road traffic accident. CHM Nigeria contributed immensely both financially and spiritually to his care and eventual recovery and rehabilitation. With gratitude to Almighty God for His mercy and grace, we are happy to report that the man has now made full recovery and is happily married with a son. He is also now a committed Christian.



Once abandoned in hospital, now rehabilitated, leading a normal life with new family

Update on Our Previous Prayer Requests

In our July newsletter, we requested prayer for an elderly woman with severe mental health issues. With gratitude to God for His answer to prayers, we can now report that she has improved and regained substantial normality back in her life. In addition, a lady with cancer whom we have been praying for has now completed her medical treatment, which included surgery and chemotherapy. She is so far, stable and well but we must continue to pray that her recovery is permanent and that the cancer does not relapse. Lastly, we have report of improvement in the condition of some children in care homes and rehabilitation centres, for whom we have been praying.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has done as reported.
2. Prayer for our young people that God will give them a total breakthrough over their life's desires and that God's purposes for their lives will come to pass.
3. Continued prayer for God to complete the work of healing that He has begun in the lives of children in care homes and rehabilitation centres.
4. Prayer of healing for a lady with cancer in the UK, a lady with severe diabetes in the UK, a man with cancer in America and also a man with stroke with secondary complication of brain damage.

We know that the Lord does hear us. Halleluyah!

Inspirational Message

The Bible says: "The fear of The Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

"Wisdom is finding ten thousand ways to thank the Lord"
-Bisi Illegogie

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