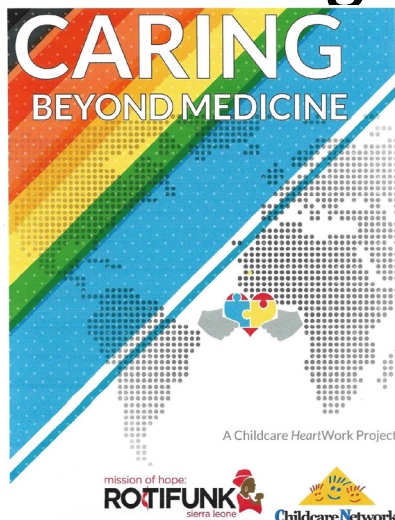


Childcare Network is 'Caring Beyond Medicine'

"Caring Beyond Medicine" is the name of Childcare Network's new program in support of Mission of Hope (MOH). The MOH board decided to expand its mission into community health through a partnership with Childcare Network. This partnership is designed to support the missions of both organizations and was brought to the board by member Pam Moffett.

Under the agreement, MOH will receive donations to support the hospital and an opportunity to provide health care education to primary school children in the Rotifunk community. The hospital will not only benefit from the donations but from increased knowledge in the community about health care and hospital services. In addition, primary schools will benefit from the school supplies from Childcare Network vendors such as Discount School Supply



who has already agreed to be involved.

Childcare Network is committed to teaching their children about their place in the world and other cultures. MOH will work with them to provide programming for the children and direct contact with Sierra Leonian children bridging the

miles through the ability to form personal relationships. Childcare Network's goal is: "Getting our children to be citizens of the world."

Personally, I wish every child in the US would have the opportunity to benefit from this kind of program. Global citizenship sees beyond the world's political borders and ideally starts at an early age. By encouraging our children to share their opinions and explore their own values, while respecting the values and opinions of others, we are creating a foundation for a contributing global citizen that lasts a lifetime. We are also helping to secure our planet for future generations by preparing our current one to take on the challenges that will undoubtedly lie ahead. For more information go to: www.rotifunk.org. --Dale

Totes For Hope a big hit!

Mission of Hope has already sold 117 hand crafted totes from Rotifunk for \$1300 in less than three months.

These beautiful bags were very popular with parents at Wrightsville United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School and at the UMC North Carolina Annual Conference and continue to be a hot commodity.



While in Rotifunk last November the mission team was cared for by a very giving and enterprising local woman by the name of Mensor. Mensor prepared and served the meals, cleaned the house, and washed the clothes.

At the same time she takes care of her family, she is active in the church, and manages several small businesses. One of which is making beautiful totes of several shapes and sizes. Donna Hudson, Board Treasurer and mission team member bought several for her friends. When the totes arrived in the US and were displayed at the March board meeting everyone wanted more. Light bulbs went on and it was decided to purchase the totes in volume and sell them in the US as a way to raise funds for the hospital.



Of course, like everything to do with Sierra Leone the big challenge was how to get the money to Mensor to buy materials and how to get the totes to North Carolina. As always the Lord had the answers and we are in business. Donna has taken on the role of managing the business and would love to receive your order. Contacting her at cfhudjr@yahoo.com.

Thank you to Pam Moffett, Dick Morrison, Chuck Smith, Donna Hudson, Mensor and Christina Turner for their roles in supporting God's plan.

Light has come to Rotifunk Hospital!

The following is an email we received from Dr. Martin Thormodsen on June 2 which expresses our excitement about the installation of the new solar power system.

Dear Friends in Christ:

When Dr. Lowell Gess operated blind patients and gave them a new sight and light he always spoke of giving light in two ways; literally and the light and insight given by The Holy Spirit.

Solar light has come to Rotifunk after 12 years of planning. I spoke with CHO Lumeh at Hatfield Archer Memorial Hospital yesterday. He gave us good news. The system is up and going.

Hatfield Archer Memorial Hospital is glittering like a diamond in the night. God has given man the knowledge and skill to make the sunlight shine in the darkness. Quiet and free as the sun itself.

Congratulations! With the help of Jesus Christ we have defeated the dark. Let us thank the Lord, he who conquered darkness by dying on the cross, winning the battle and offering us forgiveness and eternal life.

Now it is time to start performing surgery at our beautiful theatre, one of the best in Sierra Leone. Start the Health Personnel Bridge between North Carolina, Haugesund and Rotifunk - the three armed bridge. Come all you inspired surgeons. 200 hernias are waiting for you. Wake up your hearts and sharpen your knives!

Stay blessed - praise the Lord!



Norway team at Rotifunk photo courtesy of Dr. Martin Thormodsen

Mission teams headed for Sierra Leone

Two mission teams will soon be departing for Sierra Leone and Rotifunk.

The first team, which departs on August 28, includes Sam Spicer, Pam Moffett, Amy Sessions and Eric Peterson. Goals for this team are:



A 2016 Mission Team

1. Assess adequacy of newborn care, pregnancy complication rates and root cause of low maternity volumes. Is there need of a nutrition program? What happened to the Norwegian fish nutrition program? Ensure purchase of new delivery bed prior to our arrival. Explore CPAP (newborn breathing machine) feasibility and if obtained include training for Rotifunk staff.
2. Talk to Rotifunk pharmacy staff and discuss their concerns. Are there drugs we need to take with us? MAP International, Rise Against Hunger (Paul Renaud) and Kings Pharmacy usually need four weeks prep time. Prior to leaving, research medication sources and costs, including the Sierra Leone government and GBGM (the UMC General Board of Global Ministries) programs. At Rotifunk, review site capacity for organization, security, environmental conditions, and patient education efforts.
3. Coach Mr. Lumeh in leadership. Establish secure and frequent communication with him and Catherine Norman about his new role and need for a CHO replacement. Meet with Paramount Chief about low volumes and solutions. Obtain any previous community assessments and begin community sampling.

The second team made up of Dick Morrison, Bill Haddock, Dale Smith, Lorraine Garrison, Wanda Morrison and Donna Hudson departs on September 16. Its goals are:

1. Hold a sustainability meeting with the Sierra Leone Annual Conference (SLAC) members.
2. Meet with Paramount Chief Caulker to discuss grant/sustainability projects.
3. Meet with the Executive Committee of the SLAC Health Board.
4. Meet with Rosaline Kaimbay and the primary schools to learn the needs of the schools and develop a process for sending supplies and for student-to-student communications.

If you want to join a future team fill out the application on our website, **www.rotifunk.org**.

Sustainability by an increase in hospital admissions

MOH is continually looking ahead to the future. In order to sustain and grow Rotifunk Hospital, there needs to be an increase in patient admissions, especially inpatient admissions. For the first quarter of 2017, there were 2,769 outpatients and only 22 inpatient admissions. More statistics follow below but suffice it to say that these numbers are too low to support a doctor and Operating Room.

Why ARE admissions so low when the hospital serves a basin with over 145,000 citizens? There seem to be several reasons. First, the hospital is difficult to get to and people aren't sure what services to expect given the country's difficult history (the war from 1991 to 2001 and the Ebola Epidemic). Second, people in this community are very poor and are not used to paying for services. Third, the EBOLA epidemic made people afraid of hospitals. Some believe you go there to die. Last, the hospital is not considered a hospital since they haven't been able to do

surgery. Thankfully, that now is changing.

What are we doing to increase patient admissions? Most important the hospital management and staff are working with the Paramount Chief and other local leaders to increase knowledge throughout the community of the hospital's services and to build confidence. We will also be branching out more into community health with help of the Childcare Network.

The hospital health board and leadership continue to work toward starting surgery in the OR. Other hospital representatives tell us this is a sure way to increase patients. A nurse anesthetist and OR nurse have been hired, and all necessary equipment purchased.



Mothers and children wait for services at Rotifunk Hospital.

And now, back to first quarter statistics. Over 600 of outpatient services were for malaria testing and treatment and 168 were prenatal and postnatal mother care. There were 19 births at the hospital in this three-month period. The good news is that there were no deaths to mothers or babies. The bad news, all 19 babies weighed less than five pounds.

We expect to see increased numbers when 2nd quarter statistics are released.

Board adopts Vision, Values and Goals

Following a five-hour meeting lead by Pat Litzinger, two drafts, and two subsequent meetings the board adopted a vision statement, basic values, and three-year goals. The vision and values communicate to all stakeholders what Mission of Hope believes and is committed to doing. Strategies will be developed to achieve each of the goals.

Our Vision

To share God's love with the people of Sierra Leone by facilitating a self-sustainable, high quality and fully functioning health care facility and community health care program that serves Rotifunk Township and the surrounding area.

Our Values

Integrity-Cultivating trusted relations by doing what we say we will do

Transparency-Openly sharing all information such as minutes, financial reports and operations report to all stakeholders

Honesty-Giving full, complete, factual information

Respect-Treating all people and all organizations with whom we work with respect

Mutuality-Developing positive collaborative working relationships with all stakeholders. The ownership of the vision and project rests with the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, not with Mission of Hope

Sustainability-Continually striving to identify and implement measures which will enable Rotifunk Hospital and associated programs to become self-sustaining

Our Organizational Goals

- Develop, evaluate and update a strategic plan
- Maintain an annual Memorandum of Understanding
- Adopt and adhere to all necessary and legal policies
- Develop effective tools for communicating with each stakeholder group
- Recruit, train and maintain an effective board
- Develop and implement creative Christian fundraising techniques which result in reaching the annual fundraising goal
- Continually strive toward making the Rotifunk Hospital self-sustainable
- Help to develop good relations, communication and in some cases partnerships with the community of organizations that have an interest in providing aid and assistance to Sierra Leone (i.e. hosting 2017 'Partners Meeting')
- Develop and maintain a partnership with Childcare Network consistent with MOH values

Our Mission Goals

MOH support SLAC, The Rotifunk Health Board and the Rotifunk Hospital staff with the following:

- Substantially reducing mother, newborn and childhood mortality rates
- Maintaining a sustainable source of clean water and power for the hospital
- Acquiring needed medical equipment
- Equipping the hospital to provide the needed medical services
- Hiring, training and maintaining the required hospital staff
- Designing and implementing programs/efforts to gain the support of the community for the hospital.
- Developing the implementing a community health and education program.
- Developing relationships through the Paramount Chief with primary schools to support their needs and promote healthy living.



Financial Status:

A good start for 2017, but more needed!

The first half of 2017 Mission of Hope has received \$56,203 in donations, plus there was a rollover from 2016 of \$13,200. Marketing and administrative costs were \$11,113. This is just under 20% of donations. This number is much better than last year, but still higher than we would like. The largest expenses were for an Audit, \$3375, liability insurance, \$744, and new brochures, \$2730. This cost will not be repeated in the second half of the year the administrative and marketing costs will be much closer to 12%.



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or visit or donate online at
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Support for Rotifunk Hospital



A CPAP machine in use.

MOH is sending \$5,000 per month, which pays for all staff except the doctor. This includes a newly hired nurse anesthetologist, and an OR nurse. In addition the following equipment has been purchased – an ultrasound, cautery, two maternity beds, and a CPAP (to help newborns to breath).

Our commitment to the Sierra Leone Conference for 2017 is \$100,000 for staff and operations support. **Please donate** what you can so the hospital can continue to save the lives of these wonderful people. If you have any questions please contact Dale Smith or Donna Hudson.