

THE YEAR 2011

The First Medical Mission 4th- 11th March

Location 1, Surulere-Lagos State.

The Mission started in Lagos, and took place at the following venues in Surelere, Lagos State, Nigeria: Akerele Primary Health Care Center, Robinson Hospital (Surgical and Clinical consultations) and Libra Specialist Hospital (surgical cases) in Collaboration with Team Lagos, Surelere Local Government Council. At the end of the mission, we attended to 442 patients, providing clinical consultations with assistance from our local physicians. Thirty – eight (38) surgeries were performed; record breaking hernia case we have seen in recent years and an emergency complicated pregnancy that was bleeding profusely. The mission was well attended by political leaders from the State, Senators and members of the House of Representatives and State House of Assembly members; Surelere is also the home town of the Lagos State Governor. Mr. Babatunde Fashola

The Second Medical Mission 7th-27th May

Location 2,Ogbomosho-Oyo State.

The mission train moved to another State, Ogbomosho in Oyo State for one week of clinical and surgeries at Shalom Hospital and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Primary Health Centre, where 79 clinical cases and 20 surgeries were performed (without electricity but with the flash light on a Nokia phone at the MDGs Centre), including one lymphoma We also saw a sharp increase of goiters at Ogbomosho and reported to ministry of health officials. We concluded in Libra Hospital Surelere, Lagos. At the end of this mission, our team had seen and clinically consulted with no fewer than 200 indigenes while a total of 78 patients received free surgeries during the entire mission.

The Third Medical Mission, 9th – 27th, Sept.

Location 1,Omoku-Egbema-Rivers State

With a compelling letter of invitation from the First Lady of Bayelsa State, Her Excellency; Mrs. Alanyingi Timipre-Sylva to PROFOH as partners with the Bayelsa State. The team flew directly to Port Harcourt and spent two days in Egbema, Rivers State for a medical mission to support telecommunication giant (MTN) co-sponsors a yam festival in that State PROFOH team saw over 200 people, at the Rivers State medical facilities courtesy of the Rivers State Government.(See details at News and Publications page)

Location 2, Port Harcourt-Rivers State

Upon return to Port Harcourt, the PROFOH team saw, diagnosed, and performed surgery on 20 people at the New Mile Hospital with some of the serious cases of tumors whilst over 68 were clinical cases.

Location 3, Kaduna-Kaduna State.

The team moved to Kaduna, and stationed at the St Gerard Hospital Kakuri, venue of the mission, which was unique in many ways. Firstly,, Mrs. Velvet Quartemont had earlier met with Governor in June. H.E. Patrick Yakowa, for the approval of the mission. Secondly, the numbers of patients we met on the ground was beyond our initial estimates because there were thousands of people waiting to be seen, diagnosed and possibly operated upon by the team. The State Commissioner for Health, representing the Governor, paid a courtesy visit and praised PROFOH for the Kaduna State mission. The team leader, Dr. Stuart Quartemont had also earlier met the First Lady of the Kaduna State, Her Excellency, Mrs. Amina Yakowa at the end of the mission, our team had seen and diagnosed over 3000 potential cases and performed 130 surgeries; with a commitment to be back to Kaduna State in the near future .PROFOH received outstanding Award from the people of Kaduna for quality services rendered.

Training of TB Network Officials in Rivers State.

As part of our Human Development Program (HDP) in the health sector, PROFOH led 29 other civil society organizations dealing on TB Advocacy, prevention and treatment in Rivers State. Dr. Quartemont and Dr. Ken Sutton took critical and valuable time out from their surgery schedules to train TB activists from the 28 civil society organization. The Global Fund for HIV-AIDs TB and Malaria in partnership with groups HAF and DOLF and PROFOH funded the training program. Training was also done for some Nigerian doctors on the latest techniques on surgery in Port Harcourt and Kaduna State. The beneficiaries were ecstatic and expressed joy for the rare privilege of the training.

Other Notable Accomplishments.



While the PROFOH team was engaged in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, she received an official letter from the United Nations inviting PROFOH to participate in the 4th Session Conference of States Parties (COSP4) in Marrakesh, Morocco. The PROFOH is a leading member of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption Coalition (UNCACC) under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) of 2005. The UNCAC is the first and only globally legally binding anti-corruption instrument with over 154 countries accessions or ratifications to the Convention as Sept 2011. Due to pressing surgical cases in 2009, we missed COSP/3 in Doha, Qatar.

So we made up for that in Marrakesh with active participation in the preparatory meeting before the Conference, the high level opening sessions and special events and general discussions .Above all, His Excellency, Mr. Abbas El Fessi, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Morocco invited PROFOH to a gala dinner. The delegation was led by Mr. Markus Woller von-Have, a Board member and director of PROFOH Germany. His presence was notably an asset but also a blessing to our organization he granted interviews with the renowned media houses and made great contacts. PROFOH had a brief meeting with the Prime Minister of Morocco, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Saad Al Alami, and Honorable Minister in Charge of Public Sector Modernization. We also met with Mr. Naser Al Sane, senior member of Kuwait Parliament and Chairperson, Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC); others are H.E., Mr. Given Lubinda, the Honorable Minister of Information of Zambia and Chair of GOPAC Africa. Also, included on our list of meetings were the Honorable Ministers from five other countries, officials of donor agencies like GIZ, Germany formally known as GTZ, Germany, AUSAID, DFID, USAID, EU, World Bank, etc .They all expressed support for PROFOH and looked forward to working with us in the future.

A young man called Innocent Eyor received Radiation therapy courtesy PROFOH at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria, Kaduna, North Central Nigeria. He was a patient from our partner organization Earth wide Surgical Foundation (ESF), a US non –profit organization that has conducted surgeries for the vulnerable and poor in several countries including Nigeria, Guatemala, Bolivia, etc. Dr. Brian Camazine who performed the free surgery for Eyor was highly worried about the therapy since he cannot even afford to feed himself. PROFOH rose to the occasion based on the partnership relationship we had with ESF our senior member in Kaduna Dr. Safiya Umar, of Family Medicine at the Ahmadu Bello Teaching Hospital, Zaria handled that special case, the rest has been history for innocent Eyor