

Newsletter 2013

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“Praise the Lord, O my Soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name”

Psalms 103: 1 (NIV)



We praise the Lord for his abundant blessings for the year 2013. We witnessed many wondrous works of the Lord in the hospital activities as well as in our personal and family life.

More and more people came to seek health at the Garoua Boulai Protestant. The infrastructure of the hospital has been totally renovated and expanded; modern medical equipments were donated. The hospital celebrated its 60th jubilee on November 29, altogether with the rededication of the renovation.

But we still have challenges at the hospital. The X ray machine does not work since May because of electricity fluctuation. We are confident in the Lord to solve this problem with the generous assistance of the partners. We also need to keep the best quality care and find ongoing strategies for that purpose. The chaplaincy and evangelism program have to be strengthened and carried out with wisdom. The construction of a real pediatric ward is vital because the children are scattered all over the hospital. The extension of the oversaturated laboratory is much needed.

The hospital is blessed to face those challenges together with the church, the partners and friends. Partnership includes funding for building constructions, equipments donation, poor funds, etc. Volunteers are needed in nursing training, cardiology/internal medicine, and in some aspects of general surgery. We pray for a sister hospital program to happen.

In May, we went to the USA for family, friends and church visits and also attend the South Dakota ELCA Synod Assembly. We visited many churches in South Dakota, Iowa, and in Wisconsin. We also visited the Sanford medical system in Sioux Falls as well as the Global Health Ministries headquarters. We attended the MA graduation of our second son Sitraka at Luther Seminary and also his wedding with Katelyn. We were also with Alyssa and Heri. Because of a knee problem, Joely went to the USA in a wheelchair since Yaounde, but thank God, she came back to Cameroon walking with her 2 legs after a medical care in Sioux Falls.

We want to thank you all who were with us in your prayers and your assistance in many different ways so that we could continue to serve at the Garoua Boulai Protestant Hospital and make it a great year under the grace of God.

We wish you all a Blessed New Year in our Lord Jesus Christ!

To God be the glory!

Much love

Solofo and Joely