

HIMM Mission 2004

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**JULIA PEARCE, RN
ASSISTING AN 85
YEAR OLD PATIENT
AT OBINZE**

Horizon International Medical Mission (HIMM) went on its 3rd medical mission to

Ihiagwa, Imo State, Nigeria. An eight person team of medical and evangelical professionals from the United States stormed the Owerri-West Local Government Area (LGA) to provide free medical services to the people of Ihiagwa, Obinze and Umuoye. This team included two medical doctors: Kennedy Okere, MD,

Shawn Franklin, MD (Dr. Okere's teacher while he was in residency), One pharmacist: Mr. O. Uk-



**IN THE MIDDLE IS
UKPONG WITH THE
PHARMACY ASSIS-
TANTS**



**FROM THE LEFT:
EARLINE, TRACHELIA
AND SHAWN AT THE
END OF THE DAY'S
MISSION IN OBINZE**

Mack, Trachelia Rivers, and two evangelical ministers: Pastor Mary Rivers and Pastor Marjorie Tyler. HIMM also had local medical volunteers consisting of Dr. Emeka An-yamele, three nurses and two pharmacy assistants.

In this mission, HIMM saw 1,100 patients; a 27% increase from the previous mission in 2003. The motto for this year is , "...doing more and more ..." adapted from 1 Thessalonians 4:10.

HIMM had the support of the Imo State Governor, the Imo State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Chidi Marume, the Executive Chairman Owerri West LGA, Chief Barrister Victor Muruako, the churches in the three towns visited, and the Ezes (Kings) of the entire LGA.

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"Touching the World with Medicine"

HIMM Opens Channel for City to City Relationship

The mayor of Tybee Island, Georgia, Mayor Parker, presented his proclamation to the people of Ihiagwa through one of the Tybee Island citizens, Mrs. Julia Pearce, who is a registered nurse and HIMM's public relations officer. Mayor Parker, in his proclamation said, "Dr. Kennedy Okere, a native of this fine vil-

lage, has built a bridge between the Ihiagwa people and the people of Tybee Island."

Julia Pearce presented the proclamation to the traditional ruler of Ihiagwa, Nze James Muruako, during HIMM's 2004 mission opening ceremony.

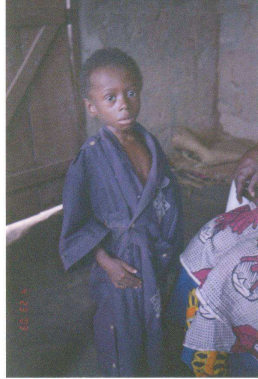
Nze Muruako responded with gifts and a proclamation response to Tybee. He said, "Indeed HIMM and the people of Tybee Island



**DR. OKERE PRESENTING
GIFTS FROM THE IHIAGWA
PEOPLE TO MAYOR WALTER
PARKER OF THE CITY OF
TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA**

have crystallized a perpetual bond of friendship and cooperation between our two peoples across the oceans." HIMM's vision is that this open doors for socio-economic development between the two cities.

HIMM Mourns Loss of Patient: Physically Dead, but Spiritually Alive



6 YEAR OLD MALNOURISHED BOY—DECEASED

Malnutrition continues to be a major issue in rural Africa.

After HIMM Mission 2003, Dr.

Okere presented a case of a malnourished 6 year old boy. HIMM solicited for funds to support this child, but received late responses from

donors. During Mission 2004, Dr. Okere searched for the boy at Umuoye, the boy's home town. Unfortunately, we found that he died before we could start helping him to

feed this year. Maybe if we raised sponsors early, we could have avoided the boy's untimely death.

In another unfortunate case, during HIMM Mission 2003, Dr. Okere counseled a 54 year old woman who presented for the first time with advanced stage of metastatic breast cancer. We could not do much medically, but spiritually, Dr. Okere, HIMM's visionary founder, shared Jesus Christ with her and coping with end of life processes. Five months later, her situation deteriorated immensely. In her family's presence, two days prior to her death, she confessed, "I have made my way straight with God, and I have peace in me," Indeed, she is physically dead, but spiritually alive with the Lord.

"I HAVE MADE MY
WAY STRAIGHT
WITH GOD, AND I
HAVE PEACE IN
ME,"

HIMM Starts Community Outreach Program



MALNOURISHED TWIN BABIES IN GRAND-MOTHER'S ARMS

HIMM encountered another case of malnutrition during Mission 2004. this is a case of twin babies, a girl and a boy, who were delivered weighing less than 3lbs. The mother can barely breast feed her kids because she suffers

from malnutrition as well. HIMM donated baby formula and money to them and was able to solicit for a US family, members of Southwest Community Church, Savannah,



DR. OKERE AND DR. FRANKLIN AT NNEKEDE ORPHANAGE HOME

GA, to sponsor the twins and the family.

HIMM was able to visit the Holy Family Sisters of The Needy, an orphanage home in Nnekede. The orphanage home stands for pro-life movement. This is

a vision HIMM shares with them. Therefore, HIMM showed its support by donating money to help feed and clothe the children. HIMM encourages individuals to help feed and clothe orphans.

Rural Development: HIMM Educates Medical Staff



DR. FRANKLIN EDUCATING OWERRI WEST LGA HEALTH WORKERS ON DIABETES

HIMM heals, teaches and preaches. Rural health development, in developing countries, is our mission and one of our objectives is

to educate the rural communities on various diseases and health issues that plague the community. In mission 2004, we were involved in educating our patients on HIV prevention. We also educated the LGA health-care workers on rural health development, presented by Dr. Okere and health issues such as diabetes mellitus, presented by Dr. Franklin.

HIMM donated glucometers and test strips to the community health centers in

Owerri West LGA.

The Executive Chairman, Barrister Victor Muruako, in his response thanked HIMM and the American people for their contributions to the society and said, "This will certainly help my people."

"FOR WITHOUT YOU

I WOULD HAVE

LOST MY LEG. "

Follow Up Cases: And Peter Said, "...Rise up and Walk."



58 YEAR OLD MAN WITH SEVERE CELLULITES

HIMM is happy to present updates on patients seen during Mission 2003. The first patient is a 58 year old man who presented with

severe cellulites of his leg. The man visited the mission site and testified about the goodness of the Lord through the HIMM Mission. "For without you I would have lost my leg. See my leg, it looks like that of a baby!", said the patient..

The second patient is Mrs. Rose Ajoku who had a massive thyroid goiter on her neck. She received financial assistance from Southwest Community Church, Savannah, GA, through HIMM and had a successful thyroidectomy surgery. She said,



ROSE AJOKU OFFERS HER WIDOW'S MITE TO DR. OKERE

"Dr. Okere and HIMM are God sent to save the poor." She gave Dr. Okere and HIMM a live goat as a gift. This is the "widows mite".

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TOUCHING THE WORLD
WITH MEDICINE

Horizon International Medical Missions (HIMM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free medical services to needy regions internationally. We are HORIZON because we believe the sky is our limit of growth. We are INTERNATIONAL because we consider the world in our heart and we touch the world with medicine.

Mission Objectives

- To offer free medical assistance particularly to the above-mentioned area.
- Work along side the World Health Organization and other medical groups in combating epidemics in Africa.
- Work along side with churches in fulfillment of our goal to care for the body and soul.
- Setting up local clinics and involving local healthcare workers and the government of

Progress on HIMM Medical Center



**FIRST HIMM MEDICAL
CENTER—CURRENTLY UN-
DER CONSTRUCTION**

HIMM is building a medical center in Ihiagwa, Owerri LGA, Imo State Nigeria. HIMM will use this clinic to achieve one of its major objectives, which is to set up local clinics and involve local healthcare workers and the government of the area in continuous care and management of patient health issues.

HIMM is currently installing the ceiling and in house electrical wiring. We still have other major tasks to complete on the clinic. We need to install plumbing, terrazzo floor, doors and windows. We also need to plaster the walls, do landscaping.

have these tasks completed before HIMM Mission 2005. This will enable HIMM to see more patients in a more organized environment and enable the workers to operate effectively.

Please make all checks payable to: Horizon International Medical Missions, Inc.

HIMM also encourages people to go on medical—evangelical trips with the HIMM officials. For more questions or concerns about HIMM Missions or to sign up for a trip, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Kennedy Okere at kennedy@himm.org.

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HIMM gladly accepts donations to complete these tasks. The organization hopes to