

# WALKING TOGETHER



## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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Saada\*, the first returning patient from our 2019 Medical Mission held a \$500 hospital invoice in her hand, which is more than most rural folks make in a year. We were so thankful that there were funds left by the Health Team to get the care she needed. The surgery was completed successfully and she is back to her normal routine.

2019

- 5,735 medical patients
- 1,210 eye care patients
- 375 dental patients
- 290 hernia surgeries
- 175 eye laser patients



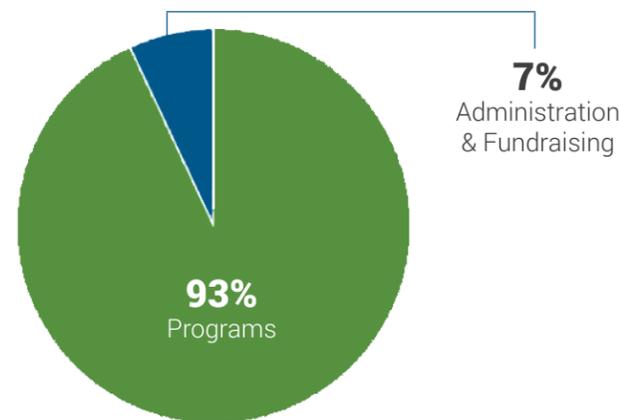
HEALTH TEAM

When we first began working with the Canadian Government on development initiatives, we realized that we needed to learn a new language. **Logic Model. Performance Measurement Framework. Results Based Management. Activities. Outputs. Immediate Outcomes. Intermediate Outcomes. Ultimate Outcomes or Impact.** Everything we planned fed to the 'Impact' we hoped to achieve. An example of this is the provision of clean water. The 'Activity' was to drill a well. The 'Output' was that the well was drilled. The 'Immediate Outcome' was that the community had clean water. The 'Impact' was that the people of the community had improved health. We were told not to be discouraged if we didn't see 'Impact' until long after the project was completed.

That's why this year's Annual Report is rather special as it's a reminder that we have walked together for a long time and truly we are having a remarkable impact on individuals, families and communities. Just like Shiphrah and Puah (the midwives who prevented the deaths of so many Hebrew babies in Exodus 1:15-21) God continues to use us as rescuers in all kinds of ways.

## HOW WE STEWARD YOUR GIFTS

This year, **93%** of funds were used for programs directly benefitting the communities we serve, and **7%** for administration and fundraising.



"We are so grateful for the adolescent training and for the consistent work that has been poured into our youth. The teenage pregnancy rate in our community has dropped drastically."

- Elders of Amponsakrom -

2019

- 30 schools involved in setting up adolescent clubs
- 60 teachers received training in providing effective adolescent-friendly services to youth
- 2,276 adolescents registered and completed the training



LEYAATA ANE

2019

- 0 maternal deaths
- 484 babies resuscitated
- 625 babies saved
- 3,566 births tracked
- 5.4/1000 neonatal mortality rate



LEYAATA ANE

2019

- Q1 - Sod Turning
- Q2 - Land clearing
- Q3 - Laying of block wall
- Q4 - Lintel level
- 2 containers of donated medical equipment received
- Equipment Ambassadors Program established



LEYAATA HOSPITAL



2007 - 2019

**55K+**  
PATIENTS ATTENDED

HEALTH TEAM



2015 - 2019

**USD \$8.3M**  
FUNDS RAISED

LEYAATA HOSPITAL



2016 - 2019

**2,983**  
BABIES SAVED

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2016 - 2019

**CAD \$2M+**  
\$313K+ RAISED + \$1.7M+ CONTRIBUTED  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

LEYAATA ANE

\*We respect everyone who comes to us for help – and many are working toward a fresh start in life. So while their stories are true, names and images may have been changed to protect their privacy. Thank you for understanding.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I once asked a pastor who wore a 'collar' why he did so and his answer was "So people know that if they are in trouble they can come to me for help." Even though this is out of fashion in many places these days, the ECAC pastors have adopted this mode of dress for the same reason. In Ghana, it identifies them visibly as followers of Christ who are available for service. But they aren't always dressed like this.

They serve at the annual Christian Chief's Conference - carrying suitcases, fetching water, translating, singing, praying, serving meals - doing whatever needs to be done. They help build schools, dormitories, churches or you might find them as translators, registrars, or set-up coordinators for the annual medical team.

During their years of serving alongside the medical team (particularly while working with nurse Joan Maguire), some of them gained new skills in treating sores or wounds. Each year before the medical team left, the pastors requested a first aid box so that they could put these skills into practice in their communities and churches.

Recently, one of the pastors came to us for additional supplies and we found out that a few of these pastors have

become rather specialized in wound care.

In December, it was reported that a woman from one of the churches had a terrible sore. It was so serious that when she went to the hospital for care, she was told that her leg needed to be amputated. Word got to the wound-care pastors who asked for a chance to provide treatment before taking this drastic measure. Every other day, they travelled to her village to clean and dress the sore. She is now well and walking again. They have treated many wounds and this is the third person whom they have saved from amputation and its consequences...and we never would have known if they hadn't run out of supplies!

The book of Acts begins with "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven." As our pastors faithfully 'teach' and 'do' so much in Christ's name, they are impacting many.

Shalom,

*David*

Dr. David Mensah  
GRID & NEA Executive Director



# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

2019, without a doubt has been the most challenging and yet rewarding year in GRID and NEA's long history of walking together. When our people were stretched to their limit and beyond, they showed their true capability, their resiliency and their strong desire to accomplish all that was before them. This is true of both our Ghanaian team and leaders as well as those, mostly volunteers, based in North America and in the UK.

In the preceding pages you got only a glimpse of the many development initiatives that are taking place in Northern Ghana. Add to that the start of construction of the Leyaata Hospital. This includes all the behind the scenes work: finalizing of design details and contract negotiations, then clearing of over 40 acres of land, establishing field accommodations for 250 workers, setting up of a concrete block field manufacturing plant and the production of over 225,000 concrete blocks. By the end of the year, construction had progressed to the point of being ready for the start of roofing which is currently ongoing.

Without you, our donors, who have stepped up in a big way, none of this would be possible. In early 2020, we actually met our USD \$10 million hospital campaign target which was set in 2015. The campaign remains open, however, until we determine final costs as we close in on completion.

As I look forward to 2020, I know that our teams will continue to be challenged as the workload becomes even more demanding. An additional Global Affairs Canada program will be initiated. A large church and a dormitory with a capacity for 100 will both be constructed in Carpenter. Construction of the hospital will continue against a demanding schedule, but with the additional elements of hospital equipment, IT and staffing to be addressed.

Please pray with us that the Lord will provide for all that is necessary to get this done. Pray for our leaders, our workers and our volunteers as they face a daunting workload. Pray that the growing funding requirements will be met and pray about your own role in meeting these needs.

In His service,



Jacques Lapointe  
Chairman, GRID



To continue our work together, the **Walk With Us** program has been established.

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