



Morning shift duty staff all masked up and ready to go.

Clinic Administrator Frederick Nda Blay (far left), Bernice A A Cobbinah (head of clinic) and Pastor Egya-Blay (Founder now retired).

Introducing

THE SILOAM GOSPEL CLINIC – GHANA

Using medical care as
 an expression of God's love
 in a hurting world



Patients waiting for their laboratory results.

March 2021

Dear Siloam friends and investors

The continuing restrictions caused by the 'Coronavirus' pandemic have severely curtailed our ministry of funding children's Bible camps in different parts of the world. Each year, Siloam supporters regularly provide over £25,000 which is forwarded to our overseas co-workers for the purpose of rescuing young people from a lost eternity. For the rest of 2021, camps sadly seem unlikely to take place. But, a window of opportunity has occurred which I hope supporters and investors like you, will embrace with enthusiasm.

Long standing supporters may be familiar with the Siloam Gospel Clinic in Ghana but with which more recent giving friends may not be so familiar. This clinic was founded by Pastor Egya-Blay, after he was empowered to do so following what we believe to be a 'God inspired' meeting between him and a Siloam co-worker from Germany who met up on the platform of Kings Cross London Underground station back in 1978. After completing his studies at the London Bible College, Egya-Blay returned to Ghana and with the help of our German colleagues established the Siloam Gospel Clinic at Bonyere near Assim on the far west of Ghana's southern border.

Although the clinic is partly funded within the country itself, often the staff have to wait several months for their government salaries. In the past, our colleagues in Germany used to help until they eventually closed down some years back when our Founder passed away.

Staffed by 49 dedicated co-workers, the majority of whom are qualified medical personnel, the clinic reaches out to over 14,000 patients each year providing mostly outpatient type services but also essential maternity care. It also acts as a vital treatment centre for malaria which accounts for 25% to 30% of the total medical needs of this rural population.

It is reckoned that as much as 40% of the medical work undertaken in Ghana is done so by Charities and missions who are held in high regard by the Ghanaian government for helping them to make up for the embarrassing shortfall of the nation's medical care. However, most people do benefit from the National Insurance Scheme which enables



Nurse attending to patient admitted for treatment.



Nurses on morning shift. The hospital operates 24 hours each day.



Physician assistant attending to a patient in a consulting room.



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Nurse checking patient's blood pressure in the clinic dispensary.

patients with a NHIS card to get assistance with their treatment, paying for some of their medical bills when they attend the clinic for their urgent needs. Private patients however do pay modestly towards their consultants, laboratory tests, prescriptions and other medical requirements.

Patients who require urgent medical treatment would otherwise have to walk more than 12½ miles or which could take more than 20 minutes in the local bus!

The 'Covid-19' pandemic has really negatively affected the operation of the Siloam Gospel Clinic as many patients are fearful about attending in case they come into contact with 'Coronavirus.' Although the clinic does have limited amounts of P.P.E, it has to be used sparingly and the monthly budget for this is increasing all the time.



The proposed new 30 KVA Perkins electric generator that will cost £10,800.

But, one of the ways in which Siloam investors could help is with two important immediate needs. First of all, we need to purchase a generator so that more patients can be treated during the hours of darkness when there are often power cuts. A generator will cost £10,800. Also, equally important is the need for an incinerator to dispose of clinical waste in order to keep the environment safe and clean. At present, the method of disposing of clinic waste is to bury it! This is being discouraged now by the Ghanaian medical authorities so it's imperative we obtain this incinerator before the EPA medical permit for the clinic is revoked. The waste incinerator will cost £3,900.

Please look at our little chart to see how we propose to raise the funds needed for these important medical requirements.

Many of us have stood outside our front doors and clapped to thank the NHS in recent times as well as honouring the inspiring fundraiser Captain Sir John Moore who recently passed away. I just wish folk had the same enthusiasm to help this deserving clinic in Ghana as an expression of their love for this lost world.

Please do pray before you make your investment and study our little chart to see how your contribution would fit in with our planned investment into the Siloam Gospel Clinic.

Gifts of £500, £100, £25 even £10 will be deeply appreciated and passed on to the Clinic Administrator Frederick Nda Blay who together with his sister Bernice are responsible to keeping their father's vision going to minister to the clinical needs of the deserving people in the Bonyere district.

Gift investments sent over and above what we now require for these two urgent needs will be put aside and used for next project, - to renew the clinic roof which also desperately needs attention.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we are seeking to help in Ghana by empowering the dedicated workers of the Siloam Gospel Clinic

Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. Our prayer reminder calendar is enclosed to encourage a friend of yours to join our fundraising drive, if you feel able to represent this need to them. – Thank you

This is how we plan to provide the £14,700 required by the Siloam Gospel Clinic

These are the gifts we need to receive

2 Benefactor investments of £1,000 will provide	£ 2,000
3 Major donations of £500 will add up to	£ 1,500
6 Birthday gifts 'in lieu' of £250 could raise	£ 1,500
4 Church offerings of £120 will account for	£ 480
19 Donations of £100 will yield	£ 1,900
39 'Love gifts' of £50 could harvest	£ 1,950
38 Personal donations of £25 will release	£ 950
190 Thank offerings of £20 will make up	£ 3,800
And 62 'widows' mites' of £10 will bring in	£ 620
TOTAL	£14,700



The Records Department where vital patient information is stored.



The well-stocked clinic dispensary.



Two physician assistants, James K Z Loddoh and Bernice A A Cobbinah, the daughter of Egya-Blay (the 80 year old Founder).

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