



KATERI NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Rev. Thomas Furrer

Christmas 2018

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Two New Clinics!

This past year has been a year of growth for Kateri Medical Services. In April, we dedicated our third medical facility – **The Arthur And Esther Bradley Memorial Anglican Hospital in Gidan Waya**. After the dedication service, we held our first free medical outreach, during which we helped about 1,700 people with medical care. Then we opened for normal business; our medical staff is helping about 50 patients every week.

Arthur and Esther Bradley Memorial Hospital



In October, we dedicated our fourth medical facility - **Graceland Hospital in Gusau**. Graceland Hospital is our largest facility to date. This larger building was made possible by the heroic efforts of fundraising by the Anglican Diocese of Gusau, a very generous donor from Ohio and Kateri Medical Services.

Graceland Hospital



After dedicating the new hospital, we held our first free medical out-reach, during which we helped 1,600 people with medical care, including about 40 surgeries. We are now interviewing and hiring permanent staff and will run the hospital full-time as soon as staff are in place.

Graceland Hospital is located adjacent to Graceland International School, a K–12 school also run by the Anglican Diocese of Gusau. We hope to integrate the learning environment of the school and the healing environment of the hospital. Many of the students from the school aspire to be doctors, nurses, lab scientists and pharmacists. We intend to provide practical “on the job” opportunities for the students at the new hospital. **Our hope and dream is to open a School of Nursing on this campus in the future.**

Graceland International School



Our Other Clinics

We have continued to run our other two clinics at **Kateri** (since 2003) and **Iburu** (since 2016) 365 days per year. We have conducted five, one-week, free medical out-reaches, in 2018. (See next article.)

Your Help Makes All the Difference. At Kateri Medical Services, we are helping more people than ever before. This is only possible due to the generosity of our donors. YOU are making a huge difference in the lives of hundreds of people every day and thousands of people every year. Thank you very much for your support.

Please continue to give generously.

One Woman's Story

Here is the real story of one of people our clinics have helped in 2018. These are the words of Dr. Okeme Arome, the assistant medical officer at Kateri Medical Clinic in his blog, **"The Rural Doctor"**.



"Mama is an illiterate, about-70-year-old Muslim Fulani woman, who is a widow and lives in some distant village from the (Kateri Medical Clinic) facility. She is a known hypertensive who, until recently, wasn't regular with her meds."

"She had been depressed for a while now owing to the fact that some months ago, she had narrated to me that her husband and children had been killed by

cattle rustlers who stormed their abode to rob them of their properties that included their herd of cattle. She hasn't been the same afterwards."

"She recently presented to the facility, after a prolonged period of absence and, obviously, irregularity with her meds, with an offensive putrefying smell while being bedridden. She had earlier felt a sting on her leg one afternoon while she gleaned for firewood in her farm and scratched off the area, assuming it was just another itch. Days to weeks later, her left foot from the outside of the dorsum extending to the ankle had an ulcer that was discharging copiously of odoriferous pus. The effluvium charged the surrounding air so much so that I had to wear a face mask.

"On examination we noticed that the pus had traveled and damaged underlying tissues well up until the mid-shin of the left leg. We made out to debride and irrigate the wound; it confirmed the extent of the damage.

"Working with a diagnosis of an arterial ulcer, we initially thought to refer her (to a city hospital) but she and her caregivers pleaded against it. They argued that if we insisted, they would rather go home and continue the native method of traditional medicine – which had already proven useless before she came to the clinic. We explained the gravity of the situation but they would have none of it, so we decided to continue treating her at the clinic.

"Well, here we are, I am glad we did. After some weeks in the hospital and more weeks as an outpatient, mama is once again bouncing with the leg and making cases for little children in her community who are sick and wouldn't be brought to the clinic, serving as their advocate.

Our Free Medical Outreaches in 2018

In 2018, we conducted one-week free medical outreaches at each of our four clinics in *Kateri, Iburu, Gidan Waya and Gusau*. We also conducted a three-day medical outreach at *St. Thomas Clinic in Eleme District, Port Harcourt, Nigeria*.

Each of these clinics is very different and in a unique location. Some are rural, and some are in cities. Some have a large staff and are well-established and some are just beginning. In every case, our outreach missions have helped to bolster and strengthen the ongoing work of each clinic.

In 2018, we helped 14,000+ people at all of our clinics and free medical outreach missions.



Where the Money Goes:

97% of your donated dollar goes directly to build clinics, buy medicine, and pay doctors, nurses, midwives, lab scientists and pharmacists.

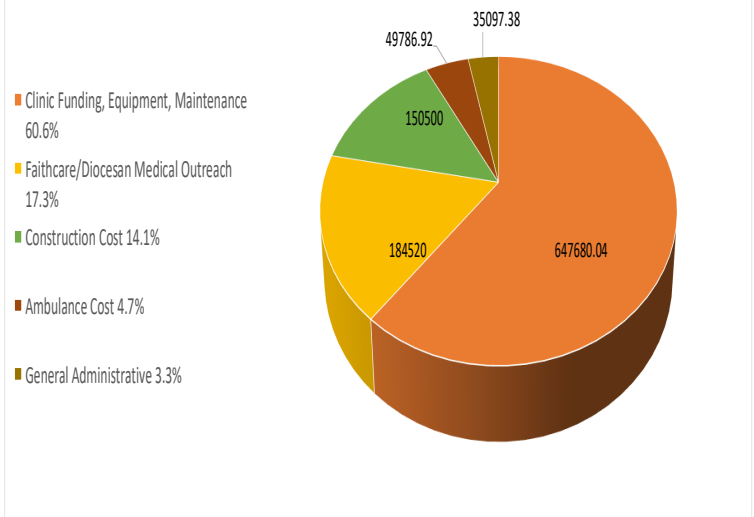
We strive to keep our overhead very low. All of our American team members are volunteers. We work out of our homes. We all pay of our own expenses when traveling to Nigeria. No salaries. No office rent. No travel expenses. Our only overhead costs are for printing, mailing and web site maintenance. **Your donations go directly to helping hurting people.**

Please give as generously as you can.

Photos From Our Outreaches

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