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Greetings from the Rev. Thomas Furrer, President

Serving More People Than Ever



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have had a very good year at Kateri Medical Services. With your financial and prayer support, we have been able to help more people than ever before. By the end of 2019, we will have served about **22,500 people with medical care – the highest number in our 16 year history.**

This year, we began a partnership with our fifth clinic in Port Harcourt (see article on page 2). We have begun preliminary talks with opening our sixth clinic in 2020. And we are steadily moving toward our goal of having ten partner clinics by 2025.

Also this year, we have conducted five one-week intensive free medical outreach missions at each one of our five partner clinics plus one refugee camp (see article on page 3). Again, this is the highest number we have ever done in one year.

Our goal is to bring simple, decent and affordable medical care to the urban and rural poor in Nigeria. Our goal for all of our clinics is to move toward economic self-sufficiency within ten years. It costs about \$120,000 per year to fund our full-time clinics and to run our one-week free outreach missions. On average, it costs \$5.33 to help each one of the 22,500 people we helped in 2019.

All of this is made possible by the generous and sacrificial gifts of our donors.

We strive to keep our administrative costs to a minimum. All of our US team members work as volunteers. We pay our own travel expenses. And we don't rent office space. For that reason, 96.7% of your donation goes directly to providing medical care to poor people. Please give as generously as you are able.

Triennial Benefit Dinner a Great Success



Once every three years, we hold a benefit dinner to raise awareness and funds and pledges for our medical clinics. On October 19, we hosted a dinner at the First Cathedral Church in Bloomfield. Our keynote speakers were **Bishop Markus Dogo and his wife Nana Dogo** from the Diocese of Kafanchan in Nigeria. Bishop Dogo spoke about what a difference our new facility, **The Arthur and Esther Bradley Memorial Anglican Hospital**, is making in Gidan Waya and the surrounding villages. Mrs. Dogo talked about the impact of good health care on the lives of women and children.

Tapestry Singers led us in beautiful and inspiring music to accompany the speakers. About 170 people attended the dinner, from 15 different churches and civic organizations. Many of those who attended were learning about our work for the first time and many of our faithful supporters and churches also attended.

On the matter of fund-raising, we had our best effort ever. We raised enough in pledges to cover about 50% of our operating costs for the next three years. That is a great start on keeping our work going. Our board of directors now has the challenge of raising the remaining 50% from other sources. A big thank you to all who attended and contributed so generously.

Our Newest Partner:

St. Thomas Clinic in Port Harcourt

With our latest partnership, we are trying a new model.



In our other four clinics, we have worked together with a Bishop and Diocese of the Anglican Church to build and run medical clinics. In this case, we have partnered with an individual doctor - **Rev. Dr. Olaniyi Olaobaju** and his wife - **Kehinde Olaobaju** who are the owners of the clinic. Dr. Olaniyi is both a medical doctor and a priest in the Diocese of Niger Delta North.



His wife, Kehinde is a petrochemical engineer who is employed by the Port Harcourt Refining Company.

We first met Dr. Olaniyi when he served as our head doctor at Kateri Medical Clinic from 2008 to 2013. After getting married to Kehinde, they relocated to Port Harcourt because of her employment opportunities (which were non-existent

in Kateri). In their new home, they resolved to start a medical clinic with the same vision as Dr. Olaniyi had experienced in Kateri: to provide simple, decent and affordable medical care for urban and rural poor people.

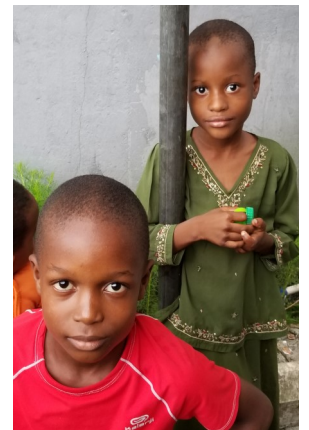
With all of our partnerships, we require **“skin in the game”** from local partners. They must contribute to the purchase of land and building and operating costs of the clinics and must take full responsibility for the daily management of the clinics. In this particular case, Dr. and Mrs. Olaobaju have invested heavily to purchase the land and building and had completely renovated the structure before Kateri Medical Services entered the partnership in 2018. In October 2018, we sponsored a three-day free medical outreach at St. Thomas Clinic. In 2019, we expanded our free outreach to 5 days and we raised funds

from a grant from Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield and the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut to purchase all of the lab equipment for the new clinic.

In 2020, we will be assisting St. Thomas in funding staff and equipment to expand the reach of the clinic to provide healthcare to underserved rural areas in villages on the outskirts of Port Harcourt. We look forward to a long



and fruitful partnership with St. Thomas Clinic.



One “big ticket” item we need for St. Thomas Clinic is a four-wheel drive vehicle to bring medical care to rural villages where roads are very bad. Cost is \$ 25,000. If anyone can help us with this purchase, it will make a big difference!



Five Medical Missions in 2019: The Most We Have Ever Done

Over the years, we have conducted a one-week free medical outreach at each of our clinics. With the addition of three new clinics in the past two years, this has become a bigger task than it once was. We contribute \$5,000 to cover the cost of free medicine for each one of these five outreach missions, for a total of \$ 25,000 per year.

We are very grateful for partners who have helped us raise funds for each of these medical outreach missions: **Tapestry Singers, The Avon / Canton Rotary Club, St. John's Episcopal Church in Niantic, Grace Church in Old Saybrook, Trinity Episcopal in Hartford and Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield** and many individual donors.

Kateri Medical Clinic Outreach

April 29 to May 4 Served 1,870 people



Iburu: Nancy Mason Memorial Clinic

May 6 to 11 Served 1,700 people



In 2019, we helped 9,265 people in our medical outreach missions, the highest number in our 16 year history. Please give generously to help us continue to bring simple, decent medical care to God's people in need.

Bufana Refugee Camp – Near Iburu

May 11 Served 300 people



Gidan Waya: Arthur and Esther Bradley

Memorial Anglican Hospital

May 13 to 17 Served 2,500 people



Port Harcourt: St. Thomas Clinic

October 28 to Nov. 1 Served 1,352 people



Gusau: Graceland Hospital

November 4 to 9 Served 1,543 people



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