

# IHDN News

DECEMBER 2025

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We seize this opportunity to extend our end of year greetings and gratitude to you and your family.

We are very thankful to the Lord for seeing us thorough two mission trips to Ghana in January (45th) and July (46th). We have had a very busy but successful year. We share some major highlights with you in this report. We also share updates from the E.P Church International Mission Hospital (formerly IHDN Mission Hospital) with you. We provide financial updates.

Our work in telepathology continue to grow thereby providing early and affordable cancer diagnosis to the rural poor.

We resumed the training of High School Students in English, Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Christian Values, Leadership, Biological Sciences and Computer Sciences. We also welcome some of our staff members we sponsored to pursue further education back to the hospital. Working together, we are advancing God's kingdom. We have become instruments of blessing to the poor and disadvantaged among us. Thank you for this partnership. To God be the Glory. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in advance.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely

***Dr. Edem Agamah***

### **Breast Cancer kills the poor more than anybody else**

For most people in the developed world, it is inconceivable to think about someone living on less than \$2 a day. That reality is not far removed from where IHDN serves in Ghana. Majority of the people are poor and live on less than \$2 a day. Food, clothing and shelter are top most on their minds. Cancer Care is the last thing to think of. Yet they are not exempt from a cancer diagnosis.

A woman with a breast lump in a village will have to choose between buying food or visiting a doctor. Invariably, she delays in going to the doctor until the lump grows bigger. If it is cancerous the lump will also ulcerate the breast. Then she run to the doctor. This is the story of most of the women we see with cancer of the breast in Ghana.

We are continually educating the community on early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Our hospital staff had extensive outreach programs to the Ketu North and Ketu South Districts this past October. Our pathology laboratory continue to help with timely diagnosis.

We thank all of you who are working with us to improve on breast cancer care in Ghana. May God bless you.

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### GLOBAL STATISTICS

#### **Inflations Rates (%) -2025**

United States	- 2.7
United Kindgom	- 3.4
Ghana	- 12
Ivory Coast	- 1
Togo	-2.4
Burkina Faso	-1.3
Ukraine	- 12.6

Source IMF

#### **Infant mortality rate per 1000**

US	- 5.5
India	- 25
Nigeria	- 54
Ghana	- 29.5
Ivory Coast	- 53
Togo	- 41.2
Burkina Faso	- 42.1

### **Thank God for the 45th Mission trip to Ghana - January 30 to February 22, 2025**

We completed our 45<sup>th</sup> Mission trip to Ghana from January 30 to February 22, 2025. The team was made up of the following:

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| 1. Dr. Edem Agamah          | - Team Leader  |
| 2. Mrs. June Agamah         | - Logistic Coordinator                               |
| 3. Dr. Mokenge Malafa       | - Surgical Oncologist                                |
| 4. Dr. Melanie Barnard      | - Breast Surgeon                                     |
| 5. Dr. Wendy Lim            | - Surgery Resident, SIU School of Medicine           |
| 6. Dr. Alikem Miriam Agamah | -Radiology Resident University of Indiana            |
| 7. Ms. Stella Udoetuk       | - Final Year Medical Student, SIU School of Medicine |
| 8. Ms. Ashely-Ann Walker    | - Final Year Medical Student, SIU School of Medicine |
| 9. Mr. Michael Brown        | - Final Year Medical Student, SIU School of Medicine |
| 10. Mr. James Loeffler      | -Biomedical Engineer,                                |

We were assisted by a Ghanaian medical, surgical & nursing team, made up of 5 doctors, Dr. Nelson Agboadoh Surgeon, Dr. Henry Kpeli, Obstetrics & Gynecology Resident. Dr. Abigail Fowota, Dr. Elliot Adu-Brobbery and 3 Physician Assistants (PA) – PA Wisdom Vidzah, PA Paul Komashie, PA. Daniel Agbele and the clinical and non-clinical staff of the hospital. We also recruited nurses, and nurse anesthetist from Ghana to join the team.

We treated over **2,034** patients in **19 days** at the out-patient clinic. About 65 % of these patients were women. Most of them were younger than 50 years. The major focus of this trip was Surgical and Cancer Care. Ninety-five surgeries were performed. The two commonest surgeries were Hernia repair (32 %) and Excision of soft tissue tumors and breast biopsies (28%). Other types of surgeries done are Cesarean Section, Myomectomy, Hydrocelectomy, Mastectomy, Thyroidectomy, Laparotomy, Hysterectomy, Appendectomy, Parotidectomy, Splenectomy. Several patients had malaria, hypertension and Musculo-skeletal disorders. Once again, we saw a few patients with various stages of breast cancer and prostate cancer. We thank all who donated, prayed and supported us on this trip. May the Lord richly bless you.

### **IHDN Hosts the 12th Annual Fundraiser Dinner**

Our 12th Annual Fundraiser Dinner called “Bringing The World Together” on June 6, 2025 was attended by 255 guests. The goal was to raise \$150,000 to complete the Multipurpose Pathology Laboratory building, Morgue, and the Women and Children’s Health Center at Worgbato. Over \$108,781 has been raised. We thank Hope Church for supporting us over the years and in particular in this event. We also thank all who volunteered and contributed financially. May God bless you for your generosity.

### **Pathology Laboratory Services continue to grow**

Our histotechnologist, Ms. Joyce Agormedah and Mr. Johnson Dogbe, have processed 136 specimens from January to October 2025. This compares with 28 specimens processed during the same period in 2024. Most of the specimens processed were from breast biopsies, thyroidectomies and Uterine specimens. We reviewed a few abnormal peripheral blood smears. With this review, we were able to diagnose 2 patients with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. One of them was referred to Accra for appropriate treatment and she is doing very well. The other one never went for treatment. The availability of this service at the hospital makes pathological diagnosis readily available and more affordable to rural patients. They do not need to go to Accra or other major cities for care. We are hoping to grow the pathological diagnostic services including the addition of a morgue. We thank Dr. Nagendra, for volunteering his time to review the specimens sent to him.

We made donations of Pathology and Hematology Text books to the departments at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra.

## **IHDN completes 46<sup>th</sup> mission to Ghana from July 17 to August 2, 2025**

We completed our 46<sup>th</sup> mission trip to Ghana from July 17 to August 2, 2025. The team included

1. Dr. Edem Agamah - Team Leader
2. Mrs. June Agamah - Logistic Coordinator
3. Dr. Sanjai Nagendra - Pathologist
4. Ms. Nikita Nagendra - Student
5. Ms. Helen Moose - Retired Midwife
6. Mrs. Emily Graber - Nurse Practitioner
7. Mrs. Ernestine Moore - Retired Nurse
8. Ms. Shiela Perry - Retired USA Officer
9. Mrs. Kai Pollard - Cancer Genomics Researcher
10. Mr. Donovan Pollard - Student
11. Mr. Antoine Pollard - Investment Banker

We treated 979 patients over 11 days. We were joined by Dr. Nelson Agboadoh, a volunteer Ghanaian Surgeon, who performed surgeries on **53** surgeries. Most of these were Hernia repair (26%) and excision of Soft tissue tumor (32%), Thyroidectomy (13%) and Cesarean Sections (11%). Other patients required hydrocelectomy and parotidectomy.

## **Health & Development Institute**

Under this program, we hosted a 5-day workshop for 27 students, recruited from Weta Senior High Technical School, Weta; Some Senior High School, Agbozume; Anlo Afiadenigba Senior High School, Anlo Afiadenigba; Klikor Senior High School Technical School, Klikor and Dr. Adlise Porter AME Zion Vocational/Technical Training Institute; Satsimadza

The lead teachers for this program were Mrs. June Agamah, Mrs. Kai Pollard, Mr. Antoine Pollard and Ms. Sheila Perry. They were assisted by Dr. Sanjai Nagendra, Ms. Kai Pollard and Ms. Nikita Nagendra. They focused on Christian Values and Identity, Finding your Purpose and Making Life's Decisions, How to set up and grow your own Business, Computer Science, English, Mathematics, Biology and Physiology. We provided transportation and two daily meals for all these students during the training session. The students were very enthusiastic and learned a lot. Students, who distinguished themselves, were given the opportunity to participate in our summer internship. The long-term goal is to help guide them to achieve their full potential.

## **IHDN to undertake 47th Mission trip to Ghana from January 29-February 20, 2026**

The team is made up of the following:

1. Dr. Edem Agamah - Team Leader
2. Mrs. June Agamah - Logistic Coordinator
3. Dr. Alikem Miriam Agamah - Radiology Resident University of Indiana
4. Ms. Juliana Guaglianone - Final Year Medical Student, SIU School of Medicine
5. Mr. James Loeffler - Biomedical Engineer, Muskegon, MI
6. Ms. Toya Crain - Health Administration—Moody Church, Chicago, IL
7. Dr. Seth Yates - Resident, Internal Medicine, SIU School of Medicine
8. Dr. Zakriya Shah - Resident, Internal Medicine, SIU School of Medicine
9. Ms. Amanada Frawley - Counselling—Moody Church, Chicago, IL
10. Ms. Rachel Weng - Nurse Practitioner—Moody Church, Chicago, IL
11. Mr. Noble Adigbli - Construction and Pastoral Ministry, Moody Church
12. Ms. Alberta Chalmers - Counselling, - Moody Church, Chicago, IL
13. Mr. Adeshina Tognibo - Cybersecurity—Moody Church, Chicago, IL

### EP Church International Mission Hospital Update— January 1 to October 31, 2025

#### Clinical Data:

Number of Out Patients treated	25,878
Number of Admissions	2,839
Total Surgeries	345
Total Safe Deliveries	469
Number of Staff	124

#### Construction Expenses in US \$ -January to October 2025

Fence Wall	31,533
Morgue/Pathology Annex	42,922
Warehouse/Workshops	3,983
Main Pathology Building	1,182
Staff Apartment	4,150
Borehole/Water treatment plant	9,898
<b>Total Construction Expenses</b>	<b>93,668</b>

#### Audited Financial Data FY ending December 2024—Converted to US \$

Operating Income	391,892
Expenses	423,338
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>(-31, 446)</b>

#### IHDN Receives Donation of from Sysmex Systems.

We received a donation of \$7,000 from Sysmex Systems. This was used to purchase a brand new Sysmex XN-330 Hematology Analyzer for the EP Church International Mission Hospital Laboratory in Ghana. This is a state of the art 5-part differential analyzer. We thank Dr. Nagendra and all who supported this effort. May God bless you.

#### Christian Bible Church, Cissna Park Church supports the construction of Women and Children's Health Center, Worgbato, Ghana

The Christian Bible Church, in Cissna Park, IL and Mission March, led an effort to raise \$8,362 to support the construction of the Women and Children Health Center in Worgbato, Ghana. We thank Mr. Mark Kugler for leading this effort. Moody Church, Chicago and Hope Church, Springfield have been supporting our effort to build this Center. We need about \$52,000 to complete this project. When fully built, this Center will have a labor and delivery unit, pharmacy, laboratory and ultrasound to provide excellent maternity services and pediatric care to a rural community in Ghana. Thanks to all who are interested and supporting this effort. May God bless you.

**Continuous Medical Education for Doctors, Medical Students and physician Assistants**

The 14th & 15th Updates in Internal Medicine, Hematology& Oncology, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology were held on January 22, 2025 & on July 9, 2025, respectively. This educational effort offered 5.25 Category 1 CME credits and GMDC 3 CPD Credits for providers in Ghana. Over 110 doctors, physician assistants, medical students, pharmacists and nurses participated in each program. We thank all the speakers and the participants for making this program a success.

The 16th Updates in Internal Medicine, Hematology & Oncology, Surgery Obstetrics and Gynecology is on January 14, 2026

**Gifts were received in Memory of the following:**

1. Mr. Gail Lovgren - \$500. Mrs. Lovegen, who died on June 10, 2025 was the mother of Lisa Carney, APRN, CNP.
2. Mr. Samuel F. Watkins - \$500—from Ms. Bettina Willis and her family

**IHDN Losses Volunteer Histotechnologist to Ghana**

Hope Church supported IHDN to celebrate the life of Ms. Muriel Olivia Washington, a volunteer histotechnologist, who died on March 8, 2025, after a short illness. Muriel was instrumental in training the Ghanaian histotechnologist. We thank God for Muriel's life and for using her to bless IHDN and the people of Ghana. She was a dedicated volunteer, who was committed to excellence and transferred her knowledge and skills in histotechnology to the team in Ghana. We thank Hope Church and all who joined us to support her family during the time of loss.

**Congratulations to our new doctors and other providers**

We congratulate Dr. Henry Kpeli, who completed his specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Kpeli was a very outstanding resident during his training and received several awards. We thank God for his giftedness.

We also congratulate Dr. Daisy Adjorlolo for completing her 2-year rotating internship (housemanship) after her graduation from University of Allied Health Sciences, Ho.

Both physicians have resumed work at the hospital in Ghana

Mr. Paul Attipoe graduated from Klintaps University College of Health & Allied Sciences in Tema, near Accra and Mr. Joseph Gasinu graduated from Presbyterian University, Agogo as a Physician Assistant. We also congratulate all these new graduates. Their education was sponsored by IHDN and the EP Church International Mission Hospital. We thank all those who continue to support the educational sponsorship fund.

Mr. Cruze Nunya Vidzah, our Physician Assistant got accepted to medical school at the Family Health University in Accra. We congratulate him on his admission. Cruze is also being sponsored by the hospital.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE JUNE 5, 2026—IHDN is celebrating 30 years of ministry in 2026**

IHDN will be 30 years old in 2026. We are planning celebrations and a Fundraiser Dinner at Hope Church, Springfield, on June 5, 2026. Please save the date and plan to join us.

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### **Money Matters**

Donations from friends like you help support our work in Ghana. We are very thankful to all who have been supporting us. We have consistently used our reserves and funds from the US to help pay for expenses of the hospital operations. We are lagging behind in payment of bills owed pharmaceutical companies. We would like to appeal to you to continue your support with an end of year tax-deductible donation to help us save lives of the poor in Ghana. We accept donations by Check, Zelle (217-415-1414), and appreciated Stocks and Mutual Funds, Contact "ihdn@aol.com" for details.

We thank you for your support. May God bless you

### **Preliminary Financial Report from EP Church International Mission Hospital Ghana Operations. Period— January-October 31, 2025**

Account Payable (Amt owed to others) - \$201,822

Account Receivable (Amt owed by others)- \$80,994

Total Revenue— \$ 762,462

Total Expenses— \$ 880,678

**Net loss \$ -(118,216)\***

\* Expenses paid from funds received from IHDN USA

### **US Tax Return Form 990 for 2024**

Total Revenue - \$441,367

Total Expenses - \$355,349

**Revenue less Expenses - \$86,018—Used to pay outstanding debts from 2023**