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"A generous heart, kind speech and life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity" Buddha

About us Professionals for Humanity (PROFOH), is a global non-profit, medical and social humanitarian organization with its headquarters in Texas, under the 501 status in the United States that is also incorporated in Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Nepal, Nigeria and South Africa. It has presence in Egypt, Brazil, Sweden, Serbia, Ivory Coast, Honduras, DR Congo, Benin, Liberia, Cameroon and the United Kingdom.

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Jan.- Brian Camazine First Medical Mission to NCH Nigeria

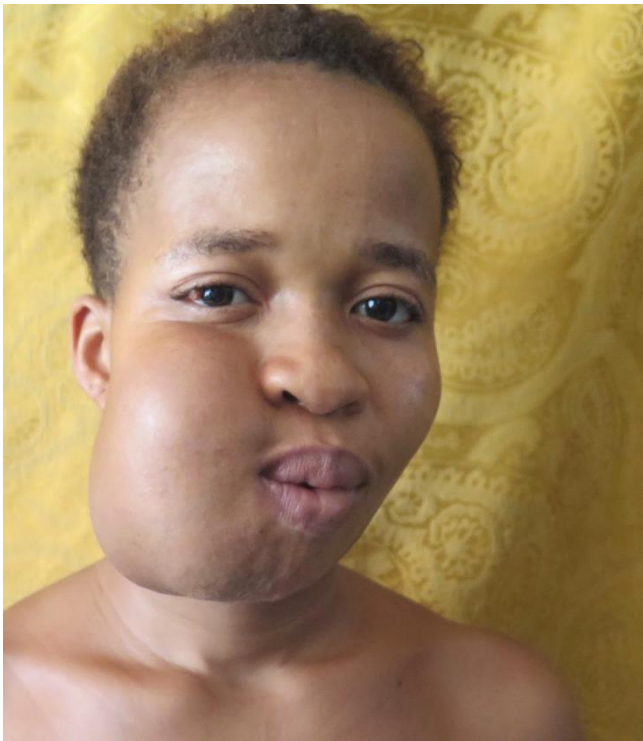


Photo: Dr. Camazine patient of recurrent ameloblastoma, performed a hemimandibulectomy in January, result of her healing during March medical mission .

As always, Dr. Brian Camazine's mission to Nigeria in 2017 was early at the Nigerian Christian Hospital (NCH), Ikot-Ekpene Road, Aba. Team Camazine spent over four weeks, beginning from January 4 until early February, 2017. Many patients showed up. According to Professor Camazine, the mission was unique because of the

increased involvement of the social media. Coincidentally, a young man, a graduate of Applied Biochemistry, he met on Facebook, some seven years ago and had operated on twice in the past since 2009, showed up at NCH. He has a third time recurrence of jaw ameloblastoma, and came to NCH to have his surgery done. Team Camazine performed 144 surgeries with very good results. These include: excision toxic goiter, excision of giant goiter, excision of giant ovarian tumors, resection of obstructed small bowel with right hemicolectomy Cholecystectomy/Partial gastrectomy for perforated ulcer, Sistrunk procedure for thyroglossal duct cyst, etc.

Jan: - PROFOH welcomes Johns Hopkins University and Medicines Patent Pool Agreement for Development of Promising New TB Drug



Photo: John Hopkins University Campus.

PROFOH is a ranking member of Treatment Action Group (TAG) coalition and also partners Doctors Without Borders Access Campaign on this advocacy since 2014. It is therefore sweet victory to our organization and several public health groups, including Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM), Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières' (MSF) Access Campaign, Treatment Action Group, JHU students and alumni, the Global TB Community Advisory Board (TB CAB) and Public Citizen, etc. We welcome the announcement by Johns Hopkins University (JHU) and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) of an agreement that could expedite the research and development of a promising tuberculosis drug that could lead to improved treatment options for people living with TB.

JHU holds several patents for the drug, sutezolid, and has agreed to a license deal with the MPP. The license would enable open non-exclusive licenses with multiple drug developers—including product development organizations, companies and governments—to conduct research and develop drug combinations that include sutezolid. It marks the first such open license for a TB drug held by an American university, and the first open license for a TB drug through the MPP. The MPP, an organization funded by UNITAID, has a mandate to

increase innovation and access to drugs through voluntary patent licensing. This agreement has the potential to greatly improve current treatment options, but it can only be truly effective if the treatments created are made accessible to people living with TB everywhere. The above mentioned group have, for years, called on JHU to license sutezolid as broadly as possible and with a public health approach.

Jan: Italian Online Magazine Commends PROFOH Interventions

In December 2016 a leading online magazine in Italy and Germany approached our secretariat requesting interview, the editor stated that she has been following our humanitarian activities for several years and was very pleased to be associated with PROFOH. They expressed the desire for more collaborative work between both organizations in the near future. The interview request was granted. Please find the links to the interview below:

<https://promosaik.blogspot.com.tr/2017/01/kama-of-profoh-responding-to-social-and.html>

Feb: PROFOH to Fly Its Flag in Sweden Soon



Photo: Map of the Nordic country of Sweden in Europe

PROFOH Sweden is a step closer to incorporation. As the first step to full incorporation PROFOH has been registered as a partner organization to Peemp Healthcare Consultancy, as advised by the Swedish registry (Bolagsverket). Accordingly, our Board Chair has directed the Executive Director to send a letter of appreciation to Sweden acting Director, Ms Peace Sandberg, for the excellent work she and her team are

doing in Stockholm. PROFOH Sweden shall focus on Health care and Education. Already, PROFOH is collaborating with post graduate students of the University of Stockholm Ms. Sandberg has worked tirelessly since early 2016 on the incorporation, besides she has also grown the organization membership and volunteers, including medical personnel ready and willing to travel to Africa for a medical mission this year. Sweden is to join Germany and Ireland as European countries where our flag are flown at full mast.

Feb: PROFOH Ghana Participated at Winneba Medical Mission



Photo: The Administrative Department of Winneba Specialist and Trauma Hospital Ghana

PROFOH Ghana participated in a medical mission organized by Non Governmental Organization called Ghana Make A Difference (GOMAD) with its partners from the United States. The mission was facilitated by PROFOH Ghana Board Chairman, Mr. Sylvester Parker-Allotey who is also the current Ghanaian Ambassador to Japan. The mission took place at Winneba Specialist & Trauma Hospital. The pre-mission meeting was held on the 25th Feb, 2017 and was led by our organization's Vice Chair, Dr. Lorinda Liang and the Executive Director G.D. Kama, including Godwin Yevuyibor with the Administrator of the Hospital Dr. Richard Anougura and Chief Medical Director, Dr. Richard. The hospital directors briefed PROFOH team on the reason for the mission. They mentioned the hospital's limitation in terms of bed space, considering the difficult cases the US team will handle. At the end of mission, hundreds of people were seen and treated, and about 20 surgeries were performed. Another mission is planned for June 2017

Feb: Dr Quartemont First Medical Mission in Kaduna-Nigeria



Photo: Prof. Quartemont and Dr Kurt performing surgery in Kaduna

Dr. Quartemont, President, MMI and Chair of PROFOH Advisory Board, led his team to Kaduna. The base of the mission was Mercy Angels Hospital and Mercy Home Orphanage. Prepared to hit the ground running, they arrived and commenced surgery the next day, after addressing many pre-surgery issues. This was possible due to the high level of dedication of the Nigerian doctors at the Clinic. By the end of Kaduna mission 32 difficult surgeries were performed. These include five hysterectomies, ten myomas, five Lipomas and 12 huge hernias.

Some 200 patients benefited from clinical consultations and treatments. They primarily did surgeries on weekdays and ministered at weekends. The team was so busy that they didn't usually finish up at the hospital until 9:30 pm each night. The medical mission team moved from Kaduna to Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, South Eastern Nigeria, where they saw patients and did surgeries.

March: PROFOH Egypt Intensive Medical Mission



Photo: Dr. Sabra and team members during New Valley Mission in Egypt

The decision that enabled Dr. Mosafa Sabra to seat in an acting capacity for his colleague and very close friend Dr Ahmed Adel Ragab who has been our organization's Country Director in Egypt since 2013, was a great one. Dr. Ragab is currently on study leave as a PHD candidate at the Erasmus University Rotterdam The Netherlands. As a cardio-thoracic surgeon studying in the Netherlands, Dr. Ragab recruited some volunteer doctors for PROFOH and coordinating with his successor back home in Egypt.

Dr Sabra is also a director with our partner organization, Social Leaders Society of Egypt. He is a highly talented ophthalmologist. He and his team which include Dr. Kadoum have long standing experience in medical missions. This joint mission took place in the New Valley Government State, South Western Egypt, about One and half hour by air, 10 hours by train, or 14 hours by bus from the Capital. At the end of this four days intensive mission, 115 surgeries were performed and 1265 clinical cases were seen by 15 medical personnel specialized in Ophthalmology, OBY/GYN, Pediatrics and Orthopedic.

Last year December, PROFOH also conducted a similar medical mission in the area where 4155 patients were seen and 133 surgeries performed.

March: PROFOH Official Delegation Will Attend the United Nations NGOs Briefing



Photo: The United Nations building in Vienna, Austria

Our organization received a letter from the UN office in Vienna inviting us and requesting official names of delegates. PROFOH is classified as relevant non-profit organization by the United Nations and is invited as observer for eight years running. PROFOH has attended three of such impressive briefings in Vienna, Austria. This year the briefing will take place at the United Nations Office in Vienna, Vienna International Centre, Conference Room 3, 7th floor, C-Building, Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna, Austria.

We hereby request interested members who would like to make the official delegation of PROFOH to send their names and private emails to our secretariat not later than 20 May 2017. It shall be forwarded to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in accordance with Resolution 4/6 entitled non-governmental organizations and the Mechanism for Implementation Review. In the past, our participation has been very impressive, two years ago, PROFOH was selected a committee member. We look forward to a rewarding outing in June.

March . - Brian Camazine Second Medical Mission to NCH Nigeria



Photo: Dr. Camazine and his team at the NCH Nigeria

Dr. Brian Camazine second mission in 2017 was at the Nigerian Christian Hospital (NCH), Aba, Nigeria. The mission lasted almost five weeks, beginning from 20th March until April. He was quite pleased that a new M-Turbo Ultrasound machine was installed. PROFOH is making plans for a new 4-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU). We are discussing with a wonderful colleague and we have plans for obtaining bras with prostheses for our mastectomy patients. This may make the procedure more palatable and encourage ladies to come in early at a time when lumpectomy might still be possible. There are also many patients with breast cancer who have received chemotherapy, patients with vesico-vaginal-rectal fistulas, patients with oro-maxillary fistulas, and various other diseases such as melanoma, cervical cancer etc. On arrival, during rounds, Camazine found at least 30 major cases, including 13 goiters, 3 cervical cancers, 2 jaw masses, 3 postoperative patients needing temporalis muscle flaps (2 for oromaxillary fistula and 1 for orbital exenteration), 1 giant spleenectomy and numerous other cases. On his first day performed the following surgeries: 4 goiters, 1 inguinal hernia repair, trucut biopsies and I&D of abscess. By the last day of March a total of 52 procedures were performed. Details will be in our subsequent newsletter.

NB. The mission is on-going, to be continued in our next quarter newsletter

INVITATIONS, UPDATES & EVENTS

PROFOH-CORDIALLY INVITED- Our organization is an international player. Accordingly, we have received several invitations for 2017. These are some of them within the year. Members are encouraged to attend/participate in some of these high profile meetings and gatherings.

Save the Quarter-PROFOH funds raising for Haiti Medical Mission for Sept, 2017 will take place next quarter in New York California and Miami in the United States. We need your prayers. For details contact Ms. Camillie Brawshaw or Mr. Orson Nurse by email:

Proposed PROFOH/Jan Haven Medical Missions

PROFOH/ACUSA Medical Mission- April 2017 Owerri, Imo State Ghana

Dr. Brian Camazine Mission June-July 2017 at NCH, Abia State Nigeria

Dr. Stuart Quartemont Mission- June /July 2017. Kaduna/Akwa State Nigeria

Medical Mission- Aug 2017. Jigawa-Nigeria

Medical Mission-Sept 2017, Port de Prince, Haïti

Medical Mission-Oct. 2017, Accra, Ghana

Medical Mission-Q4 2017, Kingston, Jamaica

Medical Mission-Q1 2018, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Medical Mission-Q2 2018, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Medical Mission-Q3 2018, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Medical Mission-Q4 2018, Juba, South Sudan

Medical Mission-Q1 2019, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Medical Mission-Q2 2019, Katmandu, Nepal

Medical Mission-Q3 2019, Kogi, Nigeria,

Medical Mission-Q4 2019 Komowho, Ghana

Invitations/Observers

1. The GNRC networks, faith based organizations and international organizations working for children, as well as diverse religious leader, **9-11 May 2017** Panama.
2. Dresden Nexus Conference 2017: **17-19 May 2017**, Deutsches Hygiene-Museum, Lingnerplatz 1 Dresden, Sachsen, Germany.
3. G20 Health Ministers Meeting **19-20 May 2017** - *Berlin, Germany*
4. Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting **21 May 2017** - *Geneva, Switzerland*
5. 70th World Health Assembly **22-31 May 2017** - *Geneva, Switzerland*
6. 2017 World Health Assembly, **22-26 May 2017**, Geneva, Switzerland
7. IWRA XVI World Water Congress: **29 May - 2 June 2017**, Cancun International Convention Centre, Cancun, Mexico.
8. United Nations Global Platform for Disaster Reduction,**24-26 May 2017.**Cancun, Mexico.
9. The Financial Times and Misys are delighted to announce the World Trade Symposium will take place **6-7 June, 2017** once again in London
10. Aid & Development Asia Summit, **14-15 June, 2017** MICC2, Nay Pyi Taw, Capital city of Myanmar.
11. Joint Africa-European Union Partnership Strategy (JAES) **28-30 June 2017**, Tunis, Tunisia
12. The 2017 Global Forum for Responsible Management Education – tentative-July

13. **Funding Development Conference, 10 July 2017, 99 City Road Conference Centre London, UK**
14. **7th PRME Assembly, 18-19 July 2017, New York City, United States.**
15. **National Trade Conference and Exhibition 23-25th August, 2017 Abuja, Nigeria**

APPRECIATION - PROFOH STRATEGIC PARTNERS

1. Jans Haven, for the upcoming funds raising efforts in New NY,CA, Miami for Haiti medical mission
2. State Clinical Translational Scientific Research for building formidable networks.
3. Earthwide Surgical Foundation, for performing about 300 bold surgeries this year alone.
4. Medical Mission International for just concluded Kaduna Medical Mission-Nigeria

INDIVIDUALS

1. Dr. Liang for coordinating efforts with Ghana Ministry of Health for next Ghana mission
2. Princess Ronke for coordinating with several commissioners of health in Northern Nigeria
3. Dr. Sabra for just concluded mission and coordination PROFOH activities in Egypt
4. Prof. Gbanaador for coordinating with ACUSA in Houston for the Imo State, Medical Mission, Nigeria.
5. Ms. Singh for her efforts in Kathmandu, Nepal
6. Ms. Sandberg for her efforts to get PROFOH on her feet in Sweden.
7. Ms. Brawshaw for her efforts on the Haiti, Jamaica and Sri Lanka missions
8. Mr. Nurse for putting coalitions of the willing to expand health care to the Caribbean
9. All 52 new members who signed to serve humanity through PROFOH.

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