



Africa Partners Medical

Dear Friends:

With your help and support, Africa Partners Medical continues to address the health care needs of West Africa through education, equipment, and training, with the goal of reducing needless deaths in Africa. 2009 saw another big increase in interest and participation from across the United States, Europe and Africa. One huge step that we have made, in faith, is to hire an African staff to help with the increased expansion and demand for our outreach.

**Here are a few of our accomplishments in 2009:**

- An Endoscopy Training Workshop from September 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, Ghana. The 3-day workshop trained twelve gastroenterologists, surgeons, and residents from Ghana, Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire and Gambia, who will in turn train others.
- Our annual Africa Partners Medical Continuing Medical Conference in Kumasi, Ghana from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>; the 2009 team consisted of 48 volunteer physicians, nurses, basic and advanced cardiac life support trainers, conference administrators, and support staff. As in previous years, the conference consisted of daily didactic sessions and hands-on workshops including training in high-risk deliveries, endoscopy and ultrasound, and certification in basic and advanced life support. Highlights of this year's conference included a 4-day workshop in Intensive Care Medicine for staff of the new Accident and Emergency Center at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital and a workshop on minimally-invasive and laparoscopic surgery.
- Delivery of a 40-ft shipping container of equipment totaling over \$750,000 to West Africa. The equipment included endoscopy equipment, medical laboratory equipment, and medical supplies.
- The Annual Larry Ebert and Patrick Twumasi Memorial Lecture on Spirituality and Medicine.
- The conference and workshops were attended by 350 physicians, nurses, and health care workers from Ghana, Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Gambia.

The value of the CME conference to African physicians is exemplified by a note from Dr. Udo, a Nigerian physician who attended the conference this year. Dr. Udo states:

***"I finally resumed work after my trip to Ghana for the medical conference. It was great! I want to thank you especially for the scholarship. It made my trip possible and has also been a blessing to my department. I have organized two training sessions on basic and advanced cardiac life support with borrowed manikins, to train both doctors and nurses in our accident and emergency department. Your scholarship yielded very positive fruits. May God bless you all and continue to prosper your projects."***

Your contributions to Africa Partners Medical enable physicians like Dr Udo to attend the conference and to multiply what they learned through teaching others. Your donations and prayers contribute to a worthwhile multiplicative and lasting cause.

At this time we are already planning our 2010 conference and outreach schedule. We have set the conference dates for September 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. We would like you to consider partnering again with us in this outreach. There are three ways that you can come alongside and help us.

- 1) Join us on the 2010 trip. We believe your life will not be the same after the experience.
- 2) Give a donation. No contribution is too small. Our budget this year is \$50,000. This money goes for scholarships for African participants, training and diagnostic equipment, and repair services.
- 3) Donate some medical equipment. We are looking for items like ultrasound machines, EKGs, echocardiography machines, endoscopes, mammography machines, and laboratory equipment.

Please read the enclosed brochure to find out more ways you can get involved. Thank you very much on behalf of the AP Medical team.

Sincerely,

Lewis Roberts  
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