

**AN ADDRESS PRESENTED BY DR NDIFIEMBU THOMAS NCHUKIE ON THE
OCCASION OF END OF VISIT OF DR THOMAS PIELMEIER AND DORIS TO THE
CATHOLIC HEALTH CENTRE MAYO DARLE.**

This 21st day of September 2010

DR THOMAS AND DORIS

**THE MATRON CATHOLIC HEALTH CENTRE MAYO DARLE, THE STAFF HERE
PRESENT.**

I am delighted to be given the pride of place to speak on the behalf of the administration and staff at this occasion of send off of DR THOMAS and DORIS who have been our August guests here for the past one week.

I wish to thank, DR THOMAS and DORIS for thinking about Africa, Cameroon and more so this remote rural community of Mayo darle in which is implanted our health centre. I will say it would have been very courageous enough for you to make this adventure of leaving Germany to come over to Cameroon to visit this small village and our health centre. You have seen for your self how tedious it has been for you to leave Europe to Africa and to pass through extremely bad roads to Shisong, kumbo and to Mayo darle. It is certainly because of your zeal to serve mankind that you made it an obligation to visit us. We are happy and appreciate all that you have brought for us. Your gifts of numerous theatre material [sutures, scalpels syringes, sphygmomanometers, tourniquets, face masks, caps, and drugs etc,]are much appreciated. We wish to thank you for these and the anaesthetic machine you intend to buy for us before leaving. All these will get a along way to enable us to start operations and thus put our theatre in proper use.

You have come, we have worked together for the pass one week and you have seen for yourself that the people of Mayo darle really need your help.

This health centre serves a population of over 20000 people in the Mayo darle sub division and environs. The sub division which is situated in the mayo Banyo division of the ADAMAWA region of Cameroon is made up of a mixed population whose major occupation is subsistent farming and animal husbandry. It features

as one of the least developed part of Cameroon. The per capital income is very low and the population cannot afford to meet up with medical and other financial responsibilities. You have seen for yourself during consultations that the people are unable to accept admission~~y~~ or even pay for the drugs. This is not of their liking but due to lack of money. All these are to let you know that you have come to the right place for your humanitarian services and we wish that you continue to have us in mind. Make this Health centre your partner in the amelioration of the living condition of this rural community through provision of adequate health care. On our part we promise to use your gifts to the advantage of this impoverish people.

Our health centre offers numerous services ranging from curatives to preventive services. We have an active laboratory, maternity and small dental care department. We equally carry out programs on HIV/AIDS which is a dilemma in this zone.

Mayo darle is 57km from Banyo where we refer minor cases for operation and more than 300km from Shisong to where we refer major operations. The starting of operation in our health centre will be of Paramount importance. You see therefore that your gifts is timely and will actually help to reduce cost and other inconveniences for patients who have to move long distances to obtain similar services. Our zeal is to persistently improve our services and it is for this reason that we ask you to program within your tight schedule to always visit and help us. Your support of consumables and the anaesthetic machine have actual~~l~~ reduced our need~~s~~, but much still needs to be done for the theatre and health centre in general to obtain reasonable standards. Some very important equipment still needs to be acquired; paramount of which include, A theatre bed, movable shadow less operating lambs, surgical ward bed, portable x-ray machine etc. just to name a few.

Our dental department is in need of a drilling machine for tooth filling. The centre of activities in our health unit remains the laboratory. Our diagnostic facilities are limited and our wish is to improve especially in the domain of biochemical analyses, culture and sensitivity test and other test not present now. So we are in real need for biochemical machine and equipment to enable us carry

especially out some hematological analyses. We need this machine to be more specific in our Management the use of antibiotics in the treatment of infections which occupy an important place in our diagnoses here.

It will be a mistake if I end up without talking about staffing of the health center for the staff are such an important component of the health domain and without them the institution cannot function. For now the health centre has 12 staff, the sisters, driver and cleaner inclusive. The work load is enormous and because of our limited resources we cannot do otherwise. Remunerations for workers are not the best and there is always the risk of instability where workers may opt to go for greener pastures. We are hopeful that your constant support will allow our administration to employ more workers and also look into workers plight to ensure stability and continuity. Equally we are ready to welcome expatriate support in the domain of human resources even if only for short or temporal bases. When you come we learn much from you and this helps us to standardize our services. I can assure you that I have learnt quiet much for this one week that we have been together.

DR THOMAS and DORIS, I think we have in a holistic approach exposed the mayo darle community, our health centre and their needs to you. We are confident we have at last gotten our real partner in the amelioration of the leaving conditions of this impoverish and underprivileged population. Tell your people and donors who helped you to reach and help us that we shall never forget you and them. Tell your people that our contact with them through you shall be long lasting. Tell them that we need their constant help.

You will leave us tomorrow for Shisong,, Kumbo from where you will pass to Edea kribi and Douala and then finally fly back home. We wish you a safe journey, Gods guardians and happy stay back home. Extend our heart felt gratitude and greetings to your people and families. All you have done for us is real humanitarian service to God's Glory.

THANKS YOU .

