



# Love Missionary Outreach

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Reaching Out in Love through Healthcare Missions

## Needs of IMOMC

- Additional structural facilities, i.e. doctor's housing, chapel, patient facilities
- Fencing wall around the property for security purposes
- Additional medical equipment, such as a CT scan and chemical analyzer for the lab.

## Needs of El-Olam

Completion of projects within the building, i.e. painting, purchase of ceiling fans, and air-conditioning units.

Equipment needs:

Desks, chairs, cupboards – which can be constructed in Nigeria. X-ray, ultrasound and lab equipment from the USA.

Workers for all areas of the hospital and volunteers from the USA to come and help

## Imaobong Missionary Outreach Medical Center

Psalms 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." This was the key verse when Imaobong (Love of God) Missionary Outreach Medical Center (IMOMC) was dedicated over 20 years ago in the village of Mbak Ekpe, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. I'll never forget that day as we prayed and turned over the mission hospital to the Lord. IMOMC which started as an outpatient clinic, now has 2 full-time doctors and plans to add a third one this year. The hospital is bursting out of its seams! IMOMC has a daily outpatient clinic and a 50-bed inpatient facility delivering babies, caring for the sick, and praying for the hurting. Over the past 20 years, tens of thousands have been treated and ministered the love of Jesus Christ. IMOMC serves as a lighthouse of hope in that area of southeast Nigeria. In 2017 IMOMC hosted a massive free medical and surgical outreach with Nigerian indigenes of doctors and nurses coming from California. The focus of the outreach was on eye care with over 600 pairs of glasses being fitted and given out. Twenty cataract surgeries were performed and 40 other types of surgeries were done. Many patients, especially the less privileged were at hand to benefit immensely and Almighty God was glorified. In August of 2017 the Honorable Aniekan Uko of the Akwa Ibom State house of assembly came to the hospital with his wife and donated toiletries to the patients and cleared the bills of about 12 patients in commemoration of his birthday!

IMOMC created a 2<sup>nd</sup> operating room last year to expand the scope of surgeries in the hospital. The sterilizer purchased for IMOMC in 2016 is large enough to take care of the needs of both operating rooms. In February of this year IMOMC signed an agreement with the village of Mbak Ekpe and a settlement for purchase of the land surrounding the hospital was made. For the past 20 years, the land was under a lease agreement with IMOMC and the village had been agitating in various dimensions.

Over the past 2 years Nigeria has suffered an economic recession, which has crippled the less fortunate ones in the rural areas significantly. It has affected IMOMC as follows: 1. Series of patients leave the hospital without paying their bills; 2. The devaluation of the naira (local currency) has brought the value staff salaries to nothing; 3. It has increased the cost of maintenance and provision of light via generator; and 4. An extraordinary increase in the cost of medication and supplies has been noted. Despite all of these challenges, IMOMC continues to function and thrive by the grace of God.

The Bible says, "Inasmuch as you have done it for the least of my brethren, you've done it unto Me." As the founder and current board member of IMOMC, I am so blessed and honored to be a part of this life-giving mission. Regular ministrations of the Gospel to patients and staff as well as surrounding communities is the cornerstone of our medical missions. During our recent trip to Nigeria and the Board meetings that were held we noted IMOMC needs our prayers and help. Please see the side panel for ways you can help.

## Prayer needs:

*Finances to complete the projects for IMOMC and El-Olam*

*For the needs of our staff at IMOMC and wisdom for Dr Odo and other medical staff*

*For volunteers and health care workers to join with us to care and pray for the sick in our Hospitals*

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## El-Olam Healthcare Hospital

Our upcoming hospital, El-Olam Medical Center, is reaching completion. To God be the Glory! Many projects were completed this past month during our visit there i.e. plumbing, electrical, and drainage gutters. The second floor of the hospital is completely finished and we have commenced in setting up beds and equipment. One room was organized and designated for the medical supplies. The first level of the hospital is where we concentrated our efforts. We completed tiling the floors, operating room and bathrooms. We put gutters around the building for drainage as it rains over 200 inches every year. All electrical work was completed except for ceiling fans and air-conditioning units that are needed. We still need to paint the lower level and the outside of the hospital.

One of our main goals for our trip was purchasing and installing the 100 kva generator for the hospital – the monies for the generator were given by your generous donations. God bless you!

We had to construct a cement platform for the generator to sit on. The platform needed to be 2-3 feet in height due to drainage/flooding issues. Even our hospital is built up off the ground significantly as the state we are in has a monsoon climate. The generator was delivered on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 am!! It was delivered from Port Harcourt Nigeria by a large truck. The difficulties and drama of the delivery of generator are too many to describe here!! However, we are grateful to God for its safe arrival, commissioning and installation. Let there be light and there was light at our hospital!!

Pray for workers, nurses and doctors, we will need to start this mission hospital. Still lots of work to get it up and running. We want to travel back to Nigeria again this year. We need your help to make this a reality.

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## Our Trip to Nigeria in February

We just returned from Nigeria, West Africa with a renewed vision and burden for the people of this great country. It was 2 weeks packed with ministry and work. Most of our time was spent at El-Olam Hospital. Much time was involved in arranging for the payment and delivery of the generator. Twelve to fourteen hour days of planning and supervising projects for the building. Also, sorting and arranging medical supplies; Christian books/bibles ( a whole room of it) which has been given out for distribution in churches and schools in the rural areas of Akwa Ibom State.

We were able to spend quality time with the medical director of IMOMC, Dr Augustine Odo. It cannot be emphasized enough the immense impact the hospital is having daily in the lives of so many. The opportunities for ministry are many. I'm praying for the Lord to call others to answer the call and go and help. The hospital would highly benefit from outside healthcare workers to come in full-time and/or part-time and share their skills. Also, El-Olam needs faith/Spirit filled workers to join hands with us to get this hospital off the ground. Without faith it is impossible to please God – he gave us the faith for IMOMC over 20 years ago and God has not changed.

Otto & I were able to minister and pray for the staff and patients at IMOMC. We brought 2 suitcases full of clothes and other gifts for the staff, which we

gave out. Otto spent some time consulting patients in the outpatient department and also giving recommendations for improving patient care especially in the maternity section. Otto & I also ministered to all the construction workers at El-Olam and gave out Bibles to each one of them. Some requested prayers for healing, for their business, and salvation. We give God All the Glory for his mercies and provision.

Thank you so much for your donations and for making all of this possible!! If you have been touched by this letter please share it and then do what you can as God lays it on your heart. We need partners in this mission whether it be just a one-time gift or a monthly donation. Those of you who gave towards the generator, we just wanted you to know through this letter that it had been purchased and installed. God bless you. We love and appreciate you.

In the Lord's Service,

Kari & Otto Umana

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Figure 1: 100 kva generator delivered to El-Olam Hospital

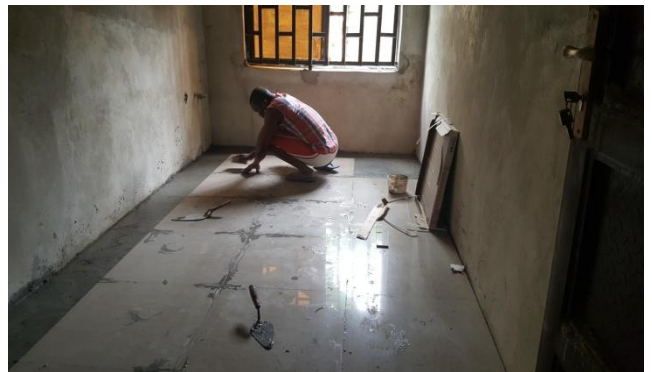


Figure 2: Tiling the Floors in the hospital



Figure 3: Front view of El-olam hospital



Figure 4: Side view of the hospital