



# CAMA-Guinea Update

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## Praise God with us for...

- Dr Jean, Jackie, Cecile and Grace Yaradouno. We are thrilled to have them join the team at Hope Medical Center.
- Dr Guilavogui and Kadiatou. They are an answer to prayer.
- The Albright family that just returned back to Guinea. Stephen is the HMC Administrative Director and Lori is the Short-term Teams coordinator and manager of the Hope guest house.
- The continued relative calm here in Guinea amidst the unrest on the part of the population toward the new government.

## Prayer needs at a glance...

- Pray for the Yaradounos and the Guilavoguis and all or our national staff.
- Pray for the van Roekels as they transition back to Holland.
- For ongoing peace in the country and for the relatively new government.
- Meetings coming up

## *The face of Hope Medical Center is changing...*

This year has been one of changes in senior staff here on the campus of HMC.

In January 2011 we welcomed Dr Jean Yaradouno and his wife Jackie along with their two little girls, Cecile and Grace. Jean is a Guinean surgeon trained by Dr David Thompson and his team at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, Central Africa. Jackie is a Guinean nurse also trained at Bongolo Hospital. Jean and Jackie are doing a fabulous job and have been a real blessing to the ministry of the medical center and to each of us personally. They are loved and respected by our national staff of close to 40 workers. Welcome Jean and Jackie! You are an answer to our prayers.



*The Yaradouno family!*

In June 2011 we were also blessed to welcome Dr Simeon Guilavogui and his wife Kadiatou. Dr Simeon and Kadiatou are also Guineans and they came to us from the capital city of Guinea, Conakry, where they were working in a medical clinic operated by the C&MA related national church – Eglise Protestante Evangelique. Simeon brings to HMC 10 years of experience as a doctor and he heads up consultation. Kadiatou is currently working here in reception and cash receipts, and in sterilization for our O.R. Welcome Simeon and Kadiatou! You are also an answer to our prayers.

Last year we had approximately 30 national staff and this year we have close to 40. The additional staff is primarily staffing the O.R. and recovery area where Dr Jean does surgeries 3 days a week.

We are going to be sad to say goodbye to the van Roekel family at the end of this month. Dr Huub, Margriet and their two little girls, Rebecca and Sarah, are concluding their work here at HMC and will soon be returning to Holland. Huub has been our Medical director at HMC and has served with humility and excellence. Margriet has been working part-time at the medical center as a nurse and cares for their young children. This family is dearly loved by us all. They have been such a



later this month with President of CAMA, Phil Skellie. We long to hear from the LORD as to the future of Hope Medical Center.

- Pray for the new training program for nurses under the direction of Anja Erickson.

### How you can support our work...

#### Westlake Support:

Send donations to CAMA Services at the address below marked "Support of Dennis Westlakes". You can also easily give on-line by using the web address below. (in yellow)

#### Westlake Work:

These donations help us do projects and meet needs related to our work in Guinea. These are to be marked "For the work of Dennis Westlakes".

#### Giving Options:

You can give via your local C&MA church using the above designations,

or you can give online at this web address:

[www.camaservices.org/workers.php](http://www.camaservices.org/workers.php)

or you can send your gift directly to the C&MA National Office at the following address:

**Compassion and Mercy Associates  
P.O. Box 35000  
Colorado Springs, CO  
80935-3500**

blessing and we are going to miss them so much.

The ultimate goal for the medical center is for it to be one day completely nationalized, that is, the medical center being run by nationals and largely self-supporting. With the addition this year of the Yaradounos and Guilavoguis, that goal is beginning to become a reality.

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### *On a more personal note...*

We were thrilled to announce that our daughter, Kharissa and husband, Scott, are expecting baby number two toward the end of this coming February. Emerson is going to have a sibling and we are so happy!

This was a summer of the unexpected. On Mother's day Cindy returned to the U.S. for treatment after having weeks of non-stop migraine headaches. The chiropractor asked if she'd been in an auto accident due to shape she was in. To this she replied that it likely the result of driving on the bad roads in Guinea. It's difficult to describe the roads here - 'seeing is believing'! ☺ Praise God, the chiropractic treatment was successful.

Then, while at a routine doctor's visit it was discovered that she had some skin cancer on her face. That put into motion the need to have this cared for in a short amount of time. Her return airline ticket was for just a few weeks away. It was as if the LORD put angels along her path, starting with her family doctor who had recently had skin cancer on her face. She called in a favor to her dermatologist. Cindy was able to have what's called the MOHs procedure, followed in a few days with plastic surgery. Amazingly she was on a plane back to Guinea only 10 days after her scheduled return. And, the airline waved the customary fee for changing a ticket!

What a delight during this difficult 2 month period for Cindy to stay with our daughter, Kharissa, and her family and to have our son Jason and his family just a few streets away. It was pure joy to spend time with the grandkids and for Dennis to join Cindy for part of this time.

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### *CAMA financial situation...*

As you may know, CAMA workers, the CAMA support infrastructure and relief and development projects CAMA undertakes are NOT supported through the Great Commission Fund. While we do not want to discourage giving to the GCF, we do want to encourage giving directly to the CAMA Advance Fund. At this time income is only at 71.7% of the projected budget even though spending is at 96% making the difference between income and expense \$78,891. Steps are underway to cut spending in order to bring it in-line with actual funding.

We want to thank you for your faithful and generous giving to our support over the years, by giving to both the GCF and now to CAMA. We are asking those of you who feel led to give in this particular time of need to consider giving to our support (see side bar). Your contribution goes to the CAMA Advance Fund to offset the cost of our ministry. Please pray that this ministry will continue through Spirit-led giving on the part of God's people and also that we will be Spirit-led in the use of the funds entrusted to us.