

BAWA HEALTH INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER

October 2021

YOU DID IT!!!! A Lifesaving Ambulance and a New Portable Ultrasound!

Dear Friends of Bawa,

It is our hope and prayer that you and your loved ones are staying healthy during these challenging times of the coronavirus pandemic.

We want to use this opportunity to provide you with some updates of our work in Bawa and surrounding villages. I will start by saying, YOU DID IT!!!! The 2020 brand new Toyota Landcruiser 4WD Ambulance is at the Sophie Awounkeu Community Health Centre in Bawa. It arrived there on March 5th, 2021. The people of Bawa and the whole area celebrated with chants, dances, and traditional blessing of the utility vehicle by the Magnis, the Chief of Bawa and his peers. We don't have words to express our gratitude to you for your generosity towards the ambulance project. The ambulance has been transporting urgent cases to the major hospitals in Cameroon. It has gone as far as Yaoundé, the Cameroon capital to drop patients needing specialized urgent care. The ambulance is saving lives. Today, we can confidently say **"No other pregnant woman in labor with a breech baby and requiring a C-section in Bawa and neighboring villages will get to the hospital in the city on a motorcycle on a 13-mile dirt road"**. THANK YOU!!!

Cameroonian physician specialists continue to volunteer their time at the clinic. It started on February 25th, 2021 with Doctor Christophe Akazong, Pediatrician and Allergist at the Douala General Hospital. He was followed in April by Professor Bruno Kenfack, Ob/Gyn at the Dschang District Hospital and faculty at the University of Dschang Medical School. A little note about Professor Kenfack is that he is a friend and classmate since 1979 when we all met at the Lycée de Dschang to start middle school. Recently (August 13, 2021), Professor Séraphin Nguéfack, Neuro-pediatrician at the Yaoundé Gynaeco-Pediatric Hospital, and faculty at the University Yaoundé I School of medicine saw patients at the Health Centre. Thank You doctors for sharing your medical expertise with our folks in our villages and who cannot afford a specialist visit at the advanced hospitals where you serve! Another note about the clinic, our Ob/Gyn nurse, Mireille Fegue, has been undergoing further training under Professor Kenfack since July 2021.

Our clinical staff continues to care for patients at the Health Centre 24/7. Since January 2021, they have seen more than 450 patients and delivered 11 babies including a pair of twins.

We are very happy to share with you that no COVID-19 cases have been detected in Bawa and neighboring villages. We hope and pray that it stays the same for the rest of 2021 and beyond!

Many of you recently chipped in towards our equipment fundraising. Because of you, the clinic now has a new portable ultrasound machine. We will be acquiring a biochemical analyzer soon.

Early this August, several kids in Kittitas County, Washington State participated in our annual fundraising soccer camp. We would like to thank our coaches (Jim Engeland, Dr. Robert Pritchett, Quinn Rogel, Layne Rogel, Abby Botten, Deryn Bala) and my assistants (Liam Pritchett, Owen Pritchett, Luke Pritchett, Dema Dondji and Adrien Dondji). We have no words to thank our sponsors (ShirtWorks, Utopia Frozen Yogurt, Domino's Pizza, Advantage Dirt Contractors, Kelleher Motor Company, Homebridge Home Loans, Valley Veterinary Hospital).

THANK YOU!!!

Professor Blaise Dondji, PhD, President & Co-Founder



Ambulance Dedication in BAWA

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WAYS YOU CAN HELP

There are so many ways that we can each contribute and make a significant difference in the lives of those who live in BAWA and the surrounding areas.

facebook Birthdays

Promote BAWA Health Initiative as your charity of choice for your Birthday this year and let all your Facebook friends know about us!

Two weeks before your birthday, you will see a message in your News Feeds giving you the option to create a fundraiser for your birthday. Once you set it up, your friends will receive a notification inviting them to support Bawa Health Initiative in honor your special day.

[Click here for directions](#) - it's so easy!

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice.

To get started with AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose Bawa Health Initiatives as your charity. To join AmazonSmile from the mobile app, open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, **November 13th**

Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Ellensburg, WA

Pick up a delicious Cameroonian dinner prepared by Francine Dondji and friends. Details will be available on our website at: www.bawahealth.org



On Tuesday, **November 30th** the Global Day of Giving, we encourage you to think of BAWA Health Initiative and join us on either our

BAWA Health Initiative facebook page for donation matching

or on our

BAWA Website at www.bawahealth.org



Precious twins born at the clinic, April 2021

2021-2022

FUNDRAISING FOCUS FOR CLINIC

WAGES

OBGYN Chief Nurse and Clinic Staff (9 staff members)
\$200-\$300 per month ea. or \$2400 to \$3600 per year ea.

EQUIPMENT

Computer, Printer & Wifi - \$3500
Autoclave for sterilization - \$2300
Water Tank Reservoir -\$2500

MAINTENANCE

Building and Equipment - \$4000

\$35,100



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THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!