

Mission Catholique

Dear Katja and Felix Bruhin

It is our joy to send these few words to you today, to find out how you are doing. How are you and your colleagues? I hope and pray that you all are doing great as we are here in Mayo-Darle.

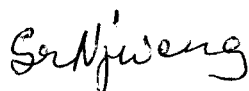
Mayo-Darle is in the ecclesiastical province of Garoua and in the diocese of Ngaoundere. We the Tertiary Sisters Francis have been serving in this diocese for 29 years. It is a small town with a hand full of inhabitants. We serve the population of this area dominantly of Moslem belief and practices, in the health centre; helping them to learn how to treat their people in hospital or health centers because it is not their practice. It is not an easy task but we try to do what we can to convince them, and for this number of years, we have seen great improvement in their behaviors.

As you can read in the report included in here, a lot is being done. We are struggling with the little we have and with the generosity of some good people. May God bless them and reward them. With God's help and will, with the local contribution and with some other generous people we shall achieve and succeed to truly help the people of Mayo-Darle; especially the children who are the future of any society.

Extend my greetings to all, especially your family and friends. Our community has been affected some transfers. You will see three new faces when you come. Now our community is made up of; Sr. Solange, Matron in the health center, Sr. Fabiola Ndze, Superior of the community, Sr. Bernard Ngum, Sr. Scholastica, Directress of the Primary School, and Sr. Evelyn Njwenj whom you know.

Greetings to Adrian Gmur.

With best regards,
Sr. Evelyn



A REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTH CENTER MAYO-DARLE FOR THE YEAR 2007

PRESENTATION OF THE HEALTH CENTRE IN THE HEALTH AREA

1) HISTORY OF THE HEALTH CENTRE

The catholic health centre is operating in the health area of Mayo-Darle. It was started at the tin mine at koudja about 8km away from the present site, by the charity reverend sisters in the late 1940s. Sister Eileen was the nurse and Sister Ann Marie Le Rail was teaching home craft to women. The sisters were giving treatment to Christian sisters and others in the other miners in their convent. Later, the miners pleaded to the sisters to take the dispensary to a more accessible place since the convent was a private place and very much inaccessible to miners.

In the late 1960 and early 1970 the miners were closed up and as the people were deserting the area, the dispensary was almost closing up. At this time, two volunteers, Marie Therese and Colette (Volontaire du Progress Humainitaire) came to work in the dispensary. The bishop of Ngaoundere made a call for any religious group to come and take over the running of the centre.

In 1976, the dispensary was transferred to Tiket, a quarter in the Mayo-Darle village using a rented department about 300m from the present site. The two volunteers were still the main personnel running the centre. In 1979, they constructed a structure in the present site made up of a few rooms. The Franciscan Sisters took over the management of the dispensary the same year just before transferring to the present site with Sister Gabriella as the pioneer Franciscan matron. Marie Therese and Colette worked with her just for a short while before leaving.

Up to date, the dispensary has had several matrons after Sister Gabriella; Sister Raphaela, Sister Gisela, Sister Gertrude, Sister Candida, Sister Mathilda, Sister Ruphina, Sister Felicitas, Sister Electa, Sister Emilia, and Presently Sister Solange. Now the centre has grown from one building to three blocks with a bed capacity of 42. It has an outpatient department, and an in patient department. It also has a third building with private rooms, dentistry, and a laundry. The center has pit latrines, a good well, a pipe born water and a solar electricity given by the mission. There is also a kitchen for the patients, and a small storage room for assorted things which is attached to the in patient department.

2) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HEALTH CENTRE

The health center carries on integrated activities; curative, preventive, promotive, and rehabilitative, and a maternity.

Under the curative activities, consultation and admission, and treatment of patients are carried out with an average number of about 2000 consultations, 500 admissions, and 200 deliveries per year. As preventive activities, we do carry out infant welfare clinics (IWC), ante natal clinics (ANC). We also do prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV during ANC. A counselor has been trained for this purpose, and the activity is being well implanted with an average number of 854 clients counseled on HIV/AIDS and average number of women who accept to do the test.

Under the promotive activities we do give health education, weighing of children and give vitamin A supplements. In the rehabilitative activity we do training of people on knitting, fabrication of soap, bread, omo, and others. We generally refer physiotherapy cases to SAJOCA Bafut.

3) OBJECTIVE PLAN TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE 2007OUR PLAN FOR THIS YEAR IS TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING IF POSSIBLE:

- ❖ The purchase of a powerful generator
- ❖ The purchase of a small drilling machine for tooth filling
- ❖ Buying of an ultrasound machine
- ❖ Training of a staff on how to use the ultrasound machine
- ❖ Recruitment of a medical doctor
- ❖ The purchase of a D&C aspirator for dilatation and curettage
- ❖ Repairs of damages in the health centre and staff quarter
- ❖ Renovation and equipping of doctor's residence
- ❖ Buying a new computer machine
- ❖ The purchase of material for bed sheets and protection of mattresses
- ❖ Construction of a small theater room

4) WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR IN 2007

- ✓ D&C aspirator has been bought
- ✓ Bed sheet material has been bought
- ✓ Mattresses have been covered
- ✓ Wood for repairs have been bought
- ✓ Some repairs have been done in the health centre and the staff quarter
- ✓ A portable generator has been bought for the doctor's residence
- ✓ We have a medical doctor employed in the health centre
- ✓ We have just bought a powerful generator still to be installed
- ✓ An ultrasound machine has been bought

5) AWAITING PROJECTS

- Purchase of a computer and printer
- Construction of an operating room
- Completion of repairs in the health centre and staff quarter
- Buying of bed pans
- Acquiring an autoclave machine for sterilizing equipment
- Purchase of a drilling machine for tooth filling

6) POSSIBLE PROBLEMS OF THE HEALTH CENTRE

- ❖ Lack of adequate space and land
- ❖ Many unpaid bills
- ❖ Limited finances for the purchase of the important material and equipment and drugs in the health centre
- ❖ Debt to be paid for certain equipment got like the ultrasound machine
- ❖ Construction of the small operating room due to limited resources, finances
- ❖ Difficulty to purchase a drilling machine for tooth filling
- ❖ Referral hospital is far from the health centre
- ❖ Construction of an incinerator

7) OUR BENEFACTORS

Ann Elise Keen, Kate Inynam and Karine Rousel from the United Kingdom and Kristel Aert from Belgium supported us to have some instruments. We therefore present to them our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their generosity.

SOME STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2007

Number of consultations.....	2107
Number of admissions.....	629
Number of referred cases.....	43

IN THE MATERNITY SECTION

Number of deliveries.....	259
Number of referred cases.....	16

IN THE ANTENATAL CLINIC

Number of new clients at the antenatal clinic.....	338
Number of 2 nd attendance at the antenatal clinic.....	245
Number of 3 rd attendance at the antenatal clinic.....	224
Number of ATT1.....	117
Number of ATT 2.....	289
Number of ATT3.....	270
Number of ATT4&5 and boosters.....	230

IN THE INFANT WELFARE CLINIC

Number of BCG given.....	279
Number of DPT&HeB1 given.....	265
Number of DPT&HeB2 given.....	257
Number of DPT&HEB3 given.....	193
Number of Polio 0 given.....	197
Number of Polio 1 given.....	240
Number of Polio 2 given.....	242
Number of Polio 3 given.....	184
Number of Measles given.....	136
Number of Yellow Fever given.....	127

Number of children who received Vitamin A. Ages 0-11 months.....199
Number of children who received Vitamin A. Ages 12-59 months.....60

PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION

Number of women counseled.....678
Number of mothers tested positive.....10
Number of mothers tested negative.....219
Number of women who did the test.....229
Number of women with HIV who delivered04

