



Sharing the joy of life restored!  
Tanzanian and South Sudanese  
medical staff with women healing after  
successful fistula surgery in 2019.

# Global Health Ministries Newsletter

## South-South Learning



*Tanzanian nurse Noela, on the right,  
with South Sudanese colleagues  
and patients.*

Global Health Ministries (GHM) is dedicated to making mutual learning opportunities possible. As we network and even

subsidize growing relationships between our partners, there is invaluable enrichment happening. Being a catalyst for collaboration among our partners may be among GHM's most valuable roles. This certainly isn't a new idea, but for GHM it is a growing priority.

Born out of specific requests from our international partners, GHM has participated in South-South Learning. Very simply, this refers to sharing knowledge, skills, expertise and resources among developing nations in order to meet their goals.

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**Shipping.**  
118 tons ...

of medical equipment and supplies shipped to GHM's global partners in 2019!



**Volunteers.**  
10% more ...

volunteer hours in 2019! Our volunteers make this ministry possible.



**Global Impact.**  
31 countries ...

touched by GHM in 2019! Helping the hands that heal around the world.



# SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING

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Much of GHM's history has focused on aid from the USA to developing nations. This continues in the form of grants, shipping, and consulting. But another resource we can offer is to network these brothers and sisters in Christ to collaborate and mutually strengthen each other in efforts to "help the hands that heal." Below are just a few recent examples.

## India-Madagascar

Even now, a team of Malagasy doctors and nurses are packing their bags for an immersion trip to India. This team will experience and learn from a mature model of community-based health care and carry that experience back to Madagascar to enrich a newly-launched community health nursing program aimed at impacting rural communities across the island nation.

## Madagascar-Cameroon

Recently the CEO of the Lutheran healthcare system in Cameroon, Dr. Aroga, asked GHM to assist in coordinating a way for him to learn from the Lutheran healthcare system in Madagascar. The dialogue has already begun between these partners and an onsite visit is hoped for yet this year.

## Tanzania-Tanzania

In September 2019 a Tanzanian doctor, Dr. Simon Megiroo, joined a GHM/GHAP team in southwestern Tanzania as a key consultant, and we praise God for his willingness and professional skills. This idea of involving national and regional consultants is one of GHM's newest priorities. In February 2020 Mr. Rob Thames (Director of GHAP) and Doug Cox (GHM's Executive Director) will be meeting in Cameroon with a consultant already preparing to share his skills in the Central African Republic and Nigeria later in 2020.

## Tanzania-South Sudan

With GHM support and under the leadership of Dr. Mark Jacobson (ELCA missionary) and Dr. Andrew Browning, doctors and nurses from Tanzania have helped over the past two years to offer fistula outreach camps in South Sudan. In addition to restoring health for many women, these camps brought training to local staff and capacity building to a budding health center in South Sudan, sponsored by the ELCA.

Top photo: Nigerian partners experiencing community-based health care in India. Bottom photo: Dr. Megiroo, GHAP consultation, Tanzania



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*I dream of the realization of the unity of Africa, whereby its leaders combine in their efforts to solve the problems of the continent.*

~ Nelson Mandela

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“ Great news! The ultrasound machine at Garoua Boulai Hospital has been repaired! ”

~ Dr. Simon Aroga

“You can see the joy in the face of Dr. Adrien, Jeremie and the other employees!”

On December 16, GHM received an urgent request from Garoua Boulai Hospital in Cameroon for a replacement ultrasound probe. The ultrasound machine was still in good working condition, only a few years old, but the probe was damaged. GHM staff confirmed details on the replacement probe, sourced a new one from

the manufacturer, and shipped to Cameroon via DHL Express. The new probe arrived at the hospital on the 2nd of January and works great!

An ultrasound machine is a critical diagnostic tool and staff at Garoua Boulai Hospital perform over 300 exams per month. Without this machine, patients would need to

travel more than 350 km (217 miles) to the nearest hospital with a working ultrasound. More than 60 percent of patients who visit Garoua Boulai Hospital are from the Muslim community, and many patients come from neighboring Central African Republic. A good platform for *Diakonia* and witness to the love of Christ.



Special shout out to the students from Metro Deaf School in St. Paul, who volunteer at GHM as part of their Career and Transition program. Even as they build their resumes and learn new skills, including how to communicate with hearing people in a work environment, they contribute much to this ministry. They help inventory donated supplies, and pick items for shipment, and they're great at it! Thank you for making a difference, here and around the world!



## NEW PARTNERSHIP IN TANZANIA

Tanzanians consider the western part of the country to be the least developed area. This is where the Lake Tanganyika Diocese (LTD) was recently founded. An international interdisciplinary GHAP team (Dr. Megi-roo, Rebecca Hartwig, Nyika Friberg, Scott Lien, and Rob Thames) has met with the local LTD team led by Bishop

Mwaipopo and General Secretary Kilongodzi to partner on how to improve health in the LTD over the next decade. Meetings with Ministry of Health officials, local leaders and remote village communities informed this initial feasibility study. Lake Tanganyika is the second largest and second deepest fresh water lake in

the world. Despite the region's agricultural assets, malnutrition is one of the many issues faced by residents. Maternal and child mortality are top priorities. We are excited about this new partnership and the potential, with your support, to make a significant difference in the health of these wonderful people.



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# *Gala!*

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Join us as we celebrate the healing spirit that moves through this extraordinary ministry. Together we bring light, and hope, to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

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8700 Edinbrook Crossing  
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Register starting March 1 at  
[www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org), or 763-586-9590



"There is a light in this world, a healing spirit ... We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering ... Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways."

~ Mother Teresa