



EDITH'S DREAM END OF YEAR REPORT 2016.

A little kindness makes a difference

Our Vision:

Is to give hope to the less privileged, making a difference in the health of individuals and families living in poverty in Mbengwi and the surrounding villages in Cameroon.

Our Mission:

Is to end all preventable, maternal, child and adolescent deaths, to save and prolong life as well as increasing health education so people know what to do when they become ill.

Overview

Edith's dream UK has been making a difference in the life of individuals and families in more than 30 villages in the meta clan in Mbengwi and its surrounding towns in Cameroon since its registration as a charity in England in July 2013. (Registered charity No: 1152722) We are a charity in Weston working with the local community and organizations to reduce the incidence of people dying of illnesses that can be treated today and reducing ignorance and poverty in Africa. Founded in April 2011 then registered in 2013. The charity is headed by the chair person who is also the founder. It has a board of trustees made of 6 members of which there is a secretary and a treasurer. Edith's dream UK works with Grace Foundation Trust Mbengwi a local none profit making association in Mbengwi Cameroon founded by the same founder and delivering wellbeing to the community.

Highlights of 2016

Early last year 2016 Edith's dream shipped a container to Douala to be transported to Mbengwi.

This consisted of hospital mattresses, and other hospital materials together with a four-wheeldrive to facilitate outreach activities into the community and transfer patients refer to hospital. This was received by Grace Foundation Trust.

Edith's dream UK provided the following medical equipment for the health centre in Mbengwi Haematology machine, Aspirator, Oxygen concentrator, Incubator, Paediatric ambo bag, and Spectrophotometer. These equipments are making a hudge difference, saving lives through Grace foundation trust health centre.

The chairperson visited GFT Mbengwi in May for a 2weeks working session with the Trust but unfortunately this visit was not a very successful one as the administrator had an accident and was in the hospital for the 2weeks and she return without really doing what she planned to do. Any way she gradually recovered and is currently doing well at work.

Towards the end of last year in December 2016 saw the inauguration of the health centre. This was a momentous event and trustees and volunteers from Edith's dream were in Cameroon for the week leading to the event and were thrilled as we witnessed this spectacular event. We all participated in the preparations painting the health centre, meeting with local communities and creating positive impact in the community of Mbengwi. (Please visit our website to see pictures and videos from the inauguration of the health institution and above all to read the Chairperson's inauguration speech.)

We had two fund raising events which were very successful last year. the Spring party in April and our African fund day in September. Thanks to all who volunteered to make these events successful. All the funds raised go to promote our work in buying the above listed equipments for the health institution.

What do people say about us

Our beneficiaries the villagers in the local communities of Mbengwi say they are very thankful for the people who have brought and effective health service to their community and that the charity should grow bigger and bigger. Many patients who have received treatment from the health centre testify how very satisfied they were for the treatment they received. The villagers acknowledged the health education they receive which changes the way they think thus the way they react towards their health issues. Please see our website on www.edithsdream.org To show their appreciations to the work Edith's dream is doing the local community has donated land for a future hospital to be built as we are not in a purposely built building and more so we are renting. Above all the governor of the N/W region of Cameroon who rated the health centre best in the entire region and recommended that it should be upgraded to a hospital.

In Weston, the local community and our local churches are always happy to engage in our fund-raising activities. A lot of people are happy to volunteer for the charity in diverse ways.

Our volunteers say they enjoyed their time in Cameroon especially meeting with local people and volunteering in the health centre and the community. They say they will like to go back.

Many thanks to all the trustees of Edith's dream UK for the work they are doing to keep the charity growing. A lot of thanks to those who volunteered for Edith's dream throughout the year to promote our activities and make us move forward.

Looking Forward, the bigger picture.

Our vision is big and without limits. We could do wonderful things to the under privilege and the poor and ignorant in Africa to make them change their ways. During the inauguration of the GFT health centre it was recommended to upgrade to a hospital as the governor of the province carried a tour round the centre after officially opening the institution. The reason why the village community has made land available for Grace Foundation Trust and its supporters to build the hospital. I can't wait to see the dream of an effective full bloom hospital come true to this community.

We therefore look forward to building a community centre in Mbengwi which will be and integrated centre for health, knowledge and other facilities that will bring communities together, take the people out of poverty and ignorance and build strong, healthy and peaceful communities.

With a little kindness, we will make a difference in this community which will serve generations and improve standards of living and a place for volunteering.

We look up to improve on our website and Facebook page and to create relationships with local organizations like the hospitals, Weston College, Surgeries etc.

We hope to set up a medi - bank to receive medical materials or equipments from donors in and around Weston-Super-Mare. We are looking for people who buy our vision to join our team of volunteers to move our charity forward in our next 5 years' plan.

Once more thank you again for all your devotion to edith's dream UK. I will like to handover to our treasurer who will present the annual financial report. Thanks very much Tim for your relentless work.

Edith Focho
Chairperson
Edith's dream UK

