



## **CHAIRPERSON EDITH'S DREAM UK REPORT Jan –Dec 2013**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING April 2014**

**(Charity Number 1152722)**

#### **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 the relief of poverty, the relief of sickness and the preservation of health among people living in the village of Mbengwi and the 28 surrounding villages in Cameroon, West Africa, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of goods and services.

#### **Where we started:**

Edith's dream started in April 2011 with a membership of six and has remain this number till today. When we started Grace Foundation Trust Mbengwi (G.F.T. Mbengwi) had existed for a year. Edith's Dream was set up to work together with G.F.T. Mbengwi to make the vision of providing affordable primary health care services to individuals and families living in and around Mbengwi come true and to alleviate poverty.

#### **A. What we accomplished in 2013**

Edith's Dream UK is a very young charity that is making a difference to people's lives in Cameroon in Africa. This is our first official annual general meeting. In the past one year we have achieved a lot that has moved the charity forward and many thanks to our supporters, our trustees, friends and members of Edith's dream UK.

1. In 2013 we raised £12,272 by regular donation and fundraising through talks to different groups and organisations which was sent to GFT Mbengwi. GFT in turn

received 10,444,978frs. Out of this 5,413,000frs (52%) was used to pay the wages of staff and the rest went for the other running cost of the health centre like bills, pharmaceuticals, repairs, laboratory etc.

2. We also had a one off donation of £10,000 last year. This was a wonderful donation to Edith's dream that helped transform the health centre in Mbengwi when the trustees visited.
3. One great achievement in 2013 was the trustees visit to Cameroon in November. Five members of the trustees with their spouses volunteered to visit G.F.T Mbengwi and to witness the great work and impact Edith's dream is making in that community. While in Cameroon the following projects were achieved with the above £10,000 donation made to the charity by one of our great supporters.
  - First phase of installation of the solar plant
  - The installation of the internet
  - The tiling of the floors
  - The provision of privacy curtains around all the beds in the wards
  - Possession of some equipment for the health centre.

It was a wonderful time spent in Cameroon. Please see more about our visit on video on our web site [www.edithsdream.org](http://www.edithsdream.org)

4. Edith's dream acquired its charitable status in May 2013 and in the same May G.F.T health centre acquired its full authorisation with the ministry of health in Cameroon and went fully operational to the public. Our registered no. is 1152722 which made us fully registered with the UK charity commission, another great achievement. Thanks to our team of trustees for their marvellous work in achieving this status.

In our newsletters which can be found on our web site there is lots of information and pictures on our activities and the impact it's having in Mbengwi, Please have a look.

## **B. What we hope to achieve in the coming year:**

In 2014, we are looking for new ventures, new donors, new members/volunteers and new ideas to grow our charity to help raise funds to continue to provide affordable health in Mbengwi, working with G.F.T to reduce the devastating effects of disease and ill health, ignorance and poverty:

1. We need to aim to increase our fundraising to be able to raise money to support G.F.T in the running cost of the health centre until the centre is able to run itself then we can embark in supporting other projects in the community.

2. We hope to accomplish a few projects this year. As follows:

- Complete the solar installation
- Ship a container of goods for the health centre

We would also like to provide the following key items of equipment:

- Biochemistry machine
- Haemo-analyzer
- Maternity delivery bed.

3. This year we need to get more members to become friends of Edith's dream and you can sign up through our web site or complete a "Become a friend of Edith's dream" leaflet.

4. We would also like to start building our volunteer list, and our relationship with other charities. If you will like to spent time in Cameroon, Doctors, nurses, if you like working with youths or any talents you think you could render in a remote village in Africa then you are welcome. Edith's dream team of trustees will like to speak to you.

### **C. Financial Report:**

We have done wonderfully well in the last year as we will see the detail financial report from our able treasurer Mr Tim Cromwell.

Well done Tim, you have been so good in the management of our financial accounts. Our funds this year have come from,

- Individual and group donations
- Fundraising and
- Institutions e.g. (Primarily St. Paul's Church, Sparkol)

This has gone a long way to make us achieve what we have done so far. Every trustee has been influential in this. Thanks to you all and well done. Below is the list of our trustees and applause to everyone. I am so proud of you all.

Nikki Burns, Constance Fobang, Jonas Focho, Penny Hynds (Secretary), Tim Cromwell (Treasurer) and Edith Focho (Chairperson)

### **Conclusion:**

The year 2013 was our first official year as a registered charity. It has been a very successful one taking into consideration that we started from just a mere dream, a big vision now being put to action. It has been a project stirred by God and we have experienced God's power in action in so many circumstances thus making us to understand that ***with him everything is possible.***

We now look forward to growing our charity and creating greater impact in the poor communities in Mbengwi Cameroon. Many thanks to all who have attended this annual general meeting today, and to every member of Edith's Dream, every friend of Edith's Dream, and to all our supporters. You have all worked very hard to make this dream a success story.

God Bless you all.

Edith

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