

# **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

## **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010**

This report carries on from the Trustees Annual Report for the period ended 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

### **HISTORY, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY**

Better Lives Foundation was established in 2006 and was registered on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008. It is made up of a body of like minded people working to improve health and education conditions wherever the need and whose aim is:

- To provide quality medical care and education to the needy leading to long term healthcare independence.
- To improve the condition of people's health
- To promote good health through education
- To work in partnership with charities, especially local organisations
- To raise standards of sanitation and hygiene
- Improve access to water
- To make all projects, self sufficient, independent and self-supportive

### **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

The Charity's continued approach with its volunteers base to providing support totally free of charge which includes not only their professional or specialised services but providing their own travel and accommodation costs, donations in kind and meeting charity's certain expenses out of their own pockets. The said team of volunteers have a vast heritage and wealth of experience. As administrative costs are absorbed by the volunteers all donations received are used for patient medical care and support.

The Trustees and volunteers meet regularly to discuss existing projects and consider plans for any new projects. The volunteer's skills range from professionals such as Surgeons, Doctors, Dentists, Pharmacists, Technicians, Plumbers, electricians and other general and administrative individuals from the business community and members of the general public.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARITY**

BLF's continued with its program of medical camps from previous year at the Yonibana Sai Hospital, in Yonibana, Sierra Leone. BLF shipped a 20 foot container of medicines and hospital equipment from Mumbai, India in early April 2009 for the said cause. All this was supervised and progress tracked by BLF Trustees, Devi Patel and Jagu Patel, Hans Oberli of Transammonia Foundation and local volunteers in May 2009.

During the Trustees visit to oversee the container being emptied and all equipment installed in the hospital, they also over saw the completion of the electrical and plumbing within the hospital and guest house. BLF and its well wishers had paid for the medicines, equipment, sundries, the container and shipping cost.





Unloading Equipment in Hospital



Guest House for Volunteers Use

## **2009 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION PHASE:**

- A small logistical team flew to Sierra Leone in order to:
  - meet the container and have it transported by road to Yonibana
  - Inspect the building work nearing completion for the hospital and guest house.
  - local volunteers helped unload all the contents.
- Started the registration process for the hospital licence from the Government.
- The hospital was named “Yonibana Sai Hospital”

## **GENERAL MEDICAL CAMP - JANUARY 2010:**

- A team of 19 volunteers consisting of 1 ENT Consultant, 1 General Surgeon, 1 Gynaecologist, 2 Dental Surgeons, 4 Pharmacists, 2 Nurses, 2 Engineers, 1 Photographer, 2 IT technicians and 3 General assistants from the UK flew out on the 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- There were over 60 volunteers from Yonibana to help with a successful opening of the facilities in the Yonibana Sai Hospital.
- The Yonibana Sai Hospital was official opened on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the presence of local dignitaries including the Chief Minister for the District of Yoni, Hon Dr Matthew M Teambo, Mr Jacob & Victor Kanu, the past and present District Medical officers, Chief of Police,
- In total, 3,582 patients were examined and treated for a variety of ailments. Patients travelled from 35 different villages around Yonibana and including Freetown.
- 1356 Dental extractions were performed by the two Dental Surgeons.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	1419	39.6	39.8	39.8
	Female	2143	59.8	60.2	100.0
	Total	3562	99.4	100.0	
Missing	System	20	0.6		
Total		3582	100.0		

Number of Patients	Number of Conditions
2464	One
879	Two
195	Three
44	Four



Data collected from the medical camp was the first real data which highlighted diseases and prevalence's which will be tackled during future camps. Further medical camps have been planned for April 2010 and November 2010.