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Your Supplies and Donations at Work!

We are happy to announce that items shipped back in June (and mentioned in last year's newsletter) have arrived at BMC safely and are being put to use! These items include:

- Wheelchairs
- Oxygen concentrators
- Bandages
- Two newborn incubators
- Numerous other supplies



New incubator arrived via the Ghana Bandage Project and was provided by past volunteers



Volunteers unpacking donated supplies

Special Volunteer

Of course, we're always very appreciative of everyone who volunteers to work with or at BMC, but we wanted to highlight Amy Elrod, a nurse practitioner who spent the last four months of 2009 at the hospital. You can visit her blog at:

<http://www.snow4amyinafrica.blogspot.com>

Here is an excerpt from a September 23 entry:

Being on call here is quite the experience. When you're on call you're in charge of all the inpatients (up to 140 patients if it's full) and they call you for any new patients or emergencies. We do nightly rounds at about 10 pm in hopes that they will not call us in the middle of the night. And there is no pager here for the person on call... they come to your house and knock on your door (not even a doorbell) to wake you up! I have only had to go back in once in the middle of the

night. Last night I didn't get home til almost 1 am though. After rounding on the patients, I had to scrub in on the C section – the uterus was ruptured and

then the power went off in the middle of surgery. Try to imagine, just as the doctor is suturing the uterus back together, it becomes completely dark in the OR. A guy used his cell phone to find a flashlight and we survived like that for 5 minutes before thankfully the power came back on! Only in Africa!!



BMC Needs New Doctors!

The Baptist Medical Centre will need new doctors to fill several vacancies in 2010. After over 20 years of service to the hospital, Dr. George Faile and his wife Elisabeth have retired. The Foundation would like to thank the Failes for their fantastic service and offer a hearty congratulations on their much-earned time off! Also, Dr. Joel Dickens, his wife Hollie, and their two children will be wrapping up their two-year commitment to BMC in 2010. (See the Spring 2009 copy of *Operating for Christ* for a feature on the Dickens.)

The Faile Foundation, along with the Institute for International Medicine (www.inmed.us), is currently working to recruit and fund one to two doctors for service beginning this summer.



Dr. Joel Dickens, wife Hollie, and children Colt and Abigail

Greater Spending Due to Greater Need

Due to decreased donations to the International Mission Board (IMB), the Faile Foundation is planning to provide \$50,000 this year for the continued operation of the hospital.

BMC is filling ever greater needs. Volunteers there are seeing a record number of patients—16,000 in October alone! Because of these factors, your donations are even more important and appreciated.

As a reminder, the Faile Foundations is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible and more than 99% of the money we receive goes directly to the mission of the hospital. Our staff is all volunteer, with less than 1% of our funds being used to run the Foundation.

A BIG THANK YOU!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your past donations, especially in light of the economic challenges of 2009. Your donations provide many things such as this oxygen concentrator pictured on the left. And to all of our 2009 volunteers, we pray you have a happy and blessed 2010!



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