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## BMC Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

An estimated 3,000 people from villages across Northern Ghana converged on Nalerigu in October 2008 to celebrate Baptist Medical Center's 50th anniversary. Why the big deal? Because BMC has treated more than 3 million people in its existence saving countless lives—physically



and spiritually. The hospital's presence has been a springboard for the planting of over 70 churches in the region. Wells for drinking water dot many villages and roadsides reducing water born illnesses and a Public Health program has lowered infant mortality and other preventable disease rates—all part of BMC's mission. Their TB program has a higher cure rate than most of Ghana and West Africa. Economically, BMC has been a stable job source and foundation for growth in the area.



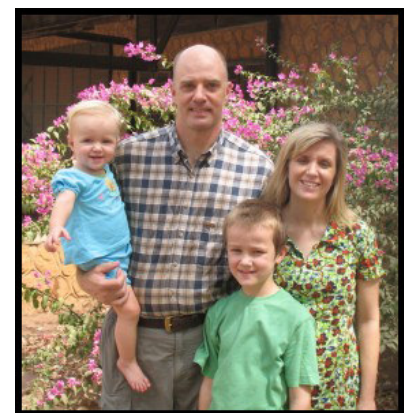
“People don't just come here from far away because they know they will have their needs met,” says John Koffi Boateng, who works in indigent patient administration at the hospital. “They come because they know we pray here. They know we have a different kind of love. It's the love of Christ that has changed our lives.”

## Medical Supplies Being Shipped

A container has just been sent to BMC with two incubators, two autoclaves, five oxygen concentrators, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and over 130 barrels of medical supplies, bandages, and envelopes for pharmacy use. Special thanks to Vicki Barnes and Tabernacle Baptist's support of the Ghana Bandage project, Pat Howard for much of the medical supplies, Tarak Garas for the incubators, Steve Rutledge of Luke 19-10 ministries for an autoclave, the Oxygen Store and Clear Choice in Rome, Ga for donated oxygen concentrators, the numerous volunteers who roll bandages and send envelopes, and all of you who have helped with your financial contributions!


## Dickens Family Arrives at BMC

In November the Dickens family joined us at BMC. Joel is an OB/GYN and they are planning to stay with us for two years. Hollie is home schooling Colt and taking care of Abigail and the rest of the family. Not only is it great to have an extra doctor, but the rest of the family is a welcome addition to the mission family. Please join us in praying for their continued adjustment to life here and pray for Hollie as she is expecting their third in a few months.



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

Don't forget to visit the BMC website at [www.baptistmedicalcenter.org](http://www.baptistmedicalcenter.org). You can also reach the site via the Faile Foundation website by visiting [www.failefoundation.org](http://www.failefoundation.org) and clicking the BMC website link.


  
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