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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

Greetings! Our new *Operating for Christ* newsletter is intended to update all our supporters and keep you informed of the work going on at Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu, Ghana, West Africa.



2002 was another busy year for the BMC with over 7,000 hospital admissions, 59,000 outpatient visits, and 1,000 major surgeries. The Public Health Team continued its outreach to small villages in the area with its vaccination program, nutritional education, and evangelical work.

Pediatric Ward Expansion

One of the things the Baptist Medical Center has long needed was an expanded pediatric ward. Typically, 30-40 children and family members stay in an area designed for 15 patients. Many of these people stay and sleep on the floor and under and between beds.



In conjunction with the Coalition of Concerned Africans, Ghana Association of Georgia, and a group from *USA Today*, The George Faile Foundation has provided BMC with \$20,000 to expand and nearly double the size of the existing space.

“This may not sound like much money,” Faile Foundation Board

President Dr. Paul Shumpert said, “but in this part of the world, a little can go a long way.”

The George Faile Foundation continues to raise money in support of BMC and its important mission in providing much needed medical and spiritual care in Northern Ghana.



Handmade bricks—the start of the pediatric ward expansion.

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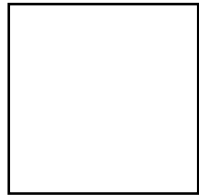


Dr. George Faile

Dr. George Faile first came to Nalerigu as a child in 1958, when his father first established the hospital. Though he was not appointed until 1989, he and his wife Elisabeth came to work there in 1987, right after his residency. Dr. Faile has been serving as the medical superintendent of the hospital since 1997.

Although his schooling was in Family Practice, Dr. Faile does a little of everything: surgery, OB, orthopedics, emergency medicine, “and of course, lots of pediatrics,” he said.

“I am glad to hear about the money [from Coalition of Concerned Africans, Ghana Association of Georgia, and a group from *USA Today*—see the Pediatric Ward Expansion story on the left],” said Dr. Faile. “With our shortage of doctors, we may need to pay a Ghanaian doctor to come and help out for a while. We’ll see.”



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