



# Operating for Christ

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## The Nyhus Family—A Lifetime of Service

We are proud to announce that Greg and Wendy Nyhus and family are now serving as volunteer coordinators at BMC and are supported by the Faile Foundation and their home church, Abundant Life Baptist in Lee's Summit, Missouri ([www.abundantlifebaptist.com](http://www.abundantlifebaptist.com)).

Greg Nyhus received his undergraduate degree in accounting in 1984 and utilized it in both retail and manufacturing accounting until 1992 when he left the US for his first overseas missions assignment. Nazarene Hospital and College of Nursing in Kudjip, Papua New Guinea were his home for the first year where he worked as business administrator filling in for a furloughing missionary. In 1993, he was relocated to Europe where he spent the next five-and-a-half years serving as the financial administrator for the Eurasia Region of the Church of the Nazarene with fiscal oversight for the various ministries of the church throughout Europe, the former Soviet Union and territories, south Asia, and the Middle East.

In 1996, he returned to the US for a short furlough where he met his future wife, Wendy. Wendy was prepping for a year of volunteer nursing in the Kingdom of Swaziland at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. She spent the year (August 1996 through August 1997) in Swaziland and after stopping through Europe to accept a marriage proposal, returned to the US to make arrangements. Wendy and Greg were married in December, 1997 outside of the Kansas City area and returned to Europe in January 1998 to finish out the contract with the Church of the Nazarene.



**Greg and Wendy Nyhus, with their children Carter, Sukanya, and Aiden**

In the next 10 years they worked in the US, furthered their education, and began their family which now includes Carter, Aiden, and Sukanya.

In October of 2009, the Nyhus' received word of an opening at Baptist Medical Center. The Lord, in the following weeks and months, made His will very clear and in April, 2010 the Nyhus family arrived in Nalerigu, Ghana to serve as the volunteer coordinators/host(ess) of the Baptist Medical Center. Very thankful for the Lord's Provision, they are excited about the possible ministry opportunities this new chapter will bring both through the volunteers and through the hospital itself.

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## Nutrition Center Needs

One of the long time outreaches of BMC is its nutrition center. An independent funding agency has recently quit its contributions to the nutrition center creating a funding shortfall of \$700 per month.

In addition the center needs expanding and

updating. If any church or individual would like to help with this need, please contact us through the attached donation form, by calling (706) 291-4036, or by visiting us online.

## A Year of Change for Baptist Medical Centre

This has been a year of transition and challenge for BMC. A new administrator, a declining role of the IMB, and new staff doctors make up much of this transition. Thankfully through God's blessing and the hard work of staff and volunteers, the hospital continues to serve those in need in rural NE Ghana.



BMC has been blessed to have Mr. Edward Addai begin serving as administrator in May of this year. He has worked effectively to begin many improvements at the hospital and has been instrumental in meeting doctor staffing shortages this summer. Please pray for him, as he has a difficult job!

One of the original intents at the inception of BMC was for the hospital to be staffed almost entirely by Ghanaian and African personnel. Through the years this has gradually happened with administrative, nursing, pharmacy, maintenance, and chaplain staff and is now happening with physician staffing. As IMB missionaries have retired or moved, most have been replaced by Ghanaian counterparts. Now only one IMB missionary family is assigned to BMC and they are currently on furlough. Also, the IMB has seen its own funding drop to the point that they have had to cut most of their funding for the hospital. They hope to restore more funding, but for now the hospital is without these resources.

Currently the hospital has nearly enough income (patient payments and Ghanaian government sources) for most budgeted needs except physician staffing. The Faile Foundation has agreed to help with this need by supporting an American volunteer physician (10 month commitment), and a Nigerian surgeon provided through the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons—[www.paacs.net](http://www.paacs.net). The estimated yearly cost to support these two doctors, other short term physician volunteers, and a volunteer coordinator/liaison is about \$80,000.

In addition, this year we have given \$25,000 of general budget support for the hospital and have spent \$14,000 on skin graft equipment, computers for BMC, and a transfer switch for the diesel generator. As part of the BMC family, we appreciate your past prayer and financial support. As you may guess, the work continues! God's family in Northern Ghana needs this hospital as it continues to be a testament to God's love and the Christian spirit!

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## Testimony to the Ghana Bandage Project

### A story of an elderly woman who recently passed away from cancer

This project allowed my grandmother, Gladys Brooks, the opportunity to "DO" missions and to have an impact on people in a place far, far away from Hickory, NC. My 95-year-old grandmother—who was a very strong and active lady all of her life, a lady to whom service was just a part of her makeup—looked at me when she found out we were rolling bandages for a hospital in Ghana and said "Oh, I can do that." And she did. She rolled 200 bandages for the hospital in Ghana and she did it with precision and exactness (with a ruler in hand I might add). I believe the instructions requested that the bandages be 3 ½ inches wide and rolled to a circumference of 3 ½ inches. I will never forget the look on her face when

she looked at me with great joy and a gleam in her eye—a gleam of joy that I had not seen for a while—and said, "This is why I am still here. This is why God still has me here. I can roll bandages for these people in Ghana. It makes me feel good to know that I can do something to help."



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