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Founder of Carpenters for Christ Suggests Substantial BMC Renovations

In August, Dr. Bob Claytor, of Seneca, SC, spent four days at the Baptist Medical Center (BMC). Claytor, the founder of Carpenters for Christ, returned with a laundry list of projects that must occur for the hospital to continue running safely and effectively for both the volunteers as well as the patients.

"There are a couple of dangerous situations that must be addressed quickly," said Claytor, who teaches missions and theology at Toccoa Falls College and is a member of Northside Baptist Church in Anderson, SC. "The electrical system is very dangerous and needs to be totally reworked from the powerhouse to power distribution throughout the entire hospital and housing complex. It is not possible to patch this up adequately. There have already been fires in panel boxes that have created danger to patients and staff."

According to Claytor, there are several other issues that need to be dealt with, including:

- complete interior renovation for every building in the BMC complex
- replaced roofing
- additional storage
- updated surgical suites and sterilization equipment
- new incinerator

"My recommendation on the renovation of BMC would be to start with the five wards that house the inpatient individuals," said Claytor. "These need new flooring, painted walls, and ceilings."

Claytor is planning on taking a volunteer team with him to BMC in March to start work on the wards.

"There is an enormous amount of work to be done," he said. "It will take a lot of people putting their hands to the plow.

"I am willing to be one of those."

The Foundation has agreed to take a lead in financing much of the work.

Claytor also mentioned that Jerry Rankin, head of the IMB, visited BMC in August and wrote in a letter that, "I was so impressed by the scope and ministry of BMC and how the Lord is using it to reach not only northern Ghana but the peoples around it."

Board President Paul Shumpert, M.D., mentioned that the Foundation will match any donations given in the next six months with current funds from the Foundation for the renovation project.

"This means that any gift given now will be doubled to make this much needed project a reality," said Shumpert.

Special thanks to Dr. John Wikman of Little Rock, Arkansas and Dr. Doug Parkin of Casa Grande, Arizona for joining our board and spending several months at BMC as volunteers.

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The Foundation would like to thank those who donated money for new beds which are evident in the new pediatric ward (above).

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