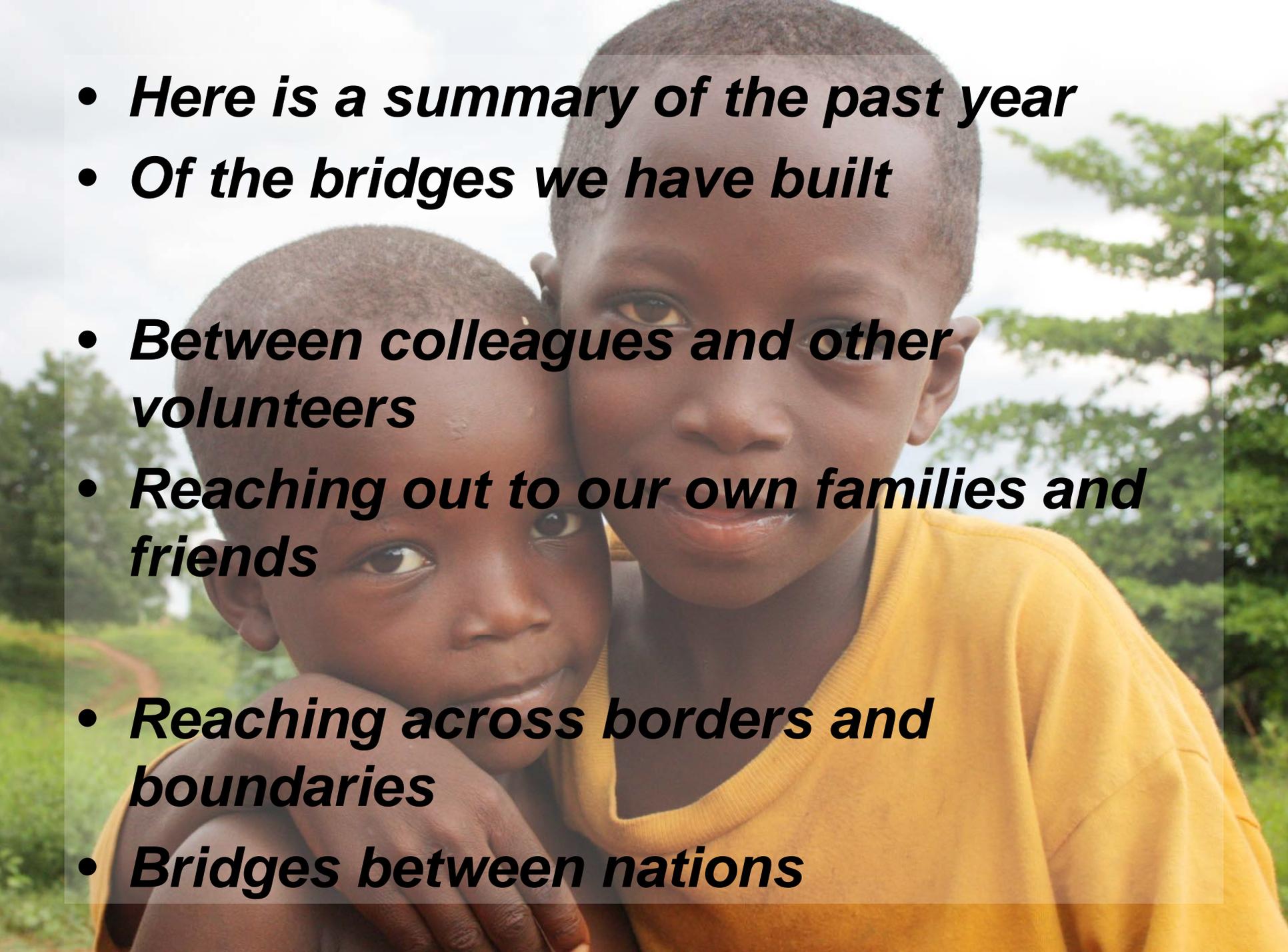


MOTEC
2011-2012:

***Building
Bridges***



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- *Here is a summary of the past year*
 - *Of the bridges we have built*
 - *Between colleagues and other volunteers*
 - *Reaching out to our own families and friends*
 - *Reaching across borders and boundaries*
 - *Bridges between nations*

Surgical Education Program

“Education is all a matter of building bridges”

Ralph Ellison

- Desperate lack of sub-speciality surgeons throughout Ghana
- A programme has been developed to provide training for Ghanaian surgeons in the UK
- Developed in collaboration with...

- Notable UK surgeons and anaesthetists



- The Professor and Dean of the Cape Coast Medical School



- Head of Surgery at Tama Medical School



- Senior staff at the military hospital



- Professor Nigel Standfield:
 - head of the London Postgraduate School of Surgery
 - Professor of Vascular Surgery and Surgical Education at Imperial College



- And the University of Ghana Medical School...



What a dream-team!...



Finalising details...



...before the news hits the Ghanaian press!

GHANAIAAN DOCTOR SPECIALIST TRAIN

GHANAIAAN DOCTORS FOR SPECIALIST TRAINING

By Philip-justice Forson

A British medical charity, Motec Life-UK, has secured an agreement with the London Postgraduate School of Surgery to offer specialist training to Ghanaian doctors in a programme expected to address some surgical specialty needs of the country.

Beneficiary trainees for the programme will do a maximum of two years in nine specialties and subspecialties, including Vascular Surgery, Trauma and Orthopaedic and Sub-specialization – upper limb, spinal and pelvic, Ear, Nose and Throat, Facio-maxillary, as well as Laparoscopic/abdominal Surgery.

The Ghana Education Trust (GET) is supporting the programme. The Ministry of Health and other sponsorship sources within Ghana and abroad will be harnessed to implement a successful, organisational structure for the training.

A stakeholders' meeting attended by representatives of all the teaching hospitals in the country,

officials from the Ministry of Health, Ghana Health Services, as well as representative trainees for the first batch, was held at the 37 Military Hospital on Wednesday to discuss proposals under the programme.

Among some of the highlights of the programme are that the trainees are encouraged to attend courses and conferences to broaden their scope of practice, and benefits from learning tools and living allowances.

In addition, the trainees will receive salaries with the Ghana Health Service during the period of training, while the maximum of about 70 per cent of the salary of an employee of the Ministry of Health.

Later in an interview with the **CRUSADING GUIDE**, the president

Continued on

group – Motec Life –UK, Mr. Paul Ofori-Atta, who

is also an Orthopaedic Surgeon, said the agreement with the London School of Postgraduate Surgery to offer specialist training to Ghanaian surgeons is an extended programme, depending on the needs and request from the Ghanaian health institutions.

He said the first batch of the trainees was expected to be enrolled soon after all preparations to secure the UK International English Language Testing System (IELT) Examination Certificate, the UK Medical Council Registration through the Royal College of Edinburgh, Visa and travel cost.

He added that new teaching hospitals in the country will be encouraged to participate in the programme to train specialist surgeons.

Professor Nigel Standfield, Head of the London Postgraduate School of Surgery, and also Professor

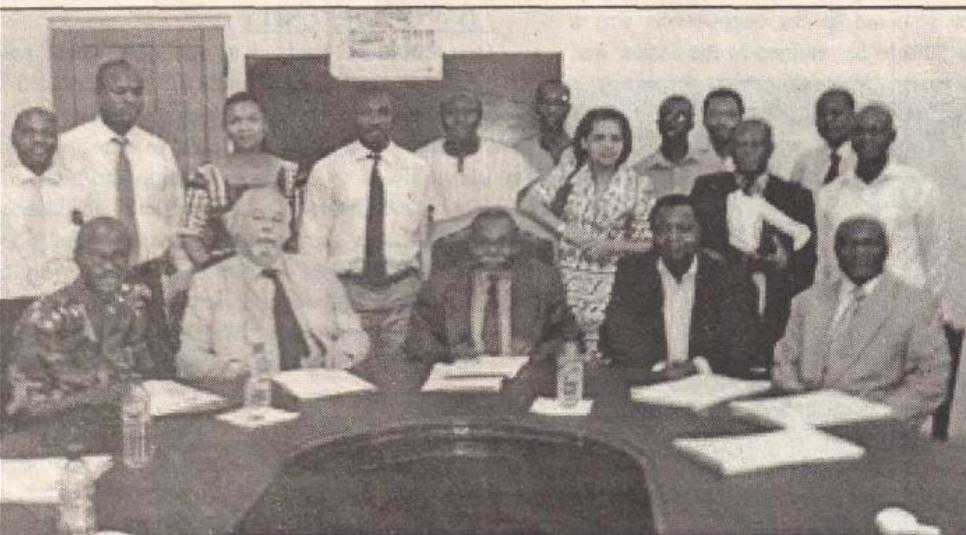
of Vascular Surgery and Surgical Education, was impressed about the commitment by the Ghanaian stakeholders toward the programme to ensure its smooth take-off.

He urged for an administrative system in the health service to encourage the trainees to return home after the completion of their training, adding that the UK government would not issue work permit to the trainees as an indication for the sponsoring country to benefit from the expertise of the trainees.

The London School of Surgery is the largest single training organisation for surgery in the world. Responsible for managing more than 900 trainees, the school offers programmes at prestigious teaching centres across London.

He is committed to education and training, particularly of postgraduates, as well as translational research, and has published extensively and presented at national and international meetings. Nigel is the

MSc surgical science director at Imperial College, an intercollegiate examiner for the FRCS in general surgery, and has been medical advisor to the British Council and the National Advisory centre for postgraduate medical education.



Professor Nigel Stanfield, seated 2-L, and Mr. Paul Ofori-Atta seated 2-R in a group photograph with participants at the stakeholders' meeting

NUWLIFE PROJECT

Nutrition Working for Life



Jirapa: one of the poorest regions in Ghana

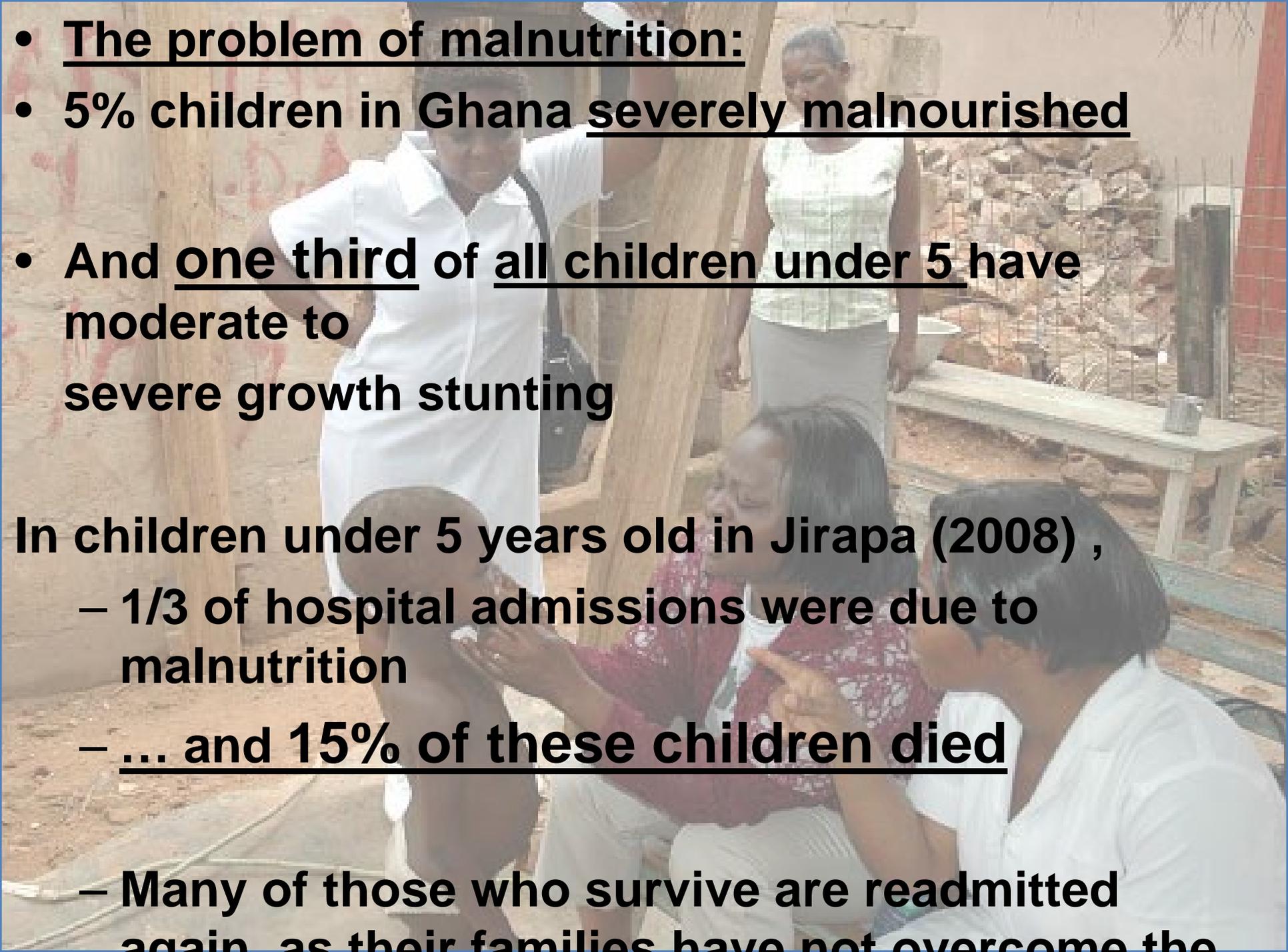
A rural population with very little access to health services

Until the arrival of MOTEC, there was only one trained midwife in the whole region

Severe poverty and malnutrition in the area

In Ghana in total :

**only 2 doctors for every 10,000 people
but here it is *much fewer***

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- **The problem of malnutrition:**
 - **5% children in Ghana severely malnourished**
 - **And one third of all children under 5 have moderate to severe growth stunting**

In children under 5 years old in Jirapa (2008) ,

– 1/3 of hospital admissions were due to malnutrition

– ... and 15% of these children died

– Many of those who survive are readmitted again as their families have not overcome the



This is the children's ward in Jirapa where those children are cared for:

Run-down and unsafe...



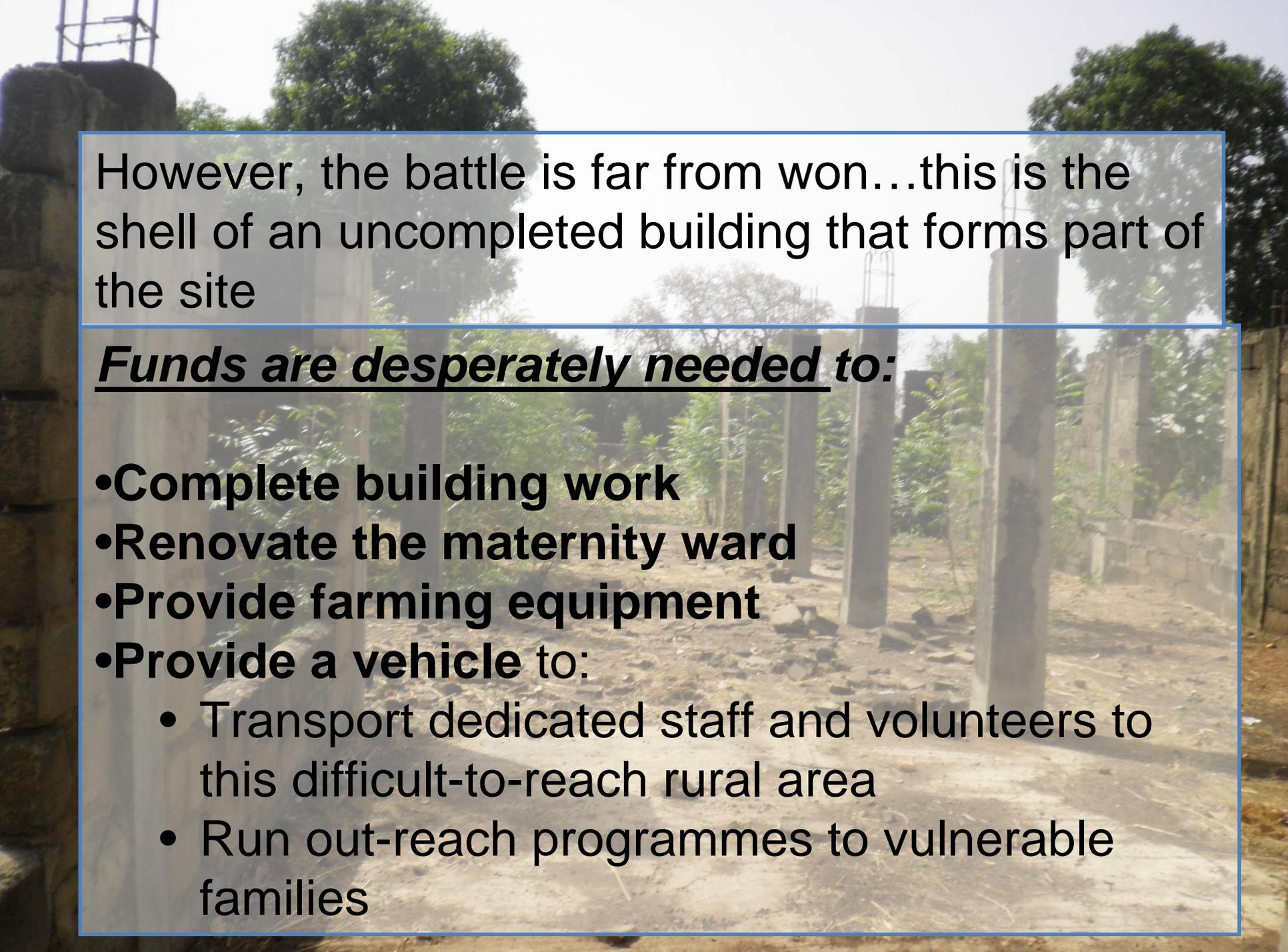
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- A photograph of a hospital ward with several beds and a person in the background. The ward has a tiled floor and metal bed frames. A person is visible in the distance, and there are some items on the beds.
- **So what is NUWLIFE doing?**
 - **GOALS:**
 - **Rehabilitate** children with severe malnutrition
 - **Reduce incidence of malnutrition** in children
 - **Prevent deaths** from malnutrition
 - ...By providing a **sustainable solution:**

- We have established a **Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre**

- **We provide land** to parents to grow fruit and veg, some of which they can sell for profit
- parents are supported to build a new life for their families
- **We teach** parents about nutrition using local food

- **We work with the community** to create an **Income Generating Centre** where mothers learn an income-generating skill

- **We support** the provision of materials and tools to help parents generate income, including over 30 sewing machines donated by MOTEC



However, the battle is far from won...this is the shell of an uncompleted building that forms part of the site

Funds are desperately needed to:

- **Complete building work**
- **Renovate the maternity ward**
- **Provide farming equipment**
- **Provide a vehicle to:**
 - Transport dedicated staff and volunteers to this difficult-to-reach rural area
 - Run out-reach programmes to vulnerable families

- But building these walls isn't enough:
- *“We build too many walls and not enough bridges”*
Isaac Newton
- We must also build communities, partnerships and effective sustainable healthcare strategies



Working together with local healthcare teams on the NUWLIFE site



Beautiful healthy children, rehabilitated by NUWLIFE



We must support the dedicated team within MOTEC who, through hardwork and determination, are giving these children a second chance



Other Projects

- Physiotherapist trained for the Akosombo region
- She will use her new skills to train others



Book Projects:

*“books communicate ideas
and make bridges between people*



...Books collected and donated to worthy causes, including a huge selection of textbooks to support the education of nurses at a new training college





Paul joins forces with the former England manager and KitAid to support sport and health in poor communities



An international friend provides an evening of magic to raise awareness (and cash!)



Dan Berlin
Comedy Magician
from Germany

Charity Magic Show
for Motec Life UK
15.2.2012 - From 7.30pm
The Abbey Tavern

www.Dan-Berlin.com



- Sarah Daniels and her brother scale the heights of Kilimanjaro to raise money for MOTEC
- Over £5000 raised!
- Well done Sarah and Andrew!



- And thanks to all our supporters who have given time, money, sewing machines



- ...those who have put on events and attended meetings

- ...those who have cooked, cleaned, danced and sang in the name of MOTEC!

- ***We can never thank you enough!***





Building Bridges

“Knowledge of other people's beliefs and ways of thinking must be used to build bridges, not to create conflicts”

- Let's look at the bridges MOTEC built this year

...working with partners from around the world to realise our visions and dreams...

Building New Working Relationships:

with a representative of the president of Ghana



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Building New Teams



**Celebrating teamwork and training with a
“MOTEC Family” Photo**

New colleagues: Learning from Each Other



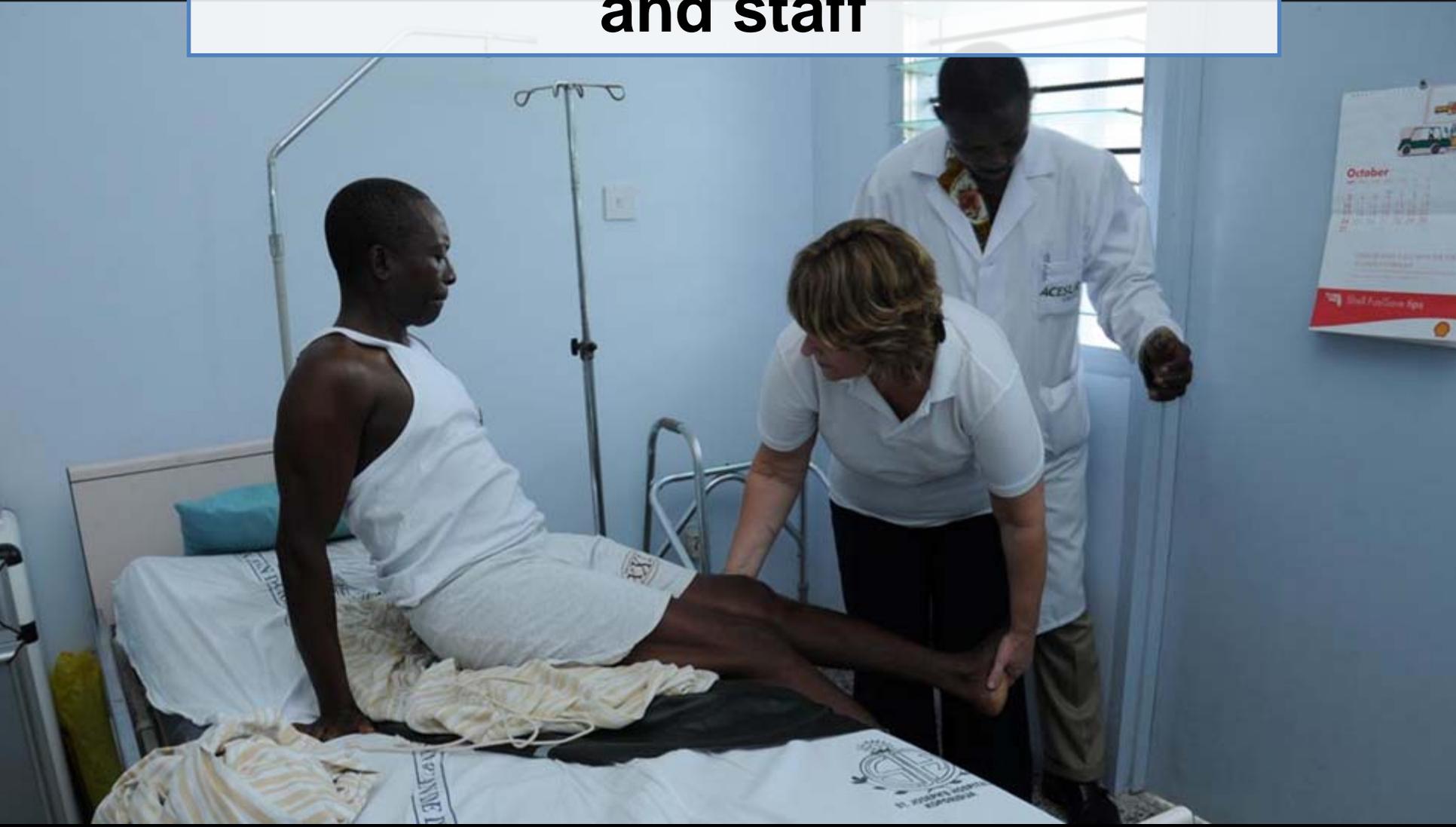
Building new International Working Communities



Rebuilding futures: with life-changing surgery and rehabilitation



Building therapeutic relationships between patients and staff



**This teacher can now walk and work again
and return to
building a life for his family**



**Building bridges between patient and
nurse,
children and adults,
UK and Ghana**

A young boy with dark skin and short hair is sitting in a hospital bed, looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. A nurse's hand is gently resting on his shoulder, providing comfort. The nurse is wearing a white uniform with a colorful logo on the sleeve. The background shows a hospital room with a bed frame and some medical equipment.

*“Wherever you are, my love will keep you safe,
My heart will build a bridge of light across both time and space”*

New international lifelong friends

A photograph of three people standing together against a red wall. On the left is a woman with dark hair wearing a blue and gold patterned sleeveless top. In the center is a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a blue and gold patterned shawl over a blue top, smiling broadly. On the right is a man with short dark hair wearing a light blue button-down shirt. A white text box with a blue border is overlaid on the image, containing the text: "I'm building bridges, straight to your heart, all of this distance won't keep us apart".

**“I’m building bridges, straight to your heart,
all of this distance won’t keep us apart”**

Building the strength to face difficult clinical challenges...



...Building teams who can master difficult and delicate surgery



And depending on the foundations that hold us so

strong:

The unwavering and invaluable support of our



- Please, continue to support us
- Help us realise our dreams...



Help us: to keep building bridges





Help us:

To continue
building
strong
communities

And continue
building
hope for the
future...



Remember:

“We have a long way to go before we are able to hear the voices of everyone on earth,

but providing voices and building bridges is essential for the World Peace we all wish for”

Thank You!

