

LOVE IS IN THE AIR – FROM JON AND CORINNE, ENGLAND TO AFRICA

Interview with Corinne Budd by Dr Louisa Draper



The Couple who gave up their wedding gifts to Motec Life – UK

“We have every faith in Motec that the money will be well spent”

Motec relies on the hard work and dedication of volunteers. But what a difference one incredibly generous couple can make! So I was delighted to hear of the recent donation made by MOTEC supporter, Corinne Budd and her husband John.

Corrine, a radiographer based in Watford, gave us a wonderful donation from a rather unusual source. She was recently married, but instead of the sending the usual wedding gift list to her friends and family, she instead asked her guests to donate money to MOTEC.

Corrine trained as a radiographer in Hemel Hempstead, where she heard about the work of MOTEC and became inspired by the radiographers there, such as Patti Edwards, who work hard for the charity: “The radiographers there tried to raise money with events like curry meal”.

Since then, she has been involved in Motec. She has never been to Ghana (although she said she would love to), but she says “I like the idea that any money goes direct to the charity with little administration fees”.

But why did she decide to donate her wedding money? “We are very lucky to have the NHS here. I think that people in the UK should be very proud of our NHS system. It is very easy to criticize such a large organization but the level of healthcare we receive is excellent.”

In contrast, she says "Ghana could do with more money to be spent on healthcare" so she was happy to donate her wedding money to try and help to make a change.

But was her fiancé happy? Luckily, he seemed equally keen on her generous plan! "My fiancé had heard about MOTEC and he thought it was a very good idea." What a kind-hearted couple!

When asked how she would like the money to be used, she said "I trust Motec to spend the money wisely." Mr Ofori-Atta suggested that it should go towards training for paramedic crews, saying "the basic care for accident victims is woeful in Ghana and we intend to try and bring changes throughout Ghana". Corinne remarked "I think the paramedic training is a fantastic idea. It involves basic training which will save lives."

Corinne and her husband Jon have donated about £1400.00 which is currently being used for paramedic training in Ghana. With the support from their generous donation, MOTEC was able to begin a national drive to improve the basic care for accident victims on our last visit to Ghana in October 2008. Corinne has featured in Motec's 2009 calendar in appreciation of the couple's support for a good course. It is our hope that one day both couple will be able visit Ghana and see the products of their endeavour.

Mr Ofori-Atta expressed his profound gratitude and wished the couple Blessings, Strength, Joy and Unity in Love.