

MOTEC AT POOLE, DORSET WITH ROTARY CLUB.

MAKING A CASE IN SUPPORT OF HIV/AIDS PATIENTS AND HEALTH WORKERS

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Mr Raymond Ofori and Mr Ofori-Atta of Motec Life -UK teamed up with HIV/AIDS support campaigner Mr Clayton Brown to deliver an appeal to Rotary Club, Poole Chapter on Thursday 23rd July 2009. The event took place at the magnificent Harbour Side Hotel at Poole, Dorset.



Mr Raymond Ofori and Mr Clayton Brown get ready to talk with Rotary Club, POOLE.

This followed a five month spell of voluntary work at Nkawkaw by Mr Clayton this year in which his experiences in that town spurred him to work as a campaigner in support of AIDS victims in the Nkawkaw 'district' in Ghana. Mr Clayton invited Motec to support his appeal to the Rotary Club.



Tete-a-tete with Rotary Club President



Some members of the Club holding discussions before the presentations

The team was warmly welcomed by the Rotary Club President and members. After formalities were carried out, rather informally to help settle the trio of Clayton, Raymond and Paul, Mr Clayton presented his experiences working with HIV/AIDS patients at Nkawkaw Ghana. Countless difficulties encountered by hard working HIV/AIDS victims and hospital staff were recounted.

The biological behaviour of the HIV / AIDS infection was then explained by Mr Raymond Ofori (Chief Biomedical Scientist). Mr Ofori-Atta, President of Motec Life -UK presented a summary of Motec's Charity work in Ghana (nearly 4 years of working experience). He explained the practical difficulties encountered by the Community

Health worker in general in rural Ghana and suggested ways that philanthropists like the Rotary Club could do to support HIV prevention and care. All presenters emphasised the need to breakdown the 'culture of unhealthy TABOOS' in the developing world through education.



Mr Raymond Ofori on Biological Behaviour of Retrovirus

Appeal was made for the provision of nutritional support, vocational training, transport for staff and support of on-going projects.

Mr Ofori-Atta appealed for supporters to break new grounds that would lead to the establishment of multi-purpose HIV / AIDS centres for vocational training, farming projects, local soap and cloth manufacturing business, projects that would harness the art and craft (contemporary) skills of some of the victims all of which would be sustainable sources of income for the victims of HIV /AIDS. By so doing, supporters would be linking wealth with health and improve the depression that these unfortunate people go through in their life 'as outcasts'. Direct support to institutions through training of more staff and provision of vehicles for the health workers to go out to the patients in the remotest parts of the Nkawkaw district was among the list of suggestions made by Mr Ofori-Atta.

In response The Rotary Club President recounted the efforts being made by the Organisation across the world to eradicate

Poliomyelitis. 'Attention will be given to the appeal and I urge you to exercise patience in view of the timing of the appeal and other Rotary Club projects on the ground' , the Rotary Club President said.



Veteran (Supporter of good Courses - member of Rotary Club) thanks presenters

Full slide presentations of Motec representatives at the Rotary Club meeting are attached for your perusal.