

T D C N E W S
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MAKING SPACE

Construction for the expansion of the clinic space adjoining ELWA hospital began with a ground breaking service on March 14. We are hoping that everything will be completed mid-June and treatment can begin soon after.



We have been busy with the huge task of ordering all the necessary equipment and supplies to outfit the clinic - chairs, lights, compressor, dental units, materials, and all the bits and pieces. It will take some time for shipping of all these items, so we pray for swift transport. We found great discounts on several items and consumables, making the future of setting up smaller satellite clinics seem much more obtainable. While waiting for the clinic to be completed, both Keith and Frieda have been volunteering 1-2 days a week with Mercy Ships, helping them out with their dental personnel shortage.



THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for making the time in the United States for Keith and Kristin so productive and so much fun as well. We were blown away by being offered so many opportunities to present our vision and share our needs. Our engagements went everywhere from churches to dental schools to aviation booster clubs, from Texas to Tennessee to Michigan.

While Keith, Kristin and kids were busy in the States, Frieda kept the little one chair clinic at ELWA going, along with jump starting the basic clinic building project. Frieda will be in western Canada and NW states (Oregon and Washington) this August and September. Please contact her at schmidtf@trinitydental.org if you'd like to arrange a presentation to help us gain support and awareness for our clinic and training school.

We have friends all over the world fund raising for us—Australia, South Africa, the UK, and Canada. Thanks to all of you for your help.

TRUE SERVANTS

Jean and Rene are from Guinea and have been working with Mercy Ships' Community Development Services for years overseeing construction projects. Due to fewer projects this year in Liberia, Jean and Rene began the year working in the ship's galley, but when they learned of our project, they volunteered their knowledge and skills free of charge on both the clinic and the staff housing. At this point they were both working two jobs and on their off days coming to ELWA, almost an hour's drive from the ship, often by taxi (making it sometimes two hours). They sacrificed their own spare time for our project. Since then, the ship has released them from their work in the galley and returned them to CDS specifically for our project. A special thanks to the ship's CEO, Ken Berry and the CDS department for allowing this to happen. What a blessing.



Jean and Rene--true servants

FACEBOOK

If you haven't heard of it, this is a great way we can stay in touch with you. We have established a cause on Facebook, so please add the "Causes" application once you sign up and search for Trinity Dental. To see more pictures of the clinic construction on Facebook, visit <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=35556&l=a5c2f&id=528572045>.

Frieda, Keith, and Kristin are all also on Facebook for those who'd like to stay in touch with us personally.

A graphic with a dark background. On the left, there are several stacks of white papers. In the center, a laptop is visible. The text is overlaid on the image.

GOT AN OLD LAPTOP ? ?

HELP MAKE US PAPERLESS

We would like to equip our clinic with laptops so we can eliminate 4 to 5,000 paper charts we would accumulate every year.

This will also allow us to more efficiently access older charts and notations that will aid in treating our patients.

Please contact us at admin@trinitydental.org if you would like to donate.

GET INVOLVED

One of our biggest needs is to maintain awareness in North America, the UK and Europe. We are very short of monthly pledges which we had hoped to raise to maintain our ongoing budget. To date we also have no funding for our proposed satellite clinic that would operate on the opposite side of the capital city and greatly increase accessibility to Liberia's population.

Ways you can still help us:

Please consider e-mailing your friends our website (www.trinitydental.org) with a personal note and a brief description of the project.

Also consider these ways to help:

- Commit to a monthly amount to help subsidize our work
- Host a fund raiser at your house or at an interest group, club, Bible study, etc.
- Speak on our behalf
- Invite your friends to join our cause on Facebook

JOIN US

www.trinitydental.org/contribute

Monthly Pledges-
38% of \$45,000 annually

ELWA Clinic Funding-98% of \$176,000
Satellite Clinic Funding-0% \$60,000
Housing Fund-86% of \$81,000

Thanks again for everyone's interest, prayers, and support.

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