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MEDICAL CLINIC OPENS IN FREETOWN



GGMUSA and GGM-SL, in collaboration with the Sierra Leone government, opened a free clinic in the Morgan Town district of Freetown, SL in October of 2009. The US team consisted of 4 physicians, two nurses, an audiologist, 1 dentist, a volunteer to help register patients and a computer programmer.

More than 300 patients were seen in the first week of operation. The clinic has 3



exam rooms, a laboratory, pharmacy station and reception area. The government provided a community health officer, pharmacist, and laboratory technician who are continuing to see patients that cannot afford medical care. The clinic is currently open 2 days per week, capable

of serving approximately 2400 patients per year. With adequate funding, we hope to increase to 3 days per week and see up to 3600 patients this year. Your contributions provide much needed pharmaceuticals and laboratory supplies allowing us to continue this vital community service.



DO YOU PLAY SOCCER?

Check out our website: **GGMUSA.org** and click on "Goals For Sierra Leone", to learn how your school or recreational team can make an impact on the disabled in Sierra Leone while playing soccer. Help us change a life "One Goal at a Time."

EVENTS

March 2010

GGMUSA will travel to Sierra Leone to:

- Assess the needs of the newly established clinic and the teaching hospital and their impact on the community.
- Initiate a child sponsorship program for the children of the disabled, set to kick off June 2010.

October 2010

GGMUSA will be leading another team of medical professionals to work alongside the SL health care workers in the clinic. Objectives will be to establish improved clinical pathways for management of the most common infections, an educational program for local CHOs in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, and a public health survey of the local community. US ENT surgeons will collaborate with SL surgeons to perform complex operations currently not possible in this country.