

A REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE PATIENT'S DAY 31ST DECEMBER 2011 AT THE OLD SITE.

It has become a tradition in the history of Babungo Integrated Mental Health Care that every 31st December, the recovered patients and the in patients together with the staffs, community and village members communed together. This occasion which started as far back as the 1960s by the founder of the traditional component in BIMEHC by name TDP Tumenta Mathias Wambo. In this occasion, we celebrate life and restoration of health with the Lords intervention. All these years, the celebration had been successful even in Pa's absence. The year 2011 equally witnesses some changes as will be seen in the body of the report.

The celebration of the patients day in this 2011 started at 8:00 pm with a run down of the program by the spoke lady by name Tumenta Helen followed by the church service where the priest representative in union with the guests and patients thank the Almighty God for all the good things he did for us more especially our lives. He equally asked God to bless the herbs use by BIMEHC and all the members of the family practicing the noble profession so that through this, his children will receive their healings. About 250 guests were in attendance.

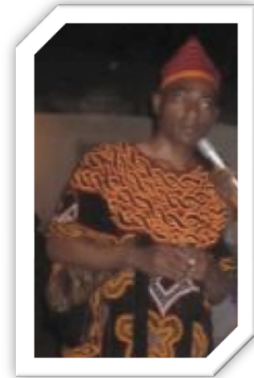
The church service was followed by speeches where Pa Mathias Wambo welcomes and thanks every body for their sacrifices to be here today. He talks about Education by stressing on the importance of education and hard work being the way forward for development to come. He later on spoke on the importance of unity in our home, job sites, quarters, villages and the country as a whole. He equally urge the community to maximize the utility of health facilities they have to ensure their health and that of their children He caution the population at large to be vigilant because the year is coming with lots of challenges. Development of the community which for so many years had not been moving forward, he said, things were going to change for better if the community members are welcoming, hardworking, and accountable for their actions.

Avoiding all evil practices and ensuring our children are brought up in a God fearing manner was one of the points he stressed on.

His speech was followed by that of the Head Quarter: Tita Fuanjeh who sent his representative. In his speech, he thank the guest of honours and the patients for sacrificing their valuable time to come and communed with the patients. He equally said the greater thanks goes to the almighty God who does the healings to us. Those were the few words he added by congratulating Pa Mathias for his words and works. The community should endeavor to use the health facilities available to them at a shorter distance and at same time, acknowledging the presence of Dr. Jean Pierre Kamga and wife and Professor Lambi Cornelius.



Dr. Jean Pierre Kamga Olen, visiting psychiatrist at BIMEHC took the floor. He said being part of this great event was all he ever wishes for following the theme: CELEBRATING LIFE RESTORATION AND GOOD HEALTH. He recalled that he was here last year 2010 in this same light. Equally, he was at the same time representing Professor Lantum Daniel (his Master). He recalled the history of late Pa Mathias and Professor Lantum N. Daniel as far back as 1960s with reference to the fact that Pa Mathias was treating using traditional herbs to cure, today, Mr. Tweke John Tumenta from the nursing school with the contribution of national and international volunteers created the modern component to complement the traditional herbs. He equally thanks Pr. Lantum N. Daniel for the efforts made for Late Pa Mathias Tumenta to be recognized by the government. In this same direction, Dr. Kamga said, since he was sent to BIMEHC by Pr. Lantum, N. Daniel for a working visit with psychology students, he discovered that lots of potentials are in the centre that needs development, it is on this note that he decided with the help of his Master to be part and parcel of the organization by doing all he can to keep the legacy alive.



He called the attention of all present to the fact that; all of us are patients either directly or indirectly. Showing concern for one another is very important and is a medicine that is not sold in the market or any pharmacy. In differentiating between African and Western Psychiatry, he recalled the good counter referral ties that existed between late Pa Mathias and Pr. Lantum N. Daniel in their old days by confirming his master story to him that all referred to BIMEHC regained their health with the use of herbs. He has equally been doing the referral from Yaoundé to BIMEHC and he is happy they are regaining their health. He emphasizes that our Lord God is the first healer in the universe giving the talent, skill to both the modern and the traditional healers to take care of humanity. He concluded by thanking all the guests present in the celebration of life restoration and good health while wishing them happy and a prosperous new year 2012.

Mr. Tweke John Tumenta in his speech thanked Dr. Jean Pierre Kamga and family, Pr. Lantum N. Daniel, Pr. Lambi Cornelius not leaving out Margaret Nutter with her friends and all present for making this day a success despite the loss of our father, cousin on the 22nd December, 2011. He talked about the scholarship programme where he reiterated to the parents of the scholarship beneficiaries on the importance of seeing that their children concentrate and learn for any who is unable to pass will be rolled out of the programme and another replaced. Much had been said I believe that a word to a wise is sufficient. We should learn to value what we have and to embrace new innovations in our community with reference to the fact that



a lot of programmes are going on in our community through BIMEHC such as the choosing of the centre by the Jura Swiss Corporation among the four government health institutions to coordinate mental health activities in Cameroon, the educational programme by Babungo Foundation, training centre in BIMEHC recognize by the government to start with 5 disciplines (fashion designing, computing, embroidery, health) soon coming, etc. are all developmental programmes to build the nation and the community in particular. On this note, he urges the public to use the available resources at their disposal in order to minimize cost and time. He concluded by thanking all present not letting out his colleagues (healers) who were part and parcel of the occasion for their precious time sacrifice for this event.



After the speeches, followed eating and dancing entering the New Year 2012 with great jubilations and New Year resolutions.



Jubilation into the New Year 2012 by family members, BIMEHC students and friends.

Challenges Faced:

- Poor time management and organization of activities.
- Lost of an uncle with a key function in the community.

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