

November 5th, 2013

To the Purpose Medical Mission team,

I am writing you on the behalf of the Foko family to express to you our profound gratitude for operating on my dad Mr. Foko Theodore while in Cameroon on your most recent mission trip. My father has hope today because of your ‘healing touch’ and devotion.

My dad’s ordeal began in February 2009 when while visiting family in the West province of Cameroon, he was hit by a truck while on a motorcycle. I got a call from my sister at 2 am in the morning and when I called my mother, she confirmed it but did not tell me the gravity of his injuries. It was only a few weeks later that I learnt about the severity of the injuries from a friend who had traveled to Cameroon from the U.S. I could not travel or support him because I was in school. My father has been always active his entire life, so this accident took a toll on him physically and psychologically. I will never forget when Sixtus showed me the pictures for the first time after your visit two years ago, I cried all night. I felt so bad that I was not able to care for him and be by his side. My father had changed so much, I barely recognized him. After his multiple surgeries my father will be crying on the phone like a baby and it broke my heart.

The doctors in Cameroon did what they could do with what they had available. The first time you saw him in Muyuka was two years ago and he was very happy and grateful that the doctors could see him. He had instruments in his leg that had become infected. You did his surgery and put him on IV antibiotics. It is the only thing that saved life then. This year you corrected his fracture and replaced his instrumentation. It took him awhile to get over the infection last time. But this time, my father was very emotional when I spoke to him because he was so happy, all he could say was “Thank you and May God continue to bless all the doctors, nurses and everyone who left their family behind to dedicate their time to come heal us”. Every time I called him, he was only saying thank you and this is what he wants me to tell every single one of you “ May God bless you and your families, may he continue to give you the strength to do the work you do.”

THANK YOU for all you did for my father back in Cameroon, it touched every one of us in ways I do not know how to explain it to you.

THANK YOU,

Sincerely,

Harriet L.Foko on behalf of the Foko family.

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