

Spring 2018 Update on the Gweimen Centre Beatrice Kadangs, International Director

HIV/AIDS Awareness & Assistance Campaign

We praise God for the HIV/AIDS awareness being created by Gweimen Centre. Many women are no longer ashamed to be tested publicly. During these meetings, some women eagerly line up and wait patiently for their turn to be tested by Ruth, the Gweimen Centre nurse.

Assistance to Widows

Gweimen provides a variety of different forms of assistance to widows. For example, in a visit to the village of Indofa, Gweimen staff checked blood pressure and provided vitamin C, a common area of deficiency. In addition, Gweimen staff counsel, encourage, and pray with or for the widows. Gweimen also provides educational opportunities, such as a seminar by Mr. Thomas Gankon on aflatoxin, a fungus that can damage crops such as maize. 158 widows attended this seminar.



Widows Attending a Seminar on Aflatoxin

Another example of the widows being helped by Gweimen is the “empty pot” lady mentioned in the Spring newsletter. She came to Gweimen last year suffering from malnutrition and unable to feed her children. Recently, she (Jummai) visited the Centre and was full of smiles as can be seen from the picture below. As Beatrice comments, “one thing so vivid about her when she entered the office was her puffy cheeks which were not there when we first met her. She looked good, nourished and healthy, so was her son. She came in company

of her mother and two brothers to thank Gweimen Centre for helping her with food, medicine and paying her medical bills.”



Jummai and her son

Vocational Training Program

The Vocational Unit is growing. More and younger orphaned girls are showing interest in learning the skills taught in the program. The picture below is of the current set of students learning knitting.



Women Learning Knitting

Regional Outreach

Most Sunday afternoons the Gweimen staff goes on outreach visits to villages around Kwoi. During the second quarter, they were able to visit Nok, Fai, Ankung and Indofa.



Gweimen Centre Staff on an Outreach Visit

Assistance to Orphans and Vulnerable Children

Gweimen continues to feed and help 70-100 orphans and vulnerable children each day. On May 27th Gweimen celebrated Children's Day by taking the Gweimen children to spend the day at the Nok museum. The District Head of Nok was there to welcome the children.



Lunchtime at Gweimen