Getting Ready for the Big Five-Oh!

Though GHA just celebrated our 45th birthday in February, we’re already starting to make plans for our 50th anniversary in 2022. We look forward to celebrating 50 years of helping communities around the world improve their health and thrive. GHA staff is digging deep into the GHA archives (see below for a photo of nurses who participated in one of INSA’s early trainings, before INSA changed its name to Global Health Action).

We are excited to collect stories, photos, and remembrances from you and other members of the GHA family. If you have stories, memories, or photos to share, please contact Jessica Palumbo to arrange how best to share your material.

She can be reached by telephone at (404) 809-4471 or through email at jpalumbo@globalhealthaction.org.

Please also keep an eye out for brief surveys that GHA staff will send out electronically and in hard copy to members of the GHA family as part of this process. Your responses to these surveys will be integral in helping GHA staff best position GHA for success in the coming years.

Thank you for your support in this process. We know that GHA’s impact has been tremendous and we are excited to capture and share more stories about how GHA has impacted lives around the world.

On October 18, 1977, 18 nurses from throughout the world arrived at the Emory University School of Nursing to participate in a 10 week specialized course in advanced medical techniques. The program is under the sponsorship of the International Nursing Services Association which is an approved Advance Special of the North Georgia Conference. Shown above are Mrs. Ayodele Adedoyin, Nigeria; Mrs. Esther Oluosla Adefemi, Nigeria; Mrs. C. Padmavathy Amma, India; Mrs. Adelaide Arde-Aquah, Ghana; Miss Margaret Belewa, Sierra Leone; Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Belgamukar, India; Mrs. Elina Brautigam Dixon, Nicaragua; Miss Agnie Hoolsema, Nigeria; Mrs. Hannah Jatau, Nigeria; Mrs. Tinuola Alake Martin, Nigeria; Mrs. Mariam Timothy Massila; Mrs. Susamma Mathew, India; Sister Dora Medina, Peru; Miss Agatha Bridgeter Mnungamo, Tanzania; Mrs. Lucy Osei-Kofi, Ghana; Miss Diana Winifred Simons, Bermuda; Miss Annamma Kaduvakuzhiyil Varkey, India; and Miss Julia Yoel, Tanzania. (Advocate Photo)
Introducing GHA’s New Director of Programs

On April 29, 2017, Jenelle C. Williams, MBA, joined the GHA team as Director of Programs. In addition to assuming the Manager of Programs’ portfolio, Jenelle is an integral part of GHA’s leadership team and current strategic planning process. She brings a wealth of experience in public health, healthcare administration, and health advocacy in public, private, and faith-based arenas. She holds a BA from New York University, an MBA from American InterContinental University, and has completed nursing coursework at Molloy College. We are delighted to welcome Jenelle to the GHA team!

GHA Summer Update

GHA staff has been busy this summer. In addition to our regular programming:

On April 29, our CEO, Wendy Jolley-Kabi, and our Director of Programs, Jenelle Williams, attended the First Annual Haiti Collaborative of North America in Lawrenceville, GA. This provided an opportunity for Wendy and Jenelle to participate in community health grid/mapping projects of current health efforts in Haiti and connect with organizations working on maternal and child health in Haiti.

On May 8, Wendy and Jenelle attended the 6th Atlanta Summit on Global Health: Focus on Women and Adolescent Girls. Wendy participated in a senior-level dinner the evening before the summit to engage with other senior global health leaders on health issues faced by women and girls.

On May 15 – 18, GHA hosted representatives from the China National Health and Family Planning Committee (NHFPC), GHA’s in-country partner for our programs supporting left-behind children in China. During this visit, GHA staff and NHFPC representatives discussed international best practices for children living without one or more parents, visited organizations in Atlanta serving children confronting the realities of migration, and discussed GHA’s ongoing role in the expansion of China’s programs to support children directly affected by economic migration.

On June 6, Wendy presented “Doing Missions without Doing Harm” at the 2017 Global Mission Annual Conference of the Episcopal Church in Middle and North Georgia. Jenelle attended too; she and Wendy connected with faith leaders who are exploring how to increase the effectiveness of mission-supported health services.

On June 30, Wendy and Jenelle met with Sharon L. Ricks, Regional Health Administrator for Region IV, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). They discussed lessons GHA has learned in conducting large-scale trainings on risk factors for vulnerable children and strategies for implementing victim-centered approaches. They continue to discuss ways that GHA can support DHHS projects for human trafficking prevention in the US.

On July 13 – 15, Wendy and Jenelle attended the 2017 Christian Connections in International Health (CCIH) conference in Baltimore, Maryland. There, Wendy presented and was selected to co-chair the CCIH Health Systems Strengthening working group. GHA also hosted a listening session with 22 international health leaders, primarily from Africa, to learn about their successes in the midst of the many complexities and challenges they encounter at home. GHA staff is excited to explore future collaborations resulting from relationships forged during this dinner.