



Abakaliki – 20 December 2014

Dear Friends:

Happy holidays! I wanted to share some photos and brief updates from the Nigeria project. The scope of the project expanded in 2014. We are reaching more mothers and more babies, in new communities. We are saving more lives. It's heartening to see new awareness and attitudinal change regarding health and community. Thanks a lot for all your support. We hope to continue to reach more neglected villages and people in need in 2015.

Brotherly love, Dada Daneshananda



There were more than 1,000 births in AMURT assisted health centres in 2014. We are very close to doubling the number from 2013.



In the summer we introduced 'Free Delivery' in four of the clinics, conditional on ante-natal attendance and cooperation from village leadership.



Residents in 70 villages elected Maternal Health Promoters. We held monthly pregnant women support meetings.



Three construction projects are 95 % ready. Above is the new health centre in Akparata, an additional wing at Offia Oji, and new staff quarters at Odeligbo. All were built with labour from the community and materials from AMURT.





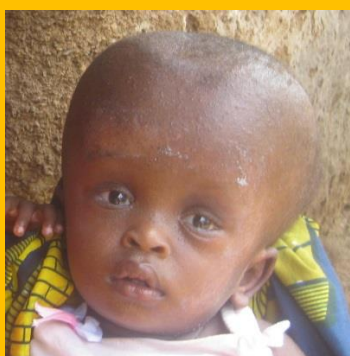
AMURT currently has 20 employees. The staff in the five health centres total around 80. The commitment of the staff and their readiness to go the extra mile for the patient is the biggest asset of the project.



AMURT's Water and Sanitation (WASH) spreads awareness about health, hygiene, and sanitation to the remote villages through health education and WASH rallies.



Twenty-two new villages benefitted from new boreholes for a safe source of water in 2014. We trained WASHCOM's to maintain and repair the borehole and to lead the fight against open defecation and other campaigns.



During 2014, dozens of children and mothers benefitted from emergency assistance. Most common were obstetric emergencies and severe malnutrition. Others received help for life saving surgery.