



## KRB Update #2183 – Mercy Ministries

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Greetings from the nation of Guinea, West Africa. In this issue of KRB Update, I wish to share with you about Mercy Ministries. Mercy Ministries provides off ship ministry opportunities for crew and guests working alongside existing long term national organizations, demonstrating Mercy Ships vision of “Love in Action”. Mercy Ships Vision Statement – “Mercy Ships seeks to become the face

of love in action, bringing hope and healing to the poor.”

Mercy Ministries is part of Programs (Hospital, Off Ship Projects and Mercy Ministries) and I have the privilege to oversee this area and so grateful for our Mercy Ministries Coordinator, Site Team Leaders, Day Workers and crew who sign up and join us. I also enjoy participating and being a part at the sites myself. Here are our partners for our Guinea 2012/2013 field service:

### Mercy Ministries Partners

**CASO Lazare’s Orphanage** – 27 orphans from babies to early teenager – many with special needs, including those who are HIV positive - Visits twice a week

**AFEG Baby Rescue Center** – orphanage for abandoned infants – 12 babies – Visit once a week – time to love on little ones.

**Ecole des Sourds – School for the Deaf** – government school for 200 deaf students – their school is the neighbor to our dental clinic site here in town – Visit once a week – with triple translation from English to French to sign language

**City of Solidarity – School for the Blind and Handicapped Village** – about 600 handicapped people live here with the spouses and children – about 35 blind students in the school – visits once a week to the school and once a month on Friday evenings with the those of the village.

**Jean Paul II Hospital Day Care Center** – about 300 children - ages babies to 5 years old – Visit once a week – short program with the children

**Ignace Deen Hospital Visitation** – to the pediatric ward at the hospital – Visit once a week in the evening – time with the patients and their caregivers

**Prison Fellowship** – Men and Women’s Prison in Conakry – working with the women at this prison is new for Prison Fellowship – Visits on Saturday mornings – great teams involved with this activity.

**Jesus Film** – in partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ Guinea – sharing the film based on the book of Luke in French or the local languages – working with local churches.

**HOPE Center** – Visits twice a week to those Mercy Ships patients and caregivers at the center while they continue to receive outpatient care – primarily for the interior or out-of-country patients.



*Snuggle/Hug time with little ones at the Baby Rescue Center*



*Students at the Deaf School as they receive a basic oral health education from our Dental team*

Serving Together, **Keith**

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