



Here is our team, safely installed at the Hope Clinic in N'Zao, Guinea.

We landed in Conakry, the Capital, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and spent the next 2 days travelling to N'Zao in the far southwest of Guinea. Thanks to the expert driving skills of our friend Jon Erickson the long journey was a positive experience, full of African adventure.



These young men cut a detour through the jungle to enable our 4 wheel drive vehicle to bypass a gridlock traffic jam in the mud, saving us 4-5 hours.

Our days here start at 7.30am with staff devotions in the Hope Clinic chapel, less than 100yards from our guest house. The main emphasis is to seek God's guidance at the beginning of each day.



We then operate until around 5pm and have been able to help people with a variety of surgical needs, such as cleft lips, mandibular and maxillary tumours, facial cysts, noma reconstruction, and osteomyelitis of the jaw.



Tiguidanke Conde aged 7. She came with her attentive father all the way from Conakry.



Sekou Bah aged 35, before and 24 hours after removal of the left lower jaw for a largish tumour

We have been warmly welcomed and cared for by the staff of Hope Clinic, with an active social programme, including tasty African food and trips into town, villages and jungle. We have learned how the land is farmed here, seen Mount Nimba and explored a natural rock bridge in the middle of Savannah country. We have revised our ideas as to which is the most beautiful West African country – it is Guinea!

The Hospital facility is peaceful, clean and well organized. We are the first Maxillofacial surgical team to visit. The nurses have been doing well learning new skills and working longer and different hours to their normal routine. We are impressed by their eagerness and ability to learn.

The whole clinic is bathed in both a physical and spiritual caring for the people. We are enjoying our time here and keeping busy.

Warm regards

Tony & Ann