

Ughelli, Nigeria 2004



It was a rainy day in Ughelli. They do not have any drainage systems, so the water begins to flood the land during the rainy season. This is a view from our hotel.



A view from the other side of our hotel. These cars were either for sale or rent. Most people used motorcycle “taxies” to get places. We saw as many as six people on one motorcycle at once!



Alissa examines a patient. We were blessed by God with enough energy to see 1167 people in six and a half days of clinic! We were so grateful to be able to help.



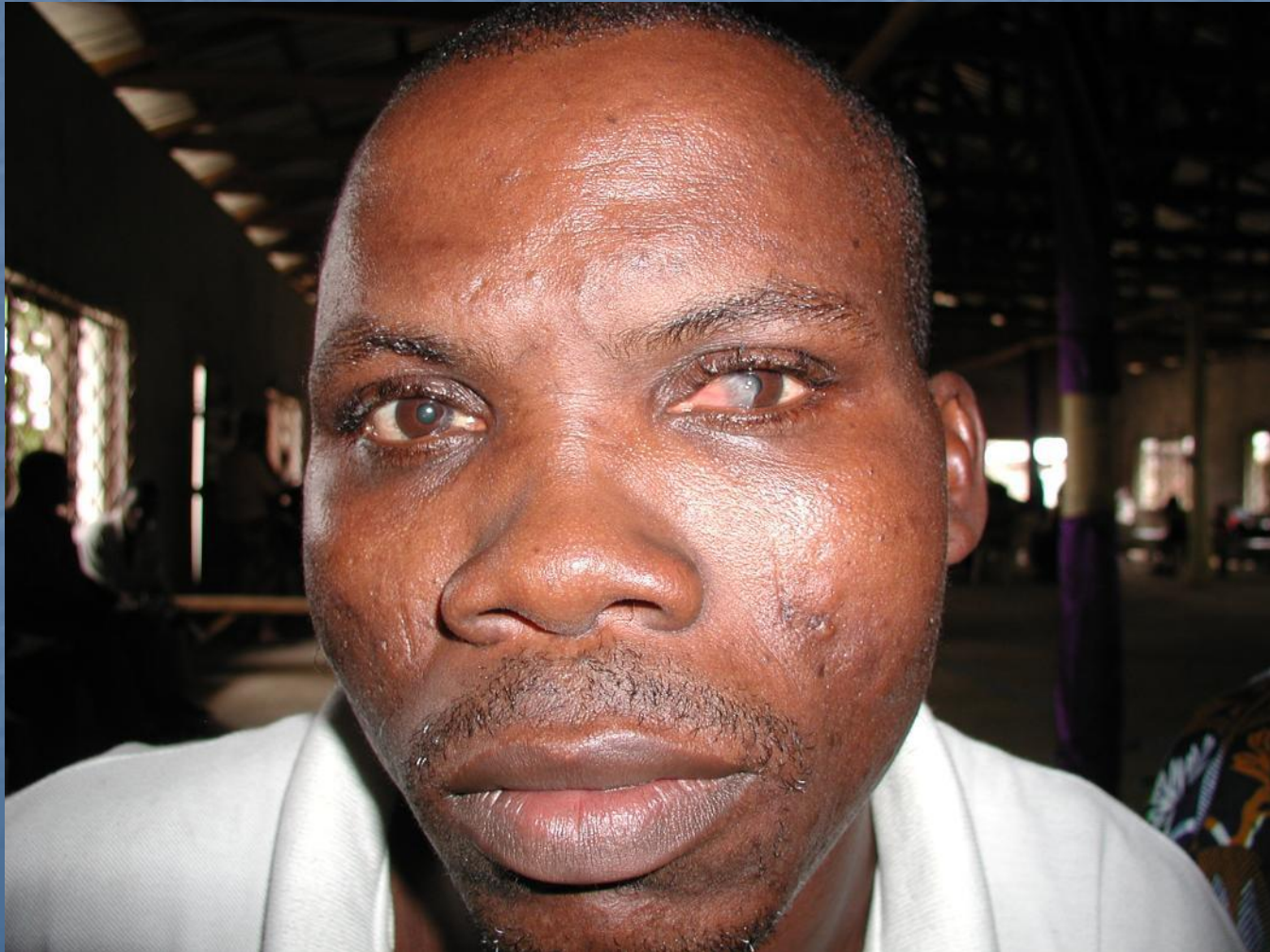
This gentleman had a disfigured pupil caused by the removal of a cataract by a tribal doctor. Since many people in Ughelli cannot afford to see an eye care professional, they will seek care from tribal “doctors”.



Alissa pulls Great in for a quick snapshot during one of our lunch breaks. He was hard to catch, so we had to prove that it was possible!



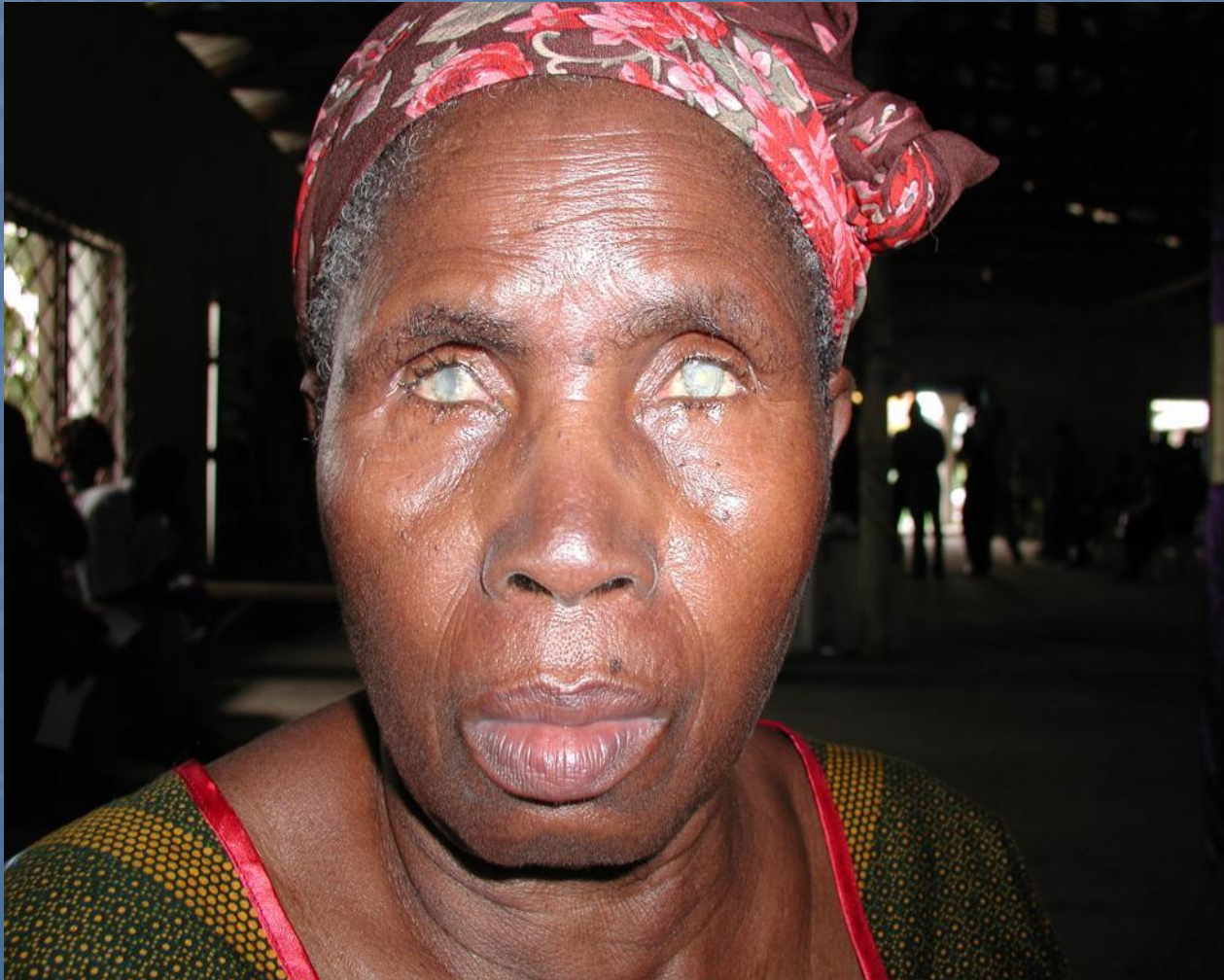
This patient had an advanced pterygium on his left eye that impaired his vision. Can you see the cataract in his right eye?



Here is a closer look at the pterygium. Pterygia, along with cataracts, are very common in locations close to the equator due to the intense sun and exposure to harmful ultraviolet rays.



This patient was diagnosed with corneal ulcers. She was not sure what might have caused them. Unfortunately, she was totally blind and unable to detect any light.



Autographs will be signed later from this new and upcoming boy band!



These three gentlemen guarded our equipment at the Winners Gospel Church during the night. We were very thankful.



A proud mother. And why not? They are all beautiful children of God.



Dave is helping a patient with her new glasses. She was excited to be able to see her Bible more clearly.



Jaimie demonstrates how some “magnifying lenses” would be helpful for reading and other near tasks.



We were blessed with many patients & visitors to bring us joy and smiles!



Dr. Charles shows Jaimie an interesting condition in this patient's eye.



Here is Mimi performing visual acuities on a patient.



This was during Sunday service at Winners Gospel Church. The children danced for us and taught us all some new dance moves! They were awesome.



The Lord provided us with his protection in many forms while we were there, although we never felt in danger.



Here is a soda pop vendor getting started for a day's work.



Here is a view from the back of our hotel. There are a group of people to the left getting water from a well since there isn't any city water.



A woman carries some produce in front of our hotel.



We always enjoyed seeing the Volkswagen repair shop on our way to Winners Gospel Church for a day of clinic. If you look closely, in the bottom left is one of many goats that would hang out around the cars.



Here is a view down the road from Winners Gospel Church. We always had a group of people waiting patiently for us to arrive each morning & give us a very warm welcome. Many times when we arrived, they were singing praises to the Lord.



Alissa, Brian and Roland after a day in the clinic. Roland was always there to help us with anything we needed. He did a great job!



Dr. Julie getting in on the picture taking action.



A picture of some of the host family, the Obonayados. From the left, Prudence, Mama Joy and Perfect. Great is in front. We will miss them and the love they showed us while we were there.



A front view of the awesome new Winners Gospel Church that God has provided Pastor George Obonayado and his community. We were packing up the van this morning to visit the King of Ughelli and provide eye exams for him and his family.



Pastor George Obonayado, on the left, and the King of Ughelli.



Alissa, Bethel Obonayado and Jaimie enjoy some time at the end of clinic singing songs for us.



Some of the musicians at Winners Gospel Church. We were awed by their talent!



Here is our full group at one of Ughelli's High Chief's house. From the left in the back row is Pastor Gregg, the High Chief, Chris, Dave, Dr. Charles and Alissa. From the left in the front row is Brian, Michi, Dr. Julie, Mimi, Jaimie and Pastor George.



We visited one of the neighboring communities and had the pleasure of meeting their king. He is the King of Olomu and is a Christian king.



The Kingdom of Olomu and many of it's people.



Here is a view of our bathing facilities. We were very fortunate to have hot water to use for bathing. With the hot weather, these baths got a lot of use!



On the ride home from the Detroit airport, Dr. Julie was able to finally show the pesky camera man how she really felt about him!

