

United Nations & Pikin Bizness save 16 year old girl from Leg Amputation



By Edward Marah

Margaret Brewah is a 16 year old girl diagnosed as suffering from Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) by one Dr. J. C. Bioma. Pikin Bizness came to know about her through Mr. Peter Tayong, who is a colleague of Margaret's father, Aloysious Brewah. Margaret's left leg was deemed to have been adversely affected by the disease with the only option left to amputate.

"It was after the trip to Ghana to get a second opinion that Pikin Bizness took up her case," said Madam Laura Williams who is the Project Administrator of Pikin Bizness - a local non-governmental organization

working towards the welfare of orphans, the handicapped, war affected and underprivileged children in Sierra Leone.

"We wrote to our partner in France Mr. David Applefield asking him to help us with Margaret's case, he contacted a doctor friend in Florida, United States of America, Dr. Jeffery Neustadt, who agreed to treat Margaret's case, depending on what the X-ray and other past medical report say. When the doctor received these documents, he was positive about the child's case and said something can be done to help Margaret. He then asked that Margaret be flown to him in the US for surgery", she narrated, adding that Pikin Bizness in collaboration with the UN representative in Sierra Leone raised some money for Margaret and her mother to travel to the US.

Margaret and her mother arrived in America on the 17th May 2011 in the US where through the help of Mr. Applefield they were picked up at the airport.

Madam Laura Williams revealed that Margaret Brewah has now successfully gone through her medical treatment with the help of Dr. Jeff Neustadt in Saint Petersburg, Florida, USA and has regained her health.

According to Dr. Jeff Neustadt in Saint Petersburg, Florida, USA, "I think she had bone infection that was treated with antibiotics and biopsy drained it. It was definitely not osteosarcoma (cancer)," the Doctor explained. Although not a Bone Tumor Specialist, Dr. Jeff Neustadt said that "the girl's ailment does not look like Osteosarcoma to me. It is a more permeative process that is destroying the bone with a little subperiosteal reaction".

In the Doctor's diagnosis, none mentioned lesions would require amputation, but surgical treatment to remove what is there, or cleaning it up would be appropriate.

He also waived all fees for the anaesthesiologists and other physicians as well. The medical records the Doctor reviewed suggested that Margaret had a bone infection osteomyelitis initially.

Dr. Jeff Neustadt concluded Margaret medical examination by stating that "Perhaps the specimens the pathologists looked at according to the Doctor did not show the major differences well and that may explain the inaccurate diagnosis" he said.

Dr. Jeff Neustadt disclosed that Margaret bone infection was caused by some type of bacteria; usually, it is a common bacterium such as Staphylococcus aureus or Streptococcus pyogenes.

The Founder and Director of Pikin Bizness Dr. Adonis Abboud thanked God for having saved another life of a poor girl". He expressed profound gratitude to the United Nations

family in Sierra Leone for supporting the medication of the girl and all those that partook in such humanitarian gesture.

The Brewa family also commended Pikin Bizness for saving their daughter's life and all those that contributed to her well being.