Interview with Charles G. Irion  
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- **What first brought you inside the doors of PC?**

  I was introduced to Project C.U.R.E. through a collaborative project with another Non-Government Organization that I was a board member with, K2 Summit Foundation. We were building a new medical clinic in Tanzania for orphans and Project C.U.R.E. was providing the medical equipment and supplies. The previous Project C.U.R.E. Executive Director, Mike Medoro, gave me a tour of the Tempe Warehouse and invited me to help fundraise, serve as an advisor and as a member of a newly formed Executive Committee. That was over 15 years ago.

- **Tell us a little about the Gombe, Nigeria video and the children-parents-doctors you met there?**

  The video is one of many from the Nigeria Assessment trip earlier this year. This one especially tugs at my heart because of the love we saw between the therapists, doctors and the children while they were helping the children as much as they could with the equipment they had. It is one story of many in each hospital we assessed where patients needed much and don’t receive as good of care as possible because they don’t have the necessary equipment and supplies.

- **What are your most favorite activities of support that you enjoy the most with PC?**

  I enjoy collaborating with sponsors locally and internationally in helping them fulfill their dreams and heartfelt wishes to bring better healthcare to the programs and communities they have chosen to shepherd.

- **What impacts of the program and containers have you experienced?**

  The feedback from recipients in many of the countries I’ve worked with is that the impact is meaningful, immediate and gratifying in helping people suffer less and live longer productive lives.

- **Anything else you would like to share, personal story, and experience?**

  I have had so many personal experiences in so many countries around the world these past 15 years... Meeting religious leaders, gurus, kings and queens, presidents, prime ministers, first ladies, health ministers and even my bodyguards - have each provided me with profound different memories! My last medical equipment and supplies assessment was conducted in Gombe, Nigeria, where we assessed 17 hospitals.

  After finishing the assessment of the hospitals, a special ceremony was given in honor of our work in bringing health and hope to their communities and villagers. Hundreds of ceremonial horsemen with spears and guns charged our viewing stand shooting and screaming praise to the Emir and his Excellency the Governor. This ceremony is usually done the last day of Ramadan but the Emir ordered the tribes to gather their warriors and give us a display and honor I will never forget!