



Update from Jeremy and Susan Beebout April 2021

Dear Friends,

“Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my **Rock** and my **Salvation**; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.”

These are the first verses of Psalm 62 with an emphasis placed on Rock and Salvation. These same verses appear on signs in French and Hausa on the walls of the new Clinique Dutsin Ceto (pronounced: DUE-TSIN-CHAY-TOE). My excuses for the repetition as many of you have already read or heard this explanation before, but it seems worthy of repeating at this time. The name “Dutsin Ceto” means Rock of Salvation in the Hausa language. The clinic is built on the edge of the town of Dogon Doutchi (pronounced: DOE-GN DUE-CHEE) which means tall rock or mountain. As you see in the photo, the town of Dogon Doutchi has some remarkable rock formations. In the Old Testament, numerous examples of pagan worship are associated with ‘high places’ (see as examples Deut.12:2, 1 Kings 14:23). No exception, these high places within the city of Dogon Doutchi have long-standing animistic religious symbolism and have been the object and/or location of animistic worship in the area for centuries. The name “Dutsin Ceto” was chosen to elevate and declare the Rock of Salvation who is God alone and that no other rock or object or being can bring about salvation. Our prayer is that the care received by patients and their companions at the clinic will create an openness to hear and know that salvation comes from our God and that Jesus alone is the Rock of Salvation!

I am very pleased to announce that after years in the journey of building this clinic (four to be exact), Clinique Dutsin Ceto was officially inaugurated on March 20 with much fanfare!! A minister in Niger’s government was present to represent the Prime Minister of Niger at the opening ceremony, along with many other local officials, invited guests, new staff, and future patients! There was even a full-size bus of Clinique Olivia staff and representatives of other missions who made the four-hour journey from Niamey to be present at the inauguration which went from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The ceremony began with the arrival of the Minister of Culture and Renaissance as well as local officials. Susan and Chako were amongst those who shared brief messages elaborating on the history, mission, and vision of the clinic. Many church leaders were present,



Rock of Dogon Doutchi



Inauguration speech

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including local and national leaders from the EERN and representatives from other denominations. They offered prayers and together the Christians in the audience sang “Rock of Ages” in Hausa. The ceremony concluded with a tour of the facility and several authorities receiving brief medical consultations. A meal was offered to everyone present before they began their return journey. The ceremony was very encouraging and edifying, especially for those of us who have been on this journey of preparation for so long. Thank you to each and all of you who have contributed through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. This would not have been possible without you. You can watch a recap of the event [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaFa6gWUHHY) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaFa6gWUHHY>).

The clinic currently has a staff made up of an administrator, five doctors, nine nurses, two lab technicians, a pharmacist, a cashier, and two janitors. Omar, our faithful CADR representative for many years, continues to help with logistics. A guard lives on the property and we will be soon hiring two additional security agents to be stationed at the clinic entry. Clinique Olivia started with Susan and a nurse. Clinique Dutsin Ceto is starting with a staff of 24 (see photo to the right)!

The Clinic was inaugurated on a Saturday and on that Monday was open for patients. In the first few weeks of operation, over 200 patients have been seen. Some of those patients were previously followed at Clinique Olivia and are happy to now receive the same care closer to home.

There is plenty of work left to be done both within and outside the clinic and particularly “above” the current clinic. We intend to build rooms for administrative offices and meeting space as well as guest rooms for the short term until a guesthouse is built on the property. We are also still waiting for several pieces of lab equipment and computers to arrive.

Our family was able to leave Niger for a short week just after the inauguration and travel to Senegal using up plane tickets that had been purchased last year. We enjoyed our vacation and family time together. The kids are gearing up for their last quarter, wondering what might be in store. They missed a month in the first quarter due to the flood, two weeks second quarter due to COVID-19, and three days so far this quarter due to political unrest after the recent elections. We trust that the Lord is still on His throne. Please pray for them to finish well, particularly Lydia as she makes college decisions and ends her time in Niger, for now at least! We plan to leave Niger on June 14 to begin a six-month home assignment. We look forward to seeing or being in contact with many of you soon!

Until then,

Jeremy for the Beebouts

