

JOY FM organises medical outreach

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JOY FM, a private radio station in Accra, in collaboration with some corporate bodies and individuals has organised a free medical outreach programme and party for the underprivileged in Accra.

Some of the health professionals who organised the free medical care were from the Community-Based Centre for Partners at the University of Ghana, Legon, and the Faculty of Pharmacy at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

The programme, dubbed "*Joy FM* Easter Soup Kitchen", formed part of *Joy FM's* social responsibility and charity work for the under-privileged in society.

The General Manager of Joy FM, Mr Ken Ashigbey, stated that it was important for the organisation to demonstrate its love and care towards the under-privileged during Easter.

He said last year, 10,000 children including some from the orphanages and female porters were fed, adding

that 15,000 children were entertained this year".

Mr Ashigbey said a survey which was conducted by AGRIP, a non-governmental organisation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, indicated that most of the children were not educated.

He said based on that, *Joy FM* is planning to liaise with some companies to provide vocational training for some of the deprived children.

A senior lecturer at the Department of Nursing at the University of Ghana, Legon, Mrs Faustina Oware-Gyekye, said about 300 people participated in the medical screening exercise.

She said the children's weight and height were checked while some of them were taken through breast and eye screening.

According to her, the most common cases which were diagnosed were the malnourishment and skin infections and pointed out that some of them were referred to further treatment.