



KIWOKO NEWS

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WORD FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that I write the introduction to our 2nd "Kiwoko News". We have been delighted by the feedback that we have received from many people and we really hope that the newsletter will be beneficial in keeping you informed and involved in what is going on here into the future.

As you will see as you read through Kiwoko Hospital continues to develop in various ways for the benefit of our patients. As we approach the financial year end (30th June) we anticipate that we will finish the year at break even. Given the high inflation in Uganda this year (30%) we are pleased with this but recognise that we have significant challenges into the future.

A recent conversation reminded me that Kiwoko Hospital continues to be a beacon – patients know that when they come here they will not have to pay a bribe to receive treatment, that we will have drugs in stock for treatment, Lab supplies for tests and staff who will treat. These are things that are not taken for granted here in Uganda especially in the rural areas. They are critical to us in Kiwoko and they reflect who we are as a Christian organisation .

We have many ongoing challenges but we look forward to the future as we try to make a difference to the people here.

God bless and thanks for all the continued support.

Ken Finch



**WE TREAT...JESUS
HEALS**

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NEW TOOLS ARRIVE FOR SURGERY

It was with great joy that the hospital recently received a long awaited shipment from Germany which had started its journey to us in November. The shipment contained a wide range of surgical tools and supplies which will be invaluable in helping our surgeons to complete more complex procedures in the Kiwoko operating theatre.

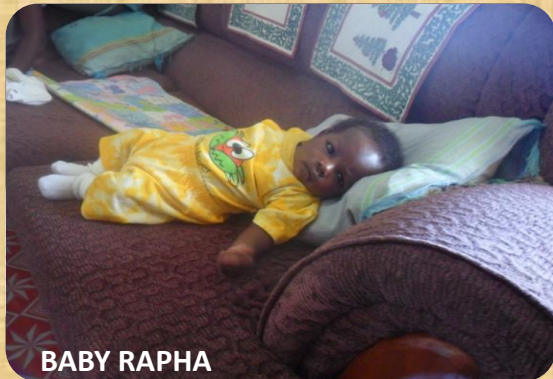
The shipment was sent by Dr. Raul Depner who lived and worked in Kiwoko with his family for 4 years until 2010.

The Depners remain closely linked with Kiwoko and were able to coordinate with Sr. Gabi at the Kriskliniken hospital in Germany and Christian Courier Services to bring us these life saving items to the hospital. As Dr. Peter, the Acting Medical Director and a senior surgeon at the hospital noted, many people in the past were referred from the hospital because we didn't have the necessary instruments to carry out the operations they needed. With the arrival of this shipment the number of referrals should reduce, improving the ability to treat patients more quickly at Kiwoko.

The instruments will be life changing for many people here and we are so grateful for the kindness which our friends overseas continue to show to us. We thank you all for giving so freely and generously and in particular send our gratitude to Dr.Raul Depner and family, Sr.Gabi, Kriskliniken Hospital and Christian Courier Services. Everyone at the hospital is so grateful and May God Bless you. Mwebale Nnyo!!!



LATEST NEWS



BABY RAPHA



ST.MARY'S GROUP

The 2nd quarter of the year has started off well with rain and a more relaxed weather. Since a big number of people in the Kiwoko family are farmers, they have welcomed it with open arms. Most evenings are spent in gardens and the food prices have gone down with better quality food in the market.

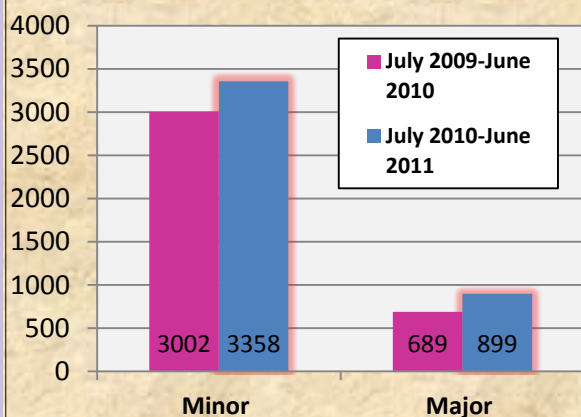
We were delighted to welcome the team from St.Mary's church from London. St Mary's have been linked with Kiwoko for over ten years and again we benefited from their preaching in the morning devotions at the hospital chapel as well as their work with young people and teaching children and youth leaders. Thanks St.Mary's for coming around each year to spread God's word and give encouragement to people here.

The Kiwoko community is often likened to a family and we have been very happy to see our family grow in the past three months with the births of Victor, Shalom, Rapha, Anne, Murungi and Shena. We welcome them all into the Kiwoko family.

The Medical Director Rory Wilson, together with Denise and Gideon are on leave for 6 months. They left on 28th March and we hope they have a good time of refreshment and relaxation in amongst their many engagements.

The paediatric ward was renovated and it is now occupied again. The ward is more spacious and well organised. It has such a lovely floor where children can now happily play. Thanks so much for all who made this possible.

Major and Minor Operations done in Theatre

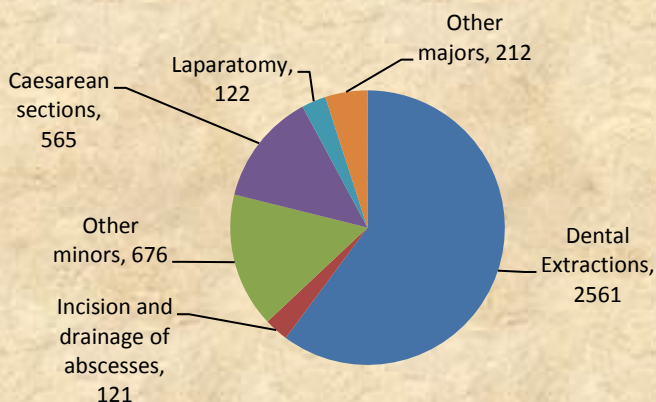


Caesarean sections make up the largest number of major operations. Our ability to offer high quality caesarean operations at a low cost has helped to almost completely eliminate maternal deaths in the hospital. Many thanks for the continued support given to the hospital that has made all this possible.

WORK IN THE THEATRE

Our Theatre at the hospital has kept growing and we have seen a significant change in the number of patients being operated on here. Over the last year, the number of minor operations carried out increased by 12% and the number of major operations increased by 30%.

Operations carried out 2010-2011



NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR NICU

Mercy Babirye was born on 28th January 2012 with her twin brother Kato at Nakaseke hospital, a government unit around 30kms from Kiwoko. Both babies were over 10 weeks premature and each weighed only around 1kg - the same as a bag of sugar. Sadly, Kato died 12hrs later and Mercy was rushed to Kiwoko as a referral to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit(NICU). Her mother Awori Jessica had no time to mourn her son Kato since she had Mercy to save. Mercy was taken to NICU where Dr.Jill Mant diagnosed her with respiratory distress syndrome; a condition which would normally be difficult to treat in a rural setting like Kiwoko.



However, due to the recent introduction of some new equipment thanks to ISIS foundation we were able to give emergency treatment to Mercy. As Dr.Jill explains; "A new breathing machine called CPAP has just been introduced onto the neonatal unit. CPAP stands for 'Continuous Positive Airway Pressure' and it works by blowing oxygen into the baby's lungs at a constant pressure to prevent lung collapse. The majority of premature babies have some difficulty breathing because their lungs are immature and many babies die as a result of breathing problems. CPAP is used extensively across Europe and America but has rarely been available in Africa and other developing countries due to the cost of the machines. As far as we know there is only 1 other hospital using CPAP in Uganda. The CPAP machines in Kiwoko have been cleverly designed to use relatively cheap materials and are easy to use with minimal training. Since CPAP was introduced in February eleven babies have benefited from the machine. Many of these babies would not have survived before the introduction of CPAP".



Baby Mercy

"Mercy was the first ever baby to go on CPAP and she stayed on the machine for 11 days. She is now doing well and has no breathing problems. We hope that she will grow up to be a normal healthy girl." Mercy was discharged on 29th February by which time she could feed on her own and had grown to 1.6 kg. By the time of her final visit to the hospital on the 24th of April she weighed 3 kg and was developing normally. That we are able to treat babies as premature as Mercy in Kiwoko is truly a miracle and is only possible thanks to all the support we get from our friends around the world, particularly the ISIS foundation who fund much of the work on NICU.

For everyone who gives to Kiwoko so generously and so freely thank you so very much. You touch so many lives and we couldn't do so much without your help. GOD Bless you abundantly

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