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Malcolm and Irene in front of their new home at Kiwoko.

## WELCOME TO KIWOKO

Malcolm Crawford and his wife Irene have joined the team at Kiwoko for 15 months. While Malcolm oversees our Finance Department, Irene will be working with our HIV department building management capacity, particularly for the weekly clinics.

We are delighted to welcome them both to Kiwoko Hospital and hope their time with us will be fruitful and enjoyable.

We are also delighted to have our new Personnel Manager Mr Geoffrey Mulangira join us a few weeks ago.

## Message from our Medical Director, Dr Rory Wilson.

Greetings from Kiwoko.

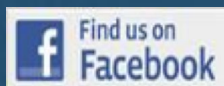
Every time staff members hear that I am talking to our friends and donors far away I am instructed to send greetings. Our staff are very conscious of the support and love shown from many who by their prayers, financial and practical support keep us serving those who need us. Please receive their thanks and warm wishes.

It has been hard to see many staff leave us over the last months, lured by promises of high pay combined with a low work load in local government health units. Being committed and called to work in Kiwoko is very important, but when you have to feed your children and pay for their education, receiving a semi-competitive rate of pay is also important. In faith the management team have increased salaries significantly and several donors, particularly Friends of Kiwoko Hospital have indicated that they will be increasing their monthly transfers to partially support these pay increases. The pay rises are by no means excessive, but the gap with government salaries has been narrowed, and we hope that the other benefits of living in an effective caring professional Christian Hospital community can compensate for that. Thank you to those who have increased monthly contributions or are trying to find ways of fundraising on our behalf.

Despite these staffing challenges the last 6 months at Kiwoko have been busier than ever with many patients cared for, very active outreach community work, several visiting teams, and as I write our laboratory students are sitting their final examinations.

I hope that this brief newsletter gives a taste of some of the great things that have been going on.

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## KULIKAYO - WELCOME BACK

Over the last few months Kiwoko Hospital has welcomed back many of its staff that were sponsored to go for further studies.

One such nurse is Julius Ojuka (holding certificate beside this) who returned to Kiwoko recently following completion of a Diploma in General Nursing at Kyambogo Public Health Nurses College in Kampala. He is 1 of several home grown nurses, who have come through Kiwoko School of Nursing, and look to be our nurse leaders of the future. Currently Julius is serving Kiwoko as a Clinical Instructor at the Nursing School, a role for which he is eminently capable and which he clearly loves. When asked what completion of the course has meant to him, Julius replied that he has been enabled to support his family financially, to build up a network of colleagues from other health institutes and also taught him more about patience in relation to attaining his goals in life.

Julius would like to thank his donors and Kiwoko Hospital for making him what he is today.

## MWEERABA - GOODBYE

Sadly as people come, others leave - we have had to say goodbye to our Personnel Manager, Asiimwe Rodgers and his wife Keren who was our Donors Relations manager. Along with their daughter Robbie they were a great part of our Kiwoko family and are sorely missed.

Rodgers was an active member of our Kiwoko Chase organizing committee and many other aspects of the community life at Kiwoko. Keren was very involved with organizing staff fun events and brought great character. They were both regular attendees of morning chapel and inspired many with their thoughts from the pulpit.

They have moved on to Kampala and we wish them every success but look forward to staying in touch.



Asiimwe, Keren & Robbie at their leaving party at Kiwoko.

**OUR GOOD SAMARITAN FUND ENSURES THAT NO PATIENT IS REFUSED TREATMENT**

*Around 36,000 people go through the Outpatient department at Kiwoko Hospital every year.*



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the staffing situation at the hospital. That we may continue to raise the funding required to pay our staff and that the right staff are attracted and called to come and serve with us.

Give thanks for the support given by volunteers at Kiwoko Hospital - Dr Susan and Dr Felicity have just left us after 6 months, while Dr Natasha, Dr Becca and Dr Jim (and his wife Suzanne) are rejoining us in the coming months.

Recent significant staff changes means that many experienced staff members have been replaced with young recently qualified nursing staff. Providing the same high level of quality care is thus a challenge. Pray for these new staff for their skills and compassion and also their fitting into the wider life of the hospital. Also for the senior staff trying to mentor them.

Many patients and carers who come to Kiwoko, in addition to finding physical healing are drawn to follow Christ afresh, or even for the first time. Pray for them on returning home - many of them live far from the hospital and following them up medically and spiritually is often not possible.

Every 2 weeks our Mission team leaves the Hospital to visit local prisons and bring encouragement and Gods word to the inmates. Our Lab in charge, Daniel Kabago tells a story of a recent life changed by this ministry:



Ronald comes from a polygamous family in my home village. As a teenager he was a Christian but in time he joined some groups that impacted his life in a negative way. As he got older he began having many affairs with married women which gave him a terrible reputation in the village.

He owned small a business which collapsed due to his lifestyle and peoples opinion of him. Soon Ronald was caught by the husband of one of his girlfriends and he was put in jail. He lost every thing he owned - his house, land, and job.

One day the mission team went to Nakasongola for prison ministry and I saw Ronald amongst 600 inmates, I could hardly recognise him. He was a man who used to be very smart, but now he was in the yellow prison uniform. After we shared the gospel he accepted Christ with tears, repented and we prayed for him, he made a covenant with the lord to return home. When his 5 years in prison was complete he returned home as a Christian, but the community would not welcome him, they thought he was still the same old Ronald. Ronald found his new life hard and he did struggle for a time with his old habits. But praise be to God that one day in 2010 the lord visited Ronald again and he was transformed totally. He says he experienced the power of the Holy Spirit; he surrendered his life afresh to the Lord, and started to be a committed member of our local church. As I talk now he is the associate pastor and he has a wonderful wife with 3 children.

*OUR MISSION TEAM RUNS MANY PROGRAMMES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL INCLUDING MISSION TRIPS TO TRIBAL AREAS IN NORTHERN UGANDA.*

Thanks for reading

More stories and reports to come next time.