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KIWOKO HOSPITAL

WE TREAT... JESUS HEALS

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS,
PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS



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In recent months we have said goodbye to 19 staff including Dr. Santa and Dr. Diana, and hello to many new staff, particularly 10 newly qualified from Kiwoko School of Nursing. Dr Leonard back from further surgical studies and four senior nurses returning from further studies.

Amongst the new staff are Geoffrey Mulangira the new personnel/Admin manager, and Dr Timothy Mugabi

Dr. Becca, Dr Phil and Maraid (a teacher), have joined us as volunteers for approximately 1 year. We are grateful for the contribution of such volunteers to the work of the hospital and hope that they also experience God's blessing in their time with us.

WELCOME TO KIWOKO

A very new "new arrival" made an appearance in August. Her father, William Jjoloba (Estates Manager) says: "Glad tidings, God added to us a gift of a baby bouncing daughter, "JOY" she will be our joy. Joy come into existence at 4:19 am on the 25th-08-2013, with the help of Kiwoko hospital Maternity midwives. Thanks for your prayer. I am going to look after the mother for some few days."



Message from Dr. Rory Wilson, our Medical Director

2013 has been quite a year of busyness, challenges, blessing and growth. The Kiwoko Hospital team have prayed harder and worked harder as a result of the challenges and as we look forward to 2014 there is a strong sense of optimism and hope.

Losing many staff due to increased pay (for less work) in the government has led to many new faces joining us. So much change at once takes a while to get used to, but many of our new recruits seem enthusiastic, hard working and caring. Our staff Christmas party next week will see many performing sketches, songs and dances. Such gatherings are a way we build and maintain community and are enjoyed by all – apart from the Bull and chickens!

The hospital Board has just completed a review process to lay plans in an organised fashion for the next 5 years. It was a helpful process in which we saw God's hand of guidance. Please do continue to thank God for our Board members and pray for them and their deliberations. Our next meeting is scheduled for 16th January.

Our great staff could do little without the tangible support of partners, friends and supporters both within and beyond Uganda. Thank you for your continued partnership with us in serving the people of Nakaseke, Nakasongola and Luwero districts. I recently heard a man telling the story of how he was brought to Kiwoko after trying to take his life. He was nursed back to health, but also found fresh meaning and purpose for his life. He was grateful to God for saving his life through the ministry of Kiwoko Hospital. Thank you to everyone who is part of the great work which takes place here. May God bless you with a Happy Christmas and prosperous 2014.

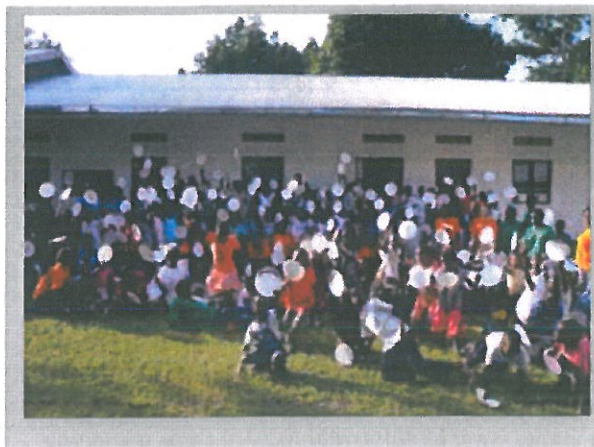
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20% FROM PATIENT FEE'S, 15% FROM INCOME
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CHILDREN'S OUTREACH



Ekisa 2013 was a wonderful occasion! August 16-18th saw three days of fun for more than 200 children in the Kiwoko community, led by 35 willing and committed team leaders (staff and students at Kiwoko Hospital). The theme for this year's Ekisa was 'I was lost but Jesus found me' and the Bible teaching was based on the parables in Luke 15. Through the stories of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son, we learned about how God searches for us and that through Jesus we are found and rescued. All the children and leaders alike had a lot of fun through singing, dancing, games, craft activities and quizzes. Many parents have told of us how their children enjoyed themselves, but we're particularly happy that many seemed to have understood more about God's love for them. We have heard them singing the Ekisa memory verse song around the hospital! We pray that these children will go on following Jesus even though Ekisa has ended, and that the weekly Children's ministry at Kiwoko would reinforce this message week by week in these children's lives.

Kiwoko Chase 2013

The annual "Kiwoko Chase" was a great success with over 120 people taking apart either walking or running. This year people were encouraged to get sponsorship for their efforts and trophies were given for the most sponsorship monies raised. Altogether over 2million shillings was raised and the money is to be spent to take children from the HIV clinic away for a much needed break together. Games took place in the morning and certificates and prizes were given to all participants after which food was provided. We wish to thank all those who took part to make it into a memorable fun day especially the staff who worked so hard before hand on the organization of the event and all those who worked during the day to ensure that all went smoothly.



New Video

Around 400 people work at Kiwoko Hospital. About 40% of the staff are 'non-medical'. This video is a tribute to ALL staff at Kiwoko Hospital who use their skills and abilities every day to serve the people of their community and to help God make sick people well.

All 400 staff, and many other supporters, are included in the hospital's motto; **'We treat, Jesus heals'.**

[Click here to watch the video on YouTube.](#)

Or, search YouTube for 'Kiwoko Hospital – We treat, Jesus heals'

If you would like to download a full copy, please let us know.



2,274 BABIES WERE BORN IN KIWOKO HOSPITAL IN THE LAST YEAR

7,015 people were admitted to Kiwoko Hospital last year.

New anaesthetic machine saves a life in its first day in operation



3/9/13 Kiwoko Hospital received a new anaesthetics machine for its busy operating theatre. The new machine, paid for by the generosity of DAK and Rotary, was designed and manufactured in the UK by Diamedica based near Barnstable, Devon. It has been specifically designed and tested in developing countries such as Uganda, is robust enough to survive in difficult conditions and simple enough to maintain by local engineers without the need to call in expensive specialists.

On receiving the new machine, the Senior Hospital Surgeon, Dr. Peter Serwadda, said, "I am delighted that the hospital now has a new anaesthetic machine which will enable us to continue to carry out operations safely and to provide the best care to our patients. It is important to us that the machine is easy to use, strong and simple to maintain as our patients' lives depend on it and it will be in heavy use on a daily basis".

Male ward refurbished at last to enable better safety for patients and staff

The new male ward was finished, commissioned and opened for use in early September. We thank God for all those who used their skills to improve the building and the funding provided to enable this to take place. We appreciate the efforts of all the staff who worked hard to get the project finished. The building has the capacity for 32 beds and is also being used by the T.B. department.



Commissioning the new male ward

OUR GOOD SAMARITAN FUND ENSURES THAT NO PATIENT IS REFUSED TREATMENT

Over 50,000 people attended Kiwoko Hospital as an Outpatient last year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Thank God that we were able to give an increase in salaries to staff through the generosity of Friends of Kiwoko Hospital in July. Please pray for continued provision of funds and for ongoing efficient use of what is available.

The next Board meeting will be held on 16th January 2014.

Christmas and New Year can be a time for drunkenness, fighting and road traffic accidents. Pray for the staff on duty over the festive period.

The new hospital Chaplain called Semaganda Steven is starting his new post on 28th December.

Provision of a suitable volunteer to take over the role of Finance Director when Malcolm and Irene Crawford leave Kiwoko in 2014.

The 2014 Bible Conference for church leaders is being held in Ngoma (3 hrs North of Kiwoko.) Pray for the main speaker Rev. Moore Casement and local speakers during 13-18th January.

Bishop Evans Kisekka has indicated his intention to retire in March 2015. Please pray for the committee overseeing the selection process which has already begun.



The 7th graduation day for Kiwoko nursing and laboratory students was held in the grounds of the Health Training Institute on Friday 4th October. Students were presented with their certificates while the guest of honour (representing the Bishop) was the Rev Dr Rebecca, the Chaplin of Uganda Christian University from Mukono. The ceremony included presentation dances and songs performed by current nursing and laboratory students. Despite the earlier rains turning the roadways into mud baths, everyone was smartly turned out and the day went very smoothly. Graduation ceremonies only take place every third year so it was a happy family occasion with many friends meeting up after several years apart. Although many are employed as hospital staff, it was good to hear from others and how well they are doing at their places of work. We hope the memories of their final day at Kiwoko Health Training Institute will remain with the graduates for many years to come.



The baby boom continues. Dr James and Milly were delighted when baby Susan was born on 12th October. Everybody is doing well.

THE MISSION TEAM VISITS LOCAL PRISONS SEVERAL SUNDAYS EACH MONTH AND EVERY TIME THE TEAM FINDS A WELCOMING RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE.