



Kiwoko Hospital News

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- Dr Peter back to School
- A unique fundraising idea
- Coaching For Christ
- Lab opening
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From the Medical Director's desk

Welcome to our latest newsletter. A lot continues to happen in both the hospital and community. Our much planned for new laboratory is now busy and excellent. Old patient files can now be located thanks to our new records store. The 'Coaching For Christ' week saw many young local lads put their trust in Jesus. Almost 15 new young nurses joined our ranks from our nursing school after passing their finals.

The Ugandan financial year ends on 30th June so we have been reviewing last year's figures – and delighting that our quality of care continues to improve with death rate down yet again (2.8%) and

survival rate for NICU also improving dramatically yet again (50% survival for babies <1kg; 90% survival beyond this!)

Of course there is much more to caring for people than them not dying! It has been great to now have an active Chaplain and to see fresh initiatives for spiritual ministry amongst patients, staff, students and the community. I admitted a young lad with severe pneumonia and significant parapneumonic effusion last week. When discharging him yesterday he told me how he was going straight to church when he got home to tell them how God had saved

him from death at Kiwoko.

Kiwoko Hospital continues to be a great place as we all use our professional and spiritual skills and knowledge, and God continues to heal and come close to those who seek Him. Thanks for your continued



interest and support for what we do. I hope that you enjoy this little snapshot of the last few months.

Dr Rory Wilson
Medical Director

Dr James steps up



Dr James (left) and Dr Peter

This month, Dr Peter, our Deputy Medical Director, is taking a great opportunity and going back to school. He will spend 2 years in Tanzania studying a Masters of Science in Urology.

Upon his return, Peter's training will help us to treat various urinary tract, kidney

and bladder problems.

We are delighted that James has agreed to take on the role of Deputy MD as he is extremely capable. However, he still needs your prayers as he takes over from Peter who has been in leadership of the medical team for 17 years!

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A 'Specioza' Story



We have had a quite a few very ill patients on female ward recently. But amazingly, and with the help of God, there have been great recoveries and can testify to the truth 'We treat... Jesus heals'!

One such lady was Specioza - an elderly woman who arrived in the hospital at the end of August. In fact she arrived the same way she left - not being able to walk. However, given what she had

been through during her stay at Kiwoko, it was amazing to see her go home in as good a condition as she did.

She arrived with body pains, vomiting, fever and not being able to walk for 2 weeks. She had had multiple medications before reaching us but had not improved. Her condition worsened whilst here and she became semi-conscious. The ward doctor was perplexed and had discussed referring her for a CT scan in Kampala

due to her critical condition. Thankfully, she was spared this trip when the lab returned a test offering an explanation of why she was so weak - low potassium.

Over the next week, a combination of feeding via a tube, physiotherapy, family care and intravenous medication prepared by the nurses resulted in Specioza being able to go home with a smile!

New Buildings

August was a significant month for our Laboratory. The new Lab was officially opened by Bishop Evans Kisekka on his last official visit to the Hospital before his retirement.

Bishop Kisekka also opened the new Attendants' Shelter and Records buildings. He then visited the Wards and prayed for many patients. The



In-Charge, Dan Kabugo has moved to a position with one of our partner organisations.

The new over-all In-Charge is Kateregga Joseph with Kizito Moses taking care of the technical side and Mugisha Charles dealing with personnel matters. Please pray for this team as they lead the 17 Lab staff in serving the people who come here.

Up to 100 patients per day are seen at the Lab. They are

tested for Malaria, HIV, Sickle Cell and many other conditions. The level of expertise in our Lab is out-standing.

THANK YOU to all who helped fund our new Laboratory, Records Store and Attendant's Shelter!

"Other hospitals are sending their people to see what is possible... we are raising the standard in rural Uganda!"

Kateregga Joseph
Lab Manager



students at our Lab and Nursing Schools then put on a very impressive presentation to mark the special day.

Not only do we have a new Lab, we also have new Lab Management. After 7 years as



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Sponsor-a-bed Success

The Sponsor-A-Bed program is the work of Dr Jim and Suzanne Hansen, an American couple who volunteer for 6 months every year at Kiwoko Hospital. The concept is simple: you ask people to donate \$10 a month to support a "bed" on one of the inpatient units at the hospital. The amount is small enough that most people can afford to participate! With each donation, the donor gets a personalized, laminated tag that gets

placed on "their bed". Most sponsors have photos and/or bible verses on their personalized tags. Dr. Jim and Suzanne took the idea to their home church; Table Rock Fellowship in Medford, Oregon. The first time around, they were able to sponsor about 15 beds, the second time an additional 30 beds and this July, they were able to get sponsors for 85 beds! The Hansen's were able to bring \$11,000 with them

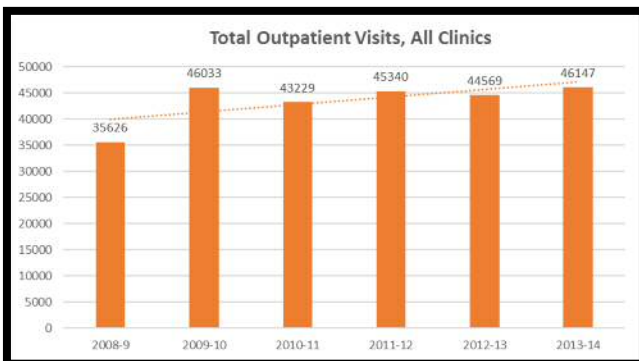
when they returned to Kiwoko in July to add to the hospital's general fund!! It's a simple program, very low cost to participants and it gives folks an opportunity to participate in the work being done at Kiwoko without too much of a financial burden. Why not try it in your workplace or church?

For more info contact the Hansen's at:

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Statistical Snapshot



Our reporting team are busy preparing the End-of-year report for 2013-2014. This graph shows that patient visits have reached an all time high. This is an average of 126 patients per day! Total admissions to our wards for the past financial year was 7,421.

I think you will agree that Kiwoko Hospital continues to be very busy. People are travelling from all over to seek medical help here.

Evangelism - Coaching For Christ

In August we received a team of 13 from Ireland from 'Coaching for Christ'. This ministry uses football to share the Gospel with children, while passing on new football skills and training tips. 160 children were registered from the area and were divided into age groups. The younger children met in the mornings and the older children in the afternoon. The week

was supported by hospital staff as well as local Church members who acted as coaches and interpreters for the Irish team. The programme ran from Monday to Thursday and climaxed with a World Cup event to which parents were invited.

Many children responded to the Gospel message and gave their lives to Christ.



There are hopes that a team might return in future, but for now the local coaches will put into practice all they have learned.

The team left Kiwoko feeling blessed by their visit, as did everyone involved in the outreach.

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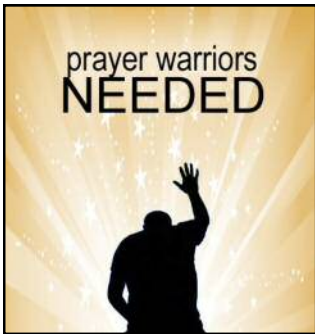
How to Support the Hospital

If you would like to help support the work here, please read below.

To donate - please visit the website www.kiwokohospital.org

Points for Prayer

Kiwoko Hospital is a Christ centred health facility in rural Uganda.



If you pray, please pray. Here are some prayer points:

- Thanks for God's continued provision. Although we never seem to have too much, we always have just enough in terms of staff, money, equipment, faith....
 - The work of the Mission Team and Chaplaincy as they seek to bring people to Jesus and to find forgiveness and purpose in following Him.
 - The Estates dept. developing plans for extending theatres to cope with an ever increasing demand for especially emergency surgical obstetric care. Likewise, plans to develop the outpatient department. Both these areas need good plans finalised and funding to be sourced before work can begin.
 - For every patient, student, staff member and visitor that they would come into relationship with Jesus.
 - The leadership team as they seek to lead almost 400 staff. Particularly development of the newer and younger members of the team.
 - The search for a Business Manager (previously Programmes Manager) to mentor and build leadership capacity.
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The Equipment Wish List



Despite having a phenomenal engineering team, we do still need to replace some very old equipment.

We have a detailed list of equipment needed throughout the departments. If you are able to help meet any of these needs we would be very grateful.

We can send you a copy of the list, please email us: feedback@kiwokohospital.org

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