



Kiwoko Hospital News

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Thank you for your ongoing interest, support and prayers for Kiwoko Hospital. This issue of the Kiwoko Hospital News has a particular focus on the mission side of the hospital. We pray that God is glorified in all that happens at and through Kiwoko Hospital.

Special Points of Interest:

- The Mission heart of the Hospital
- Could you volunteer?
- Keep praying for Kiwoko Hospital

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An Encouragement to Continue Caring

Dr James Nyonyintono, patients are on the increase one of Kiwoko Hospital's and have conditions requiring long serving more than they surgeons, and the hospital provides encourage- can afford. ment to hospital staff as they continue to health units Some decline referral to non-paying public surgical attempts were tried but were futile and she later passed on. Her parents were involved in all the discussions and were very grateful for the efforts to try to help. Some members of hospital staff raised funds to help with hospital costs and attended her burial. Her picture lives to tell her story in the Administration Block."



"Pertinent to the hospital Little NJ was involved in a mission, Kiwoko Hospital motorcycle crash and suffered along with partners continues severe intestinal wounds for to provide accessible, which she required repeat "affordable", curative and surgeries. Referral to a preventative healthcare for paediatric surgeon and expert holistic healing for the poor opinion were sought. In reply, they did not have anything and vulnerable. These quality services.

additional to offer her and said it would be better for her to stay at Kiwoko Hospital. It was so sad knowing that although she needed better care, it was not available. Multiple surgical attempts were tried but were futile and she later passed on. Her parents were involved in all the discussions and were very grateful for the efforts to try to help. Some members of hospital staff raised funds to help with hospital costs and attended her burial. Her picture lives to tell her story in the Administration Block."

Workshop Church



Every Monday morning before duties commence, the hospital workmen and builders gather for Workshop church. Initially commenced by the mission team this is now run by the men themselves and conducted in the Luganda

language. Preaching often focuses on putting Bible teaching into action. There are currently 32 workmen, though numbers can increase to 60 when there is

building work going on at the hospital.

Fred Mukasa, Estates



Meet The Park Family

We were recently asked to help edit the Kiwoko Hospital Newsletters and introduce ourselves!

As a family we moved from Northern Ireland to Kiwoko in March 2017, Stephen to help at the Training centre and with various ministries and Linda as a doctor. We have also been home-schooling our boys, Joel and Oliver. The last year has flown as Kiwoko has become our home. So much has happened - many changes within the hospital (staff, new OPD...), lots of people coming and going, changing and increasing roles for us,

the arrival of baby Timothy, and a recent house move within the compound – to name just a few of the bigger changes! In everything we have experienced God's faithfulness: "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it" (1 Thess. 5:24).

We are thankful to God for the increasing friendships and opportunities to serve at Kiwoko. Please pray that we would use our time and opportunities wisely. We thank God for two volunteers who have offered to help with home-school for various periods of time over the next year. This will help



free us up to become even more involved in hospital and ministry activities. Although we initially committed to two years at Kiwoko, we are hoping to continue to serve here for the foreseeable future.

Prison Ministry

Thank God for the ongoing work of the Prison Ministry team. They continue to enthusiastically serve, visiting local prisons on alternate Sundays where they hold a church service and give gifts to inmates. Beatrice (one of our Finance staff) heads up the team and provided the following



recent report: *"On the 8th April 2018, we had a mission to Wakato Prison with the St Mary's team [short-term mission team from London] and it was so amazing. Twenty six inmates gave their lives to Christ. Many testified of being healed after prayed for. And on 15th of the same month we visited Wabuusana Prison and eight of them received Christ."*



Glory be to Christ. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. May God bless all of you who are involved in one way or another."

Elective Opportunities

Are you interested in coming to Kiwoko Hospital for a Medical, Nursing or Physiotherapy elective placement? If so, please contact visitors@kiwokohospital.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are keen to 'recruit' volunteer doctors... If you are a Physician in the training years or beyond, and would like to volunteer for either a shorter or longer period of time, we would love to hear from you. Our team of doctors, Ugandan and expatriates, would hugely appreciate a helping hand.



Or, perhaps you can't volunteer, but could help financially towards the wages of an additional Ugandan doctor?

If you are interested, or would like to serve in another way, please email Stephen: visitors@kiwokohospital.org

Update from Kiwoko Health Training Institute

Kiwoko Health Training Institute (HTI) has two schools, Laboratory and Nursing, with a total of 250 students. Currently, the Nursing School has 173 students (104 nurses, 69 midwives) divided amongst the three years. Students are taught and supported by 10 Ugandan staff members. We were very encouraged by the 100% pass rate at the last exams.

In addition to school work, students attend weekly Bible studies using Christianity Explored for the first four months of their time at Kiwoko HTI. They are divided into groups of 8-12 students, with each group led by three people from various hospital departments. Following this, students are encouraged to continue

meeting in a larger small group studying various parts of the Bible.



We have been particularly encouraged by increased student participation in praise and worship at Morning Prayers and that Christian students have formed a lunch hour Bible fellowship. Praise God a number of students became Christians at the mini Bible conference held in February.

Sr Sarah Kyamulabi
Acting Principal Nursing School



One of the student small groups

“Mini” Bible Conference

A mini Bible conference was held at the hospital from 29th—31st January, aimed at reigniting “the fire” for mission especially living out the Gospel and sharing it with others. Although predominantly for staff and students, about 20% of the 200 attendees were from local churches. This conference was a first of its kind, organised by the Chaplaincy Committee. Many felt

the conference was beneficial, encouraging a spirit of togetherness and unity. Indeed, there was request by

staff and students who attended for similar conferences to be held at least annually, if not more often.



Shadrach Lukwago,
Kyamulabi Sarah and
Rev. Semaganda Stephen

Community Mission

The hospital mission team had a great opportunity to reach out to a local community over the Easter period. A member of hospital staff, who is also a pastor of a local church, requested help to share the Gospel. At least 60 youth from local churches were



mobilised to help, and their pastors were asked to speak at open air meetings. The team camped at a nearby church and for 4 days were also able to conduct door-to-door evangelism and show the Jesus Film. Practical support included clearing the gardens and planting food for some needy people. The Gospel was presented to many people, with many positive

responses. Thank God for the many youth who helped and were inspired, challenged and encouraged to reach out more with the Gospel. As a mission team we are excited to reach out more and more to the local communities.

Frank Sekweya,
Head of Mission Team



Please Continue with us in Prayer

- Thank God for His never ending faithfulness, provision and care. Without Him we could not continue to serve the people of our local communities and beyond.
- Praise God for many staff, working in many different departments, each with an important and individual role to play in the hospital's ministry. Continue to pray for this dedicated group of people, without whom the hospital could not function.
- Pray for those in leadership, particularly the Hospital Board and management teams, and the many decisions that need made on a regular basis.
- Please continue to pray for hospital finances, which are increasingly tight. Thank God for those who give, and pray for more people to donate to the work.
- Pray that Workshop Church would continue to effectively teach God's Word.
- Pray for volunteers from overseas, those here longer term and those coming for shorter periods, that their time here would be a blessing. Pray for more volunteer doctors.
- Pray for the Healthcare Training Institute. Thank God for the ongoing weekly Bible Small Groups. Pray that more students will come to know Christ, for those who need to raise money to pay tuition fees, and for a reliable electricity supply when mains power is interrupted.
- Praise God for the recent Mini Bible Conference at the hospital and pray for continued interest in mission. Pray for the team discussing the possibility of organising further conferences.
- Praise God for the Mission Team and the various outreaches they are involved in. Thank God for the Prison Ministry team and the opportunities they have to share the Gospel with inmates. Pray for the team planning the twice yearly 12 hour trip to Karamoja (N. Uganda) and wisdom in organising further community missions.
- Thank God for the ongoing children's ministries.
- Pray for all ministry opportunities to staff, students and families within Kiwoko Hospital.
- Pray for every patient and visitor who comes to Kiwoko.
- Pray that in everything happening at Kiwoko Hospital, God will be glorified in this place.



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