



Kiwoko Hospital News

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Many thanks for your ongoing interest, support and prayers for Kiwoko Hospital. This issue provides lots of encouragement as we continue to serve by providing excellent medical care alongside sharing the Gospel. May God be glorified in all that happens at Kiwoko Hospital.

Special Points of Interest:

- God's faithfulness
- Student Mission Weekend
- Retiring in the UK, to work at Kiwoko!

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From the Director's Desk



As we draw to the end of 2018, there are so many things to look back on. It has been a challenging year, yet one in which we have seen the faithfulness of the Lord in so many ways. I, for one, am grateful for the first 7 months in office and for the grace, favour, love and uncommon wisdom the Lord has surprised us with again and again.

Every year we are privileged to have 40 to 50,000 people pass through our gates to receive services of various kinds and they probably bring with them at least an equal number of others as friends, family and care givers. Put together the mustard seed planted all those years ago now is a big tree benefiting many and with potential for so much more.

However, each year certain clients will stand out more for one reason or another and inspire us yet again to

continue on this journey.

Byaruhanga was one such person. As a man with adult onset diabetes mellitus living in a pastoralist community with only one living male child and few relatives, all of whom had very limited resources, his battle with this chronic illness rapidly impoverished his family. As is wont to happen in such cases, this led to him being abandoned by most people.

Finally, his son, a young adult at the time, turned in desperation to Kiwoko Hospital where his father was getting treatment and begged them to take over the care of his father. He was advised to clear that bill and then leave his father in the hands of the hospital. The hospital sharing from the limited resource basket cared for every aspect of Byaruhanga's life such as food, shelter, health care and companionship. He became one of the family. That was 1997!

By God's grace he survived another 21 years until July this year when he succumbed to complications of his diabetes. He was over 70 years old. We are grateful he died having made a



Byaruhanga



commitment to follow Christ which he honoured till his last breath. How many other Byaruhangas have been in our midst and had the opportunity to live many years more than what they would have without this ministry? Thank you for partnering to make that possible.



the line to care for such clients. Well done! Due to such people, all 3 clients received excellent care and by God's grace survived! It is amazing that

we treat, but Jesus heals!

So, as we look to the future our vision continues to be to try and meet all the needs of our client both body and soul. As such we are pregnant with expectation of what the future holds in store. For we serve a big God. What is impossible for man is possible with Him!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dr Peter Serwadda

In a world of emerging epidemics, we have had our share with CCHF (Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever), a disease akin to other haemorrhagic fevers such as Ebola. This disease has reared its face several times over the last 15 months in this district. Kiwoko has had 3 confirmed cases since the year began and to date are the only active quarantine area in the district in spite of the limited resources available for this.

despite the subpar conditions for isolation no member of the hospital community has been afflicted nor affected. It's been a definite case of

We are extremely grateful for the team of dedicated young workers who continually put their lives on



Matters of the Heart

On October 26th & 27th a mission event was held for students of the HTI (Healthcare Training Institute). **Derek Kikabi and Isaac Mulyango** organised this in conjunction with small discipleship group members. They report:



successful. Activities included a Bible quiz, a debate about relationships based on Biblical teaching from Kyuma Kyuma men's fellowship and topical teaching on addictions, living a purpose-driven life, and how to be real men and women.



At the end of the event, students testified that it was good for them and many resolved to do away with purposeless relationships and others who were in multiple

relationships planned to quit them after the event.

Thanks to all who were involved through prayer, presence and financial support.

May God Bless you."

Renovation of OPD improves patient services and increases numbers

Following major renovations, OPD reopened nearly one year ago! **Jacob Ochen** is an In-Charge in OPD. He writes this thank you letter for all the support the hospital receives.

“Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



First of all, I would like to thank you for the tremendous support rendered to Kiwoko hospital for the Out Patient Department (OPD) renovation and expansion. We appreciate it and may God bless you exceedingly.

This has made the department nice looking with enough space for proper flow and management of patients. Consequently it has led to an increase in the number of patients seen on a daily basis (on

average 90 patients, up from 70 patients before renovation). Also admissions have increased from 6 to 10 admissions daily (ie from 180 to 300 per month).

This expansion led to the creation of the following rooms/stations: Minor theatre, doctor’s room, OPD office, emergency room, vital

observation station, registration area, nurses` station, waiting area to mention a few.

This has made us quite busy and we

are coping up with the rising figures without compromising with the quality health care given to patients.

We thank as well hospital management for having listened to our request to increase staff nurses and provide a full time OPD doctor.

Thank you all.”



A team from Ballygowan Presbyterian, Northern Ireland (who majorly financed the OPD renovation) recently visited Kiwoko

Financial Update

The table to the right represents the financial performance of the General Fund of the Hospital for the first four months of the current Financial Year. It is showing a relatively small deficit of 11 million Ugandan Shillings (£2,346).

Activity at the hospital has grown over this period with both Out-Patients and In-Patients showing a significant growth in numbers. This is a reflection of both the demand for services and the confidence that people have in the services provided by Kiwoko.

July to October

	2018	2017	% Increase
In-Patient Numbers	3042	2850	7%
Out-Patient Numbers	11284	9492	19%

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Kiwoko Hospital General Hospital Account July to October 2018

	UGX	GBP
Hospital Income		
Patient Fees	741,133,170	157,688
Donations	398,718,101	84,834
Govt Grant	36,806,317	7,831
Income Generating Projects	65,448,090	13,925
Other Hospital Income	122,625,398	26,091
	<u>1,364,731,076</u>	<u>290,368</u>
Hospital Expenditure		
Patient care costs	279,716,248	59,514
Staff employment Costs	821,448,102	174,776
Utilities, maintenance & Transport	153,550,837	32,670
Administration & IT	88,849,047	18,904
Income Generating Projects	32,192,018	6,849
	<u>1,375,756,252</u>	<u>292,714</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	(11,025,176)	(2,346)

From retiree to volunteer at Kiwoko!

We are very thankful to **Dr Duncan Cameron**, retired UK paediatrician, who spent 7 months volunteering at the hospital over the past year. Here he provides some thoughts on his experiences.

“Retiring from the NHS is a strange business. I didn’t miss the meetings,



consultation documents, mandatory training, or the background niggling anxieties about patients. But I felt great sadness about leaving the extraordinary challenge of clinical medicine – the privilege of having people entrust you with their health, and the challenge of trying to understand and manage illness.

Volunteering for a few months as a paediatrician in Kiwoko proved challenging, eye-opening and therapeutic. Rapid clinical acclimatisation was required, aided by textbooks and good hospital protocols. Guided tactfully by the

nursing staff and other medics, I gradually found my feet.

There was a steady but mostly manageable volume of pure and often dramatic clinical work. Getting to grips with sickle cell disease, malaria, malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, and TB was rewarding. Mixed in amongst such cases were more familiar conditions. Pragmatism is inevitable – when investigations are limited, careful history taking and clinical skills come to the fore. Tragically, the death of children is a much more common event, often with conditions treatable in the West, or with potentially preventable

illness such as measles and tetanus. Life is certainly more precarious in Uganda than in the UK; illness, crop failure, economic hardship or life-changing injury are often just a heartbeat away. The hospital chaplain acknowledged this in morning chapel by encouraging all of us to give thanks for each new, special, precious day.

For me, it was an extraordinary experience, and a great privilege to work briefly in Kiwoko. I can fully recommend it. Thank you to all the Ugandan staff and ex-pats, who give such a warm welcome for short term volunteers.”



Suubi Christmas Party

The twice monthly Suubi club recently held their Christmas party. Nearly 140 children enjoyed a special Bible club where, in addition to a recap of the year’s teaching and memory verses, they played games, did festive crafts and enjoyed chapatis, soda and cake. Some of the older children who have completed their time at Suubi were absolutely delighted to receive a gift of a personal Bible.



Please Continue with us in Prayer



- Praise God for His faithfulness, provision and care. It is only with Him that we can continue to serve the people of our local communities and beyond.
- Thank God for the many staff, working in many different departments, each of which has a key role in the functioning of the hospital.
- Particularly remember the leadership in prayer. The Hospital Board and management teams make many decisions. Pray for wisdom as they plan for the present and the future.
- Pray for Dr Peter with his many responsibilities in the role of Clinical Director, especially as he balances this with being a surgeon.
- Pray much for hospital finances. These are increasingly tight and budgets needed reviewed and tightened. Thank God for those who give, and pray for more people to donate to the work.
- Praise God for success of the OPD renovations, in providing a much better space for patient care.
- Thank God for the Healthcare Training Institute and the many students who attend. Praise God for the success of the recent student weekend, and the enthusiasm and interest during small groups over the past year. Pray that students would be challenged to know Jesus as their personal Saviour, and live out their faith.
- Thank God for those who volunteer. Pray for more volunteers, whether short or longer term.
- Thank God for the ongoing children's ministries including the success of the recent Suubi Children's Christmas party.
- 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.



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