



Kiwoko Hospital News

September 2018

Many thanks for your ongoing interest, support and prayers for Kiwoko Hospital. In this issue we introduce some new appointments and outline some of the varied work and ministries at the hospital. We pray that God is glorified in all that happens at and through Kiwoko Hospital.

Special Points of Interest:

- New appointments
- Team work—
together we can!
- Keep praying for
Kiwoko Hospital

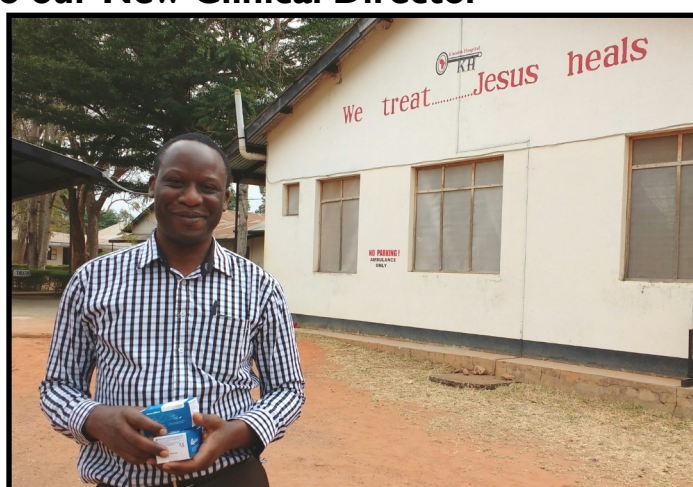
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A Warm Welcome to our New Clinical Director

At the Board Meeting in July 2018, **Dr Peter Serwadda** was appointed to the role of Clinical Director.

Dr Peter joined Kiwoko Hospital in August 1998—just over 20 years ago! Little did he expect to still be here when he was initially contracted as a locum medical officer for one month to cover a gap left when one of the doctors went on leave. Dr Peter has various medical qualifications, including a Master of Science in Urology which he completed in Tanzania. He has experienced many firsts in his medical career at Kiwoko, including first caesarean section and first laparotomy. He also holds a number of firsts for the hospital: the first full-time



Ugandan surgeon at Kiwoko, the first full-time Ugandan specialist, not to mention the first doctor to stay on longer than 10 years. *"I am blessed today to work alongside several gifted young specialists who now share the load, so I can be more focused, efficient and effective in my work."*

Over the years, Dr Peter has served in various leadership positions within the hospital including deputising for several Medical Directors and also working as Acting Medical Director for a period of 18

months between Dr James and Dr Rory.

Dr Peter is a Christian doctor who firmly believes in the hospital motto "We treat, Jesus heals" because he has seen it happen again and again in many great and small ways. *"You cannot spend a year in the medical profession and especially Kiwoko without seeing the impossible happen, what about 20 years!"*

Please pray for Dr Peter as he leads the management team at the hospital.



Restoring Vision

Frank Sekweya is the hospital's eye specialist. He returned to work at Kiwoko following completion of specialist training in August 2017. Frank cares for many patients, including outpatients, inpatients and

diabetic clinic patients. He has many stories of patients hugely impacted by the care they receive at Kiwoko.

Brenda travelled 30 km on advice of a friend who felt staff at Kiwoko could help. Brenda's vision has been

an issue since childhood, and she can remember her parents requesting that she sat near the front of her school classroom. Although she had

glasses at various points she couldn't afford tests etc when she went into further education. Frank assessed her and noted significant short sightedness. He was able to provide appropriate donated glasses to Brenda, and the explosion of excitement when she tried them on and could properly see was simply infectious!! Such a simple intervention but an amazing, life-changing outcome.

Thanks for the work, Frank!



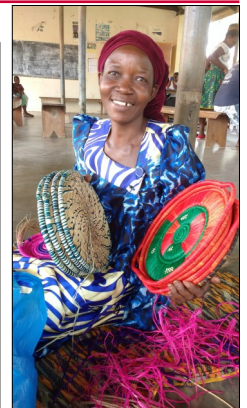
Making Crafts... Supporting Women with HIV/AIDS



One of the more vulnerable groups of people in Uganda are those with HIV/AIDS. For many years the Kiwoko Hospital Craft Project has supported some of the ladies who

attend the hospital HIV/AIDS department for care and treatment of their condition. These ladies make various crafts using locally available materials. Crafts produced include mats, bags, placemats, coasters and jewellery. They sell their products to the hospital and earn some income which helps towards their basic needs. The hospital then sells these crafts through the Resource Centre located at the hospital.

Nabukenya Teddy



Introducing Sister Sarah...

In July 2018, **Sr Sarah Kyamulabi** was appointed Principal Tutor of the Kiwoko Hospital Nursing School after acting in the role for 18 months. Sr Sarah, originally from a village 50 km from Kiwoko, has had connections with the hospital since



1991 when she initially trained as a nursing assistant. Since then she has

obtained various other qualifications including a degree in nursing from Queens University Belfast and a diploma in teaching from Mulago, Kampala.

Sr Sarah is keen to forward the vision of the nursing

school, which is to train God fearing, self-reliant and reliable workers with academic excellence, and social and economic productivity. With time she would like to upgrade available qualifications to diploma level in both nursing and midwifery training.

Well done, Sister Sarah!

From Blame to Safety—Together we can!

The excitement for our beautiful Christmas gift of a new autoclave machine was grinding to a halt. Our new autoclave was not producing sufficient sterile packs and there was risk of infection to our patients. Autoclaving cycles were failing, a back log of work developing, time and electricity being wasted, delayed and cancelled operations and frustrated operating teams and patients. Morale for surgery was dwindling.



What was happening? The ping-pong game of blame took over involving the bio-medical technicians, sterilising unit staff, theatre staff and the operating doctors. Patients' safety was at stake and there was demand for another autoclave. Then the theatre safety team* came to our rescue. The team worked through the challenge and found the root cause of the problem. Simply cleaning a sensor reduced failed cycles due to

low water from 13 to zero a month (100%). The frustrating blame game transformed into reassured team work and patient safety. Since then we revised the guidelines for use of our autoclave, re-orientating the users and tracking its performance... and the machine continues to work well!

**We are very grateful to Johns Hopkins/Al and UPMB for the CUSP (Safety) training. We feel more listened to and as a team can handle our challenges.*

Dr James Nyonyintono

Ekisa Children's Club



The annual Ekisa (meaning Grace) Holiday Bible Club was held the first week of September, with the theme "God is Enough". As always it was a huge success with over 200 children attending. Praise God for an enthusiastic and willing team of leaders who give of their time and energy to ensure that children hear the Gospel through singing, Bible stories, crafts and games.

KH Highly Recommended for Electives

A constant flow of medical and nursing students from all over the world come to Kiwoko Hospital to do their clinical electives. They spend 4-6 weeks (or longer!) experiencing healthcare in a low resource setting and invariably find their time challenging, yet rewarding and often highly recommend Kiwoko Hospital!

"We absolutely loved our time in Kiwoko! The doctors were very

encouraging, were more than willing to teach and we quickly felt part of the team. The Guest House was a lovely place to stay and we were well looked after by Winnie and Rose. We would love to come back some day."

Jack & Kathryn Gamble (Belfast)

*'Dear Doctors of Kiwoko
Just thought I would let you know,
How wonderful my time has been
With all the things that I have seen.*

So Doctors of Kiwoko, you're such a great team.

*You have no idea what an experience it's been.
I have learned more than I thought I ever would
And gained more experience than I thought I ever could.*

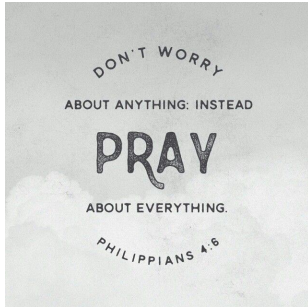
*Thanks for all the teaching and your kindness throughout,
This hospital is incredible, I have no doubt.'*

Imogen Rees (London)



For further information on electives or volunteering contact
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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.
- Pray for Dr Peter with his many responsibilities in the role of Clinical Director.
- 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 for those involved in the craft project.
- Continue to pray for the Healthcare Training Institute. Thank God for the recent appointment of Sister Sarah as Principal Tutor of the Nursing School. Pray for the ongoing weekly Bible Small Groups and that more students will come to know Christ and/or be strengthened in their faith.
- Thank God for the ongoing children's ministries. Praise God for the success of the Ekisa Holiday Bible Club and pray for the twice monthly Suubi Children's club.
- Praise God for the constant flow of elective students. Pray that their time at Kiwoko would be beneficial, an opportunity to not only learn of healthcare in a low resource setting, but also to see a Christian hospital at work. May they see God at work.
- Praise God for the current volunteers, those serving longer and shorter terms. Pray for more volunteers, especially doctors.
- 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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