



Kiwoko Hospital News

FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S DESK



Our esteemed readers, welcome to yet another informative edition of the Kiwoko Newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Here at ground zero we daily appreciate how the Lord is using them to further the work and work things out for good.

On a personal note, join me in thanking The Lord that my father who has been ill for the last 2 months with what was initially thought to be a malignant growth had surgery and the results have shown it to be otherwise. I have been reminded that whether good or bad happens The Lord remains good.

It is Easter again and we are reminded of the central part women played in the Easter story. Indeed they were the first bearers of the good news of the resurrection. Interestingly, much as their words are quoted, we do not have any women who actually wrote their perspective of those amazing events.

In this edition of our Hospital Newsletter we are listening to some of the women amongst us tell the latest part of the Kiwoko story from their own perspective and in their various capacities. Be blessed by this unique newsletter as we continue to treat and depend on Jesus for the healing he brought for all of us by his stripes.

Dr Peter Serwadda

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Some new members of staff introduce themselves
- Ministry continues
- Volunteer opportunities
- Appreciation for Dr Corrie on her retirement

OUR NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Thank you Laureen Babirye, our new Business Development Manager, for joining the Kiwoko Hospital team at the beginning of 2019. Laureen tells us what made her join the team and looks to the future.

"It is believed that accessing affordable and quality health services is close to impossible in rural settings. My perception about this was changed the day I walked into Kiwoko Hospital. Goosebumps covered my skin when I saw the beautiful lives in the Neonatal Intensive

Care Unit. The

kind of team work that was displayed by staff as they worked towards monitoring the new born babies was something I had not seen else-

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where. I never would have imagined that such a health facility existed in a rural community like Kiwoko. At this point I knew that I had got myself to the right job. I have always dreamt of changing the world, working with communities to achieve the "impossible" and standing with beautiful causes. The opportunity that the hospital has presented me with has done nothing but to bring me closer

to what I have always wanted to get my hands on to. I trust this experience will not leave me the same.

It is the third month running and working with different teams to identify needs, prioritize them and set targets has been such an exciting process. I am

more than ready to work with both the teams on ground and our partners to raise funds for the expansion of both theatre and maternity ward, construction of houses for doctors/nurses, acquiring of a computerised hospital management system, among others.

Special thanks to our partners and friends for always standing with us.

We treat, Jesus Heals."



WELL DONE TO OUR GUEST-HOUSE HOUSEKEEPERS!

Each year many overseas elective students spend time at Kiwoko Hospital learning about healthcare in an environment very different to their home experiences. Whilst at Kiwoko Hospital, students stay at the Guest-house in the compound where they are very capably cared for by Rose and Winnie, our Guesthouse Housekeepers. We ask students for feedback on their experiences at the end of their stay, and the Guesthouse, and in particular Rose and Winnie, always get a resoundingly positive response. Thank you Rose and Winnie for all your hard work - the many meals cooked, the numerous items of clothing washed and ironed, the cleaning, the befriending, and giving advice about the local area and culture.



... AND OUR NEW HUMAN RESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Rebecca Orishaba joined the Kiwoko Hospital team as Human Resource and Administration Manager in January 2019. In this article, Rebecca introduces herself and looks to the future. We thank you for joining the Kiwoko family!

“When looking back doesn't interest you anymore, then you know that you are doing something right. It's a fear for most to move from the urban centre to join the rural setting but to me it was an opportunity and I grabbed the chance without thinking twice.

On reporting and my first week of office I realized this was a blessing, I had joined a community that treated each other like family.

Kiwoko's culture is filled with strong individualism, and yet it has managed to create a vibrant community where individuals contribute to a greater whole. Each staff is knowledgeable and knows what is expected of them, the management systems in place that allow open minded discussion from members are impeccable. In organizations where decision making is a shared contribution, growth is its biggest indicators.

Contributing to the community is part of the mission and vision for which Kiwoko stands for and I am glad that I am part of it. Getting here made me realize I wanted to do something more for myself and for others, it got me thinking on starting small development groups for my staff, being more involved and understanding. As I learn the new culture and what is required of me, I continue to ask God for his guidance and wisdom.

Currently I have 427 staff who rely on management, decision making committees and our donors to make the best decisions for them. They look at us for support and as they play their role, they expect us to do the same, to be their voice and ears. It's on this note that in a special way, I want to thank its founder, all committees, Board of Directors and our donors for your prayers, emotional and financial support. Your donations have made it possible for us to provide a better standard of living for our staff. Our continuity and stand today is because you stood and are still standing with us. So Thank You.”



Interesting fact: Over 55% of our 427 employees are female.

PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE

“Dear Brethren in the Lord,
Praise the Name above all names, Jesus Christ who died and resurrected.

I have the privilege to update you on prison ministry from January to March 2019. I thank all of you... Your prayers, support and all are not in vain. We visit the same prisons of Wakyato, Bamunanika, Wabusana and Kapeeka. During this period about 160 inmates gave their lives to Christ, and we have been overwhelmed by prisoner releases. After release some come to the hospital to testify the goodness of the Lord. Most say they have been released miraculously. And they believe that God has forgiven them and has started a new life in them. Sometimes we receive a phone call from them saying they have joined the church serving God. This is very encouraging.

My request is please don't give up and please stand with us and the Lord will bless you.”

Beatrice Asimah
(Finance Office)



COULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT KIWOKO HOSPI- TAL?

We are currently looking for volunteer **GENERAL SURGEONS**. Our current surgeons, Drs Peter and James, are extremely busy with hospital administration in addition to their clinical work and on-call responsibilities. It would be a tremendous help to have someone relieve them of some of their clinical responsibilities, allowing them to focus more on their responsibilities in running the hospital and also enabling them to take some much needed rest.

We also welcome volunteer **PHYSICIANS**, those in the training years and beyond!! And not all volunteers are healthcare professionals! Volunteers like Becky (see right) enable other missionaries to be more involved in the hospital.

To start a conversation about volunteering in any capacity, contact Stephen by email: visitors@kiwokohospital.org

SPENDING A GAP YEAR AT KIWOKO HOSPITAL

Kiwoko Hospital has been home to Becky Gilmour since October 2018. Becky has involved herself in many different aspect of life here, and became a real part of the community. Thank you Becky for all you have contributed here. May God richly bless you as you return to Northern Ireland in June 2019, and commence university later this year. Well done!

“Hello, my name is Becky and I’m from Northern Ireland. I am currently in Uganda as a short-term missionary through UFM. While I am here, my main area of work is home-schooling Linda and Stephen Park’s boys - Oliver and Joel. This has been a great learning experience, and the boys are a lot of fun to work with.



I have just returned back from a short trip to Kenya where I visited a number of other UFM missionaries. Praise God that a 3 month visa was stamped on my return into Uganda, which enables me to complete my planned time in Uganda. The duration of my time in Uganda has been uncertain on a number of occasions due to some unforeseen and complicated visa issues. However, God has been very much in control of the whole situation and working in all the issues.

When I think about it now, the experience itself was one I was grateful to have had, seeing God work in the most unexpected ways. Thank you to those who were praying.

In my spare time, I have been involved mainly in the children’s ministry in Kiwoko hospital. This involves both missions outside the hospital, and Suubi (‘Hope’) children’s club which runs twice per month. The numbers attending range from 80 to 150, depending on weather, and time of year. Outside of this, the children’s ministry organises mission work in places such as Karamoja (a several-day event at an orphanage and reconciliation centre, twice per year) and local villages.

There are also small groups beginning among hospital staff in Kiwoko that I have enjoyed being a part of, which is running through Discipleship Explored. It is a great opportunity to bring Christians together in fellowship, as we study what it means to be a disciple. I’m very excited about this, and all the ways in which God is working in Kiwoko.

Thankyou for your prayers and for supporting this community in the work that is happening here.”





BUSY, BUSY KITCHEN!

We are thankful to our kitchen staff who work hard to prepare, cook and serve over 1300 meals daily to staff and students from the Hospital and Healthcare Training Institute.

DR CORRIE, FAREWELL AND THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

March 2019 was the time Kiwoko Hospital community said “bye-bye” to Dr Corrie Verduyn after a 7 year period of dedicated service above self rendered to the hospital and community at large.

Among the many things, Dr Corrie has been instrumental in maternal and child health care by improving maternity infrastructure, staff capacity building through continuous medical education, development of maternity ward protocols and routine patient care.

She has also been involved in community development activities like knitting lessons and active participation in local church fellowships.

Kiwoko Hospital will miss you Dr Corrie and may God greatly bless you.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
2 Corinthians 13:14

Dr Mushin Nsubuga



Dr Corrie being appreciated by maternity staff



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ONGOING PRAYER NEEDS FOR KIWOKO HOSPITAL

- 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.
- Continue to remember the hospital leadership. Pray for wisdom as the Hospital Board and management teams make many decisions about the present and future running of the hospital.
- Thank God for all our staff, working in many different departments, each with an important role in the functioning of the hospital.
- Thank God for new staff members. Pray that they will settle quickly into their roles and life at Kiwoko.
- Praise God for volunteers, short and longer term, and all that they are involved in at Kiwoko. Pray for more volunteers to come, and particularly for a volunteer surgeon. Also pray that those returning to their home countries and all the changes they will encounter.
- Pray for all the ministries happening through the hospital—including prison ministry, children's ministry, evangelism and discipleship of students and staff, outreach to local communities and the team that travel to Karamoja twice yearly.
- 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.
- Pray for every patient and visitor who comes to Kiwoko.
- Pray that in everything happening at Kiwoko Hospital, God will be glorified.

“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.”

1 Chronicles 16:11

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Kiwoko Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, mission hospital in rural Uganda. We are so thankful to our supporters for their ongoing significant contribution to the work of the hospital. Without you we would be unable to provide the high quality healthcare that our patients deserve.

If you have enjoyed this update newsletter please forward it on to family,

friends and colleagues. For more information on Kiwoko Hospital, and for ways to support the work, go to the hospital website:

www.kiwokohospital.org

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