



Newsletter Update from **KIWOKO HOSPITAL**



August 2023



From our Medical Director

Greetings to all our readers and welcome to this latest edition of our Hospital Newsletter.

Thank you for taking time to read this update. Just a few brief words of introduction to this edition, which I am sure you will enjoy reading!

This newsletter gives a wonderful feel for the many activities happening here at Kiwoko Hospital, and yet it is just a small 'snap-shot' of all that is going on here! You will surely be encouraged as you read many of the reports from around the hospital. We have so much to praise God for! Yet, I have no doubt you will also be challenged, particularly as we consider the ongoing needs of the hospital and our patients.

We thank you for continuing to stand with Kiwoko Hospital as we endeavor to be the "Christ-centered high quality healthcare institution" as outlined in our Hospital Vision Statement. Thank you for encouraging us; thank you for supporting us (financially and in many other ways); thank you for praying for us.

God bless you all!

Dr Peter Serwadda

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Management Update

NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



Earlier this year we said 'thank-you' and 'bye-bye' to our previous Business Development Manager (BDM), Babiye Lauren, as she moved on to a new challenge. We have since welcomed a new BDM, Apio Immaculate, who introduces herself to us here!



My journey to work at Kiwoko Hospital is quite an interesting one. After I exited Lancet Laboratories in August 2022, I joined a beverage company working as a Corporate and Key Accounts Manager. However, with my seven years experience working in the medical sector, I didn't feel I was doing as much or making much of difference at a beverage company, so I opted out in December 2022.

This year certainly has been interesting as I have negotiated the best next step! In January 2023, I was contacted by a specialist doctor who was setting up a private practice to help manage Business Operations at his facility. It seemed like a good offer, but the distance between this medical facility and my home would keep me stuck in traffic jam every morning and evening! So we discussed a part-time contract where I didn't have to go to work everyday.

In February, I received a phone call from one of my clients, now turned friend, who informed me about a new Telehealth App that was being introduced in Uganda, and she was proposing that I spearhead the set up and launch of operations. I decided to give this a try.

In March, I received a phone call from one of my former workmates, notifying me of the Business Development Manager vacancy at Kiwoko Hospital. She encouraged me to submit my application because, having worked with me, she knew that I could do that (and much more!) although she wasn't sure if I was willing to move out of Kampala. Nonetheless, I submitted my application and was invited for interviews a few weeks later. Long story short, I received my appointment letter in April. That's how I got to work at Kiwoko Hospital!

Many have and would still ponder why a 'town girl' (as some people have termed it) like me would move to work in a rural setting! But for me, Kiwoko brings back so many memories about my childhood. I grew up in a small village in Serere district called Igola. My father (His soul continue resting in peace) was a farmer and an agricultural researcher working with NARO before he moved on to join politics. The roads, the buildings, the people, the community and family-like atmosphere at Kiwoko nurtures a lot of memories of my childhood days, for example, speaking freely with people, or the fact that you could just pick good fresh mangoes from a tree without having to pay for them. No, that doesn't happen in Kampala!

For the last four months, I have been trying to get accustomed to the values of the community and work together towards achieving hospital objectives. Every single day, I am hoping that I get better at this with the support of my team and all the stakeholders.

We welcome our new BDM to the team, and look forward to her role in the development of Kiwoko Hospital.



Apio Immaculate (centre) along with Dr Peter and Nakato Becky with some donated items sent to KH.

Management Update

ACTING HUMAN RESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER



In January 2023, there was an immediate need for an Acting Human Resource and Administration Manager. We are thankful to our very own Mugabi Ronny for stepping into this role at short notice. In this interview, Ronny tells us a little of his journey.

What is your background?

I am born of this area, with most of my schooling at New Hope. I then studied Bachelors in IT through Uganda Christian University, completing my studies in July 2011. In December 2011, I started a job in IT at Kiwoko Hospital (KH). Since then my family has expanded: I am very happily married to Stella, and

we have a beautiful 5-year-old daughter called Ronella.

My life was significantly impacted by the death of my mother in 1994 when I was about 7 years old. She had received care from KH and before she died told me that she wanted me to be a doctor and to take care of people. At school I studied towards a career in medicine, but realised in my final years that my skills were more mathematical and I decided instead to pursue IT. Yet I believe God did want me in healthcare; He brought me to KH to take care of people in a different role.

So why the career move to Human Resource?

Although I had worked in IT for a number of years, I also had involvement in other organisations, including our local SACCO (Savings and Credit Cooperative Organisation). My personality is outgoing and I realised my gifting is in how I interact with people, with people seeking me out for a chat or advice. I believed it would be beneficial to increase my knowledge and skills by studying, and so in 2019 I studied a Postgraduate diploma in Human Resource Management. I certainly wasn't expecting to use it officially here at KH! Yet, when I was approached earlier this year and asked, given my training and knowledge of KH, if I would consider stepping in to fill an immediate gap, after prayerful consideration I said yes! I have been working in an Acting role since, with the position due to be reviewed by the Board later this month.

What are the key features of Kiwoko Hospital that make you want to work here?

The vision of the hospital is important to me, providing healthcare for all but incorporating this with ministry. The strong emphasis on mission is vital and varied (*see Chaplaincy section P13-14*).

What do you believe you have brought to the job?

It has been very helpful to have knowledge of the hospital and people. I believe I am approachable, and have brought positivity and a hope for the future.

What is your vision for the future of KH, whatever your role is here?

We are a family at KH, and we want to be close knit. We are striving for continuous improvement in communication, teamwork and accountability. I would love to see increased interaction with the local community, and further emphasis on the mission side of the hospital.

Have you any messages for our most important resource, our human resource?

Thank you to each member of our staff for their tireless service to the people, regardless of the difficulties encountered. Continue to embrace our vision to be "a Christ-centered high quality healthcare institution". Remember above all, as we serve the people, we are serving the Lord and He expects us to be good stewards of what He gives us. Continue to trust Him!

Our BDM, Apio Immaculate, provides an update on the latest hospital budget, our new hospital computer system and infrastructural developments.

BUDGET UPDATE

As we finalise the 2022/2023 financial figures, the hospital board has approved the new budget for the Financial Year 2023/24. This budget has a predicted expenditure of 4,595,549,090 UGX (approx. £977,400/US\$1,230,000/Euro 1,139,500), with income hoped to reach 4,453,609,029 UGX (approx. £947,200/US\$1,192,000/Euro 1,104,300). This would leave the hospital with a deficit of 141,940,061 UGX (approx. £30,200/US\$38,000/Euro 35,200).

GENERAL HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24 (all figures in UGX)			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Patient Fees	2,373,159,894	Patient Care	882,411,041
FOKH donations	1,026,000,000	Salaries and wages	2,289,335,710
Other Donations	16,480,000	Specialists	149,419,433
PHC Grant	235,320,395	Support costs & Benefits	227,087,800
Income Generating Projects	392,969,361	Income Generating Projects	179,475,000
Vehicle Hire	59,101,800	Transport and Vehicles	266,824,909
Financial Income	12,600,000	Utilities and fuel	145,000,000
Miscellaneous receipts	349,677,579	Building Maintenance	58,567,600
		Administration	215,649,656
		PHC - Outreaches	79,237,941
		Estates Operating costs	10,750,000
		ICT	91,790,000
TOTAL	4,453,609,029	TOTAL	4,595,549,090
		Surplus/Deficit	-141,940,061

The increased cost of living and commodities in recent years is impacting life worldwide. Unsurprisingly there has been a significant rise in expenditure at the hospital, particularly in the following areas:

- Transport and Vehicle Maintenance.** Most of our vehicles have greatly depreciated in value and numerous broken down, not helped by the conditions of the roads. With this, the fleet of cars which includes three ambulances, one pickup, two vans (mainly used by Community outreach teams) and a truck have all been in and out the garage for repair and maintenance.
- ICT costs** have gone up with the recent installation of new HMIS. The software needs to be regularly maintained and upgraded.
- Specialist costs.** We have a number of visiting specialists who come to provide extra coverage/review more complex patients. These include an orthopaedic surgeon, physician, radiographer and surgeon.

Consequently, expenditure costs keep rising yet income doesn't rise in accordance. This has left it particularly difficult to formulate a budget for the next year without having significant deficit. Unfortunately, the projected deficit means that staff will not get an uplift in their wages, in addition to many cuts throughout the hospital as we seek to reduce the deficit to as close to breaking even as possible.

STREAMLINE

Over the past years at Kiwoko Hospital, healthcare/patient information has been kept on paper. However, we know that paper records have limitations particularly in terms of collecting/keeping data, planning and decision making, which ultimately impact patient care. Therefore, we have for a long time wanted to introduce a Hospital



Management Information System (HMIS) to the hospital, but with the knowledge this is a big project!

We were blessed a number of years ago to carry out Phase I of this project: the introduction of a new computer system, Streamline HMIS, to pharmacy to aide stock management. In April 2023 we commenced Phase II, introducing Streamline to the Outpatients Department (OPD). With Streamline, we have an integrated patient centred system covering all aspects of the patient's journey including registration, triage, consultation, investigations, specialised clinics, prescriptions and cashiering.

Although we have been able to commence use of Streamline at OPD, due to a shortage in hardware (laptops, printers etc) we are currently functioning with a dual paper-computer system with the majority of clinics continuing to use the older paper system. A further 15 laptops/computers and 1 wireless printer are needed to support this ongoing implementation of Phase II and to allow full computerisation of the outpatient/clinic experience. In time, the ultimate aim is to progress to full computerisation of the hospital patient records, both at OPD and IPD which will require significantly more hardware given the size of the hospital.



Using Streamline in OPD

INFRASTRUCTURE

There are a number of significant projects that have been ongoing for some time, some already in the construction phase and others nearing that point.

1. **Students Hostel.** With the growth of the Healthcare Training Institute (KHTI) more student accommodation has been needed for some time. We are excited to report that the construction of the first floor hostel is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. We thank God!!! A special thank you goes to all our donors including **ECHO**, to **Stanbic Bank** for availing the loan and to our students who managed to complete their tuition fees.
2. **Construction of the new theatre / refurbishment of existing theatre.** Within the next few months, we hope to start this project. A special thanks to the **'FriendShip' brothers** (Jack, Hamish, Arthur and Euan) for their very significant fundraising through their transatlantic rowing challenge, and to their parents, **Simon and Judy Friend**, for their support. Furthermore, we would like to thank the many others who have contributed to this cause including **Solo Retailing**. You are helping us save lives of many mothers and their babies!!
3. **Nurses accommodation.** For a long time, we have faced a challenge of limited accommodation for our nurses and doctors. However, with the help of one of our major funders, **Adara Development**, we shall soon be starting the construction of the nurses accommodation at Muyenga Village. Thank you Adara!



Around the Hospital **ESTATES DEPARTMENT**



Jjoloba William, Estates Manager, reflects on life at Kiwoko Hospital, and looks back and forward through the lens of the Estates Department.

I count it a blessing to be a part of Kiwoko Hospital story; a place where life is valued, people respected, peoples' work appreciated and where the lowly are up lifted. It's amazing that the Kiwoko family is so diverse— more than half of all languages spoken in the whole Uganda, each with different cultures, beliefs, norms and psychology—yet we all live in unity of purpose, that is to treat the whole person. I thank my Lord Jesus who enables us to live in unity regardless of our diversity. In Kiwoko we live by faith! As a financial year ended and a new one reached, as always the finances were too tight and not balancing, but the Lord has been so faithful to take us through all the years past, and I believe we shall also go through this year.

I thank God for the achievements realized in the Estates Department! As we look at Kiwoko Hospital Health Training Institution receiving a newly constructed flat for 56 students, we acknowledge that this shall not only add great value to the institution but also shall improve on the income of the hospital. This project has not been a result of anything other than the faithful prayers of many. The project started in 2019 and was to be completed in 6 months, but will be handed over shortly, the reason being lack of funds at first, then COVID-19 that made everything to stand still. But I am happy to say we are there now! May the good Lord bless this building and the students that will use it. Congratulations to both school principals on accomplishing this milestone.

As an Estates Department we ask for prayers as we look forward to starting on two other big projects: theatre renovation, and staff housing. We pray for enough funds for the projects, that all necessary procedures go well and for the wellbeing of those we shall interact with as we execute the work. May our impact from the relationships we shall have influence others to believe in our Lord Jesus, because He is the reason why we live and serve in Kiwoko.

May the good Lord bless all those who pray, and bless Kiwoko Hospital. Amen.

Around the Hospital **NURSING SERVICES**



Ojuka Julius, Principal Nursing Officer, thanks our nursing and midwifery staff for their important contribution to the hospital and notes some of the challenges encountered by the department.

Greetings to our dear readers!

The well supportive nursing team constitutes 46% of all the hospital human resource, making it the biggest category of staff. At Kiwoko Hospital we are blessed with a number of unique and talented long serving staff amongst our nursing department. This has contributed to the smooth transfer of skills and knowledge. Additionally, many of our nurses and midwives are involved in activities beyond their technical training, including chaplaincy, sports, farming and fundraising drives for which we are thankful to God. We are thankful for all our staff!

Overtime we have had many of our nursing and midwifery staff upgrading in their academic careers, notably from certificate to diploma, and from diploma to degree. This has improved on skills and

knowledge, and hence improved patient care. Unfortunately this has also led to some challenges—often staff expect enhancement in remuneration and yet the hospital is resource constrained. Some highly needed staff have then left due to this challenge.



Our goal is to identify resources that will support the hospital to recognize such training as we look forward to maintaining the much needed experience. We would appreciate any support towards this cause.

May God bless you all.

Around the Hospital

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Lubega Andrew, Finance Assistant and Community Health Insurance lead person, updates us on the scheme, how it is benefiting staff and their families, and hope for future expansion.

Hello Everyone, “all together wazima”, “wazima all together”!

On behalf of the Kiwoko Hospital-Community Health Insurance (KH-CHI) committee, I want to thank all staff members that have trusted KH-CHI to cover for the medical bills of their biological children and as we gearing up to scale up, our hope is that you became messengers and ambassadors of KH-CHI.

Health care planning for oneself may not seem very important when you are not sick and having a perception that it will always be well. However, Kiwoko Hospital Community Health Insurance is here to provide an affordable annual medical insurance cover plan for you and your group members.

KH-CHI was initiated in the financial year 2021-22, counting two years with a membership of 747 members contributed by three member groups:

GROUP NAME	ANNUAL PREMIUM	MECHANSIM	POPULATION
Kiwoko Hospital Staff, locums & volunteers	230,000 UGX	PURE INSURANCE	430
Kiwoko Health Training Institute	140,000 UGX	FEE FOR SERVICE	282
Staff Children	50,000 UGX	PURE INSURANCE	35
TOTAL			747

In the third year of KH-CHI we are looking at digitalising CHI with the support from **Stre@mline Health Tech Co. Ltd** and recruiting a CHI-coordinator as we open KH-CHI to the community. We thank Streamline Health Tech Co. Ltd for the CHI motorbike that was offered to KH-CHI to do KH-CHI community work.

We will be opening up the KH-CHI membership to staff relatives and community formal groups with the aim of growing membership to 5000 members in 2023-2024 within the hospital catchment area.

We are looking at providing health care packages and premiums that will suit our different member groups.

I want to thank the Kiwoko Hospital Board of Directors, Management and staff for the ongoing support in the development and realization of Kiwoko Hospital Community Health Insurance scheme.

Around the Hospital **HOSPITAL LABORATORY**

Our hospital laboratory leadership share encouraging news!



Greetings from the laboratory leadership team: Mr. Katantazi Wiston (*right*), Mr. Akol David (*left*) and Mr. Musingo Yusuf (*absent from picture*). We are glad to inform you that our laboratory is currently at **Star three (STAR 3)** according to the recent SLIMPTA (Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation) audit. This is the highest level that the laboratory has ever registered since its inception. Our ultimate aim is for the highest score of Star five!

We are so grateful to the hospital administration and other inter departmental staff for collaborating with us very well. We are looking forward to serving our clients in yet a better way.



We treat, Jesus heals

KIWOKO HOSPITAL SPORTS COMMITTEE

Presents

THE ANNUAL KIWOKO CHASE

Cause:

RAISING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH DEPENDENCE UNIT IN THE MALE WARD

ACTIVITIES

- FOOTBALL MATCHES
- Tug of war
- Bike race & walks
- Growing a moustache
- Running
- Health education
- Free HIV testing
- PSA test at reduced cost etc...

MEETING GROUNDS:
Kiwoko COU Primary School - off Luwero

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Fundraising Update

THE JAIRUS FUND



Our Business Development Manager, Apio Immaculate, updates us on an exciting new fund which has been set up by a previous volunteer doctor. The fund has already provided support for 25 children/adolescents, allowing them to access care they otherwise would not have been able to.

In December 2020, **Dr. Dan Mort**, a junior doctor from the UK, arrived at Kiwoko Hospital to volunteer for 7 months. Working mainly in the children's ward – seeing new admissions, and doing daily ward rounds - he quickly learned how to manage many conditions infrequently seen in the UK, including severe malaria, severe acute malnutrition, and complications of HIV. Being at the frontline, he had several painful conversations with parents whose children needed to go to Kampala for higher-level input, including investigations like CT scans or blood culture testing, yet they couldn't afford to do so! This is not unusual as for many of our local families taking a child to Kampala is unaffordable. Parents have to find money for transport, including an ambulance if necessary, as well as accommodation and food whilst there, and very often unforeseen additional medical costs. It is often a choice between pursuing best medical care for that child, and being able to feed the other children and pay their school fees.



Dr Mort conducted an audit and noted that over a 4 months period (January – April 2021), of the 424 children admitted to the hospital 10% required urgent referral to Kampala for life, limb or organ-saving investigations or management. Of these, 40% went, 30% didn't go (or went too late), and the other 30% were lost to follow-up. Of those who went, 65% got better or were improving at time of review. Of those who didn't go, 70% unfortunately died.

With this in mind, Dr Mort set up the Jairus Fund, the name of which was derived from the Bible story where Jesus raises a 12-year-old girl back to life. Her father's name was Jairus. This fund was set up to support children under the age of 18, whose parents could not afford life- or limb-saving treatment and investigations, and focuses on three main areas including:

1. **Blood cultures** for children who are very unwell with an infection, but the antibiotics aren't working and we want to find the specific infection that is making them unwell, and which antibiotics will kill it.
2. **Ambulance transfer** to Kampala for severely unwell children who cannot be managed properly at Kiwoko hospital and need ICU and special tests
3. **CT scans** – particularly of the head – for children who we think may have a tumour or abscess in the brain, or after they've suffered a head trauma

On his JustGiving webpage (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kiwoko-jairus-fund) Dr Dan states, *“From the data we have, the average monthly cost of these measures would be roughly £400/month - which would cover 2 blood cultures, 4 CT Head scans, and 5 ambulance transfers ...*

We believe that all of the children Kiwoko serves are beautiful, unique individuals, made in the image of God – but many of whom unfortunately endure immense physical suffering as a consequence of systemic inequality and socioeconomic poverty. I hope you'll consider partnering with us to empower local families and enable their children to access life-saving healthcare in Central Uganda. Thanks so much for reading + considering giving!”

Since inception in February 2023, The Jairus fund has supported 27 children (and counting) with referral to Kampala (or other appropriate places) for further treatment and the results and success stories from these children are heart-warming!



Our Customer Care Officer, Katongole John Bosco (JB), is involved in assessing the financial needs in each case. His feedback is positive: *"I take this opportunity to thank God who brought for us Dr Dan Mort to Kiwoko Hospital with the vision of*



thinking about the younger generation, and wanting to help those who to their financial situation would be unable to access urgent life or limb saving care, mostly those referred for CT and blood culture, and those needing transport.

There is so much thanks from fathers and mothers to the Jairus Fund for saving the young ones lives. May God bless all those who contribute towards the fund."

From Kiwoko Hospital, we give a special thanks to Dr. Dan Mort for setting up this fund, and initiating and continuing with the fundraising. Many thanks to Katongole John Bosco (JB) for ensuring appropriate family financial assessments are done, and communicating effectively with all involved.

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

Kiwoko Hospital loves having visitors and volunteers! We are thankful that despite the disruptions of COVID and Ebola in recent years, our elective programme for overseas medical, nursing and midwifery students has quickly been re-established. Indeed, the Guest House has been full to capacity at times over recent months! Our elective students come from many different countries, and get to experience medicine and life in a culture very different to their own. They often also take the opportunity to explore Uganda whilst here! A recent medical student from Northern Ireland, Calum Beggs, came through CMS Ireland and commented, *"I feel very blessed to have been part of this community for the past 4 weeks. The doctors, hospital staff and people of Kiwoko have been so welcoming towards me. I could not have asked for a better medical elective experience."*



Medical student Calum Beggs with Dr James and Dr Boniface

Over the past 10 months, we have been blessed to have had extra volunteers on site and are thankful for their valuable contributions to medicine, ministry and hospitality. At the end of July, we said 'good-bye' to Dr Ben Wilson and Dr Ros Revans as they returned to their training posts in England after 6 months at Kiwoko. The Stonelake family, also from England, have recently completed 9 months volunteering (see pages 12 and 13). Dr Ben Jabke from Germany remains with us until October 2023. We always enjoy learning from our volunteers, and know that their time here is often life-changing.

We would love more volunteers, especially if willing to stay 4 months or longer. Our current needs include:

- ✓ Doctors with training in **internal medicine, paediatrics, general practice, anaesthetics and general surgery**
- ✓ An experienced **ultrasonographer**
- ✓ Experienced individuals with skills to support staff within the **IT, finance and/or human resource departments**

If you have experience in any of these areas, or have other skills that you think may be useful at Kiwoko Hospital, please get in touch! For further information and initial inquiries about volunteering, electives or visits to the hospital, contact Stephen Park (Visitors and Volunteers Coordinator) by email: visitors.kiwokohospital@gmail.com

Volunteers & Visitors

STONELAKE FAMILY REPORT



Over the last 9 months we have been blessed to have more volunteers on site than has been the case for a number of years.

The Stonelake Family arrived from England in November 2022 as mission partners through UFM Worldwide. They wrote this report reflecting on their time living and serving at Kiwoko Hospital in the days before their return to England in August 2023.



WHO WE ARE

Hello from the Stonelake Family! Stephen & Grace and our two little boys Samuel and Elijah. We are from the UK, just outside of Birmingham in the Black Country, and have been at Kiwoko Hospital since November last year. Stephen is 2 years off completing his surgical training and Grace is kept busy caring for Samuel and Elijah as well as serving at our local church, Ebenezer Baptist Chapel.

Samuel is 3, loves his friends at Kiwoko and playing outside, he is very creative and often asks 'please can we make something'. Elijah is 18 months old and you will

normally find him with a football! He has a good left foot. Dr James and Elijah now greet each other with a left foot swing.

In January 2021 Stephen found out that a 'year out' of NHS training to gain experience working elsewhere was possible. He then texted Grace 'Do you want to go to India for a year?' To which Grace replied 'Yes!'. We explored different options and prayed that we would be able to use our year out not only to gain surgical experience but also to serve the Lord in gospel ministry. Kiwoko certainly turned out to fit the bill! We realised that the Lord was leading us to Africa and not India and the way was made clear for us to come to Kiwoko.



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

Clinical Work

Stephen has worked alongside Dr Peter and Dr James, seeing surgical patients in OPD, on the wards and performing operations. The work has been varied, exciting and challenging – you never know what you're going to get! He has been privileged to learn a great deal from the two busy and prayerful Kiwoko surgeons.

Ministry

The wonder of the work has been the many opportunities to share the Gospel with patients: to be able to read the Bible and pray with patients, and give out Bibles to patients and their families. It's wonderful to see many people listening and responding when they hear what the Lord Jesus has done for them.



Praise God, St Luke's Church was started just a few months before we arrived which was a provision of the Lord for our family. We've all enjoyed attending Sunday School, and Stephen and Grace have both had the opportunity to teach. There is often 40 or more children in attendance and not all from Christian backgrounds.



Stephen with a group of people involved in ministry at the police station

Morning Prayer Meetings at the chapel have been a particular blessing and



Stephen has had the opportunity to preach. Grace has also had the pleasure of meeting with a couple of preteen girls who live on the compound for bible study.

We've also enjoyed visiting the local prison and police station for evangelism and have been so encouraged by the way God is building his Kingdom in Kiwoko.

Stephen was also able to help arrange and facilitate a seminar focussed on expressing the importance of witnessing to patients and helping staff with practical ideas of how to do this. One speaker at morning prayers shared this sentiment 'imagine if someone shared the gospel with every patient who walks through the gate?' It's this gospel fire the committee who organised the seminar were praying remains always in focus.

Community

Another great blessing has been getting to know the other families here and be part of the Kiwoko community. Thank you to everyone who has made us so welcome.



Grace teaching in Sunday School

WHAT WE ARE TAKING HOME WITH US

We of course have some wonderful memories and great friendships that we will be taking home with us. There are also two things we feel the Lord has been teaching us during our time here - that God is faithful, and the harvest for souls is plentiful!

“And behold I am with you always.”

Matthew 28:20

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38

THANK YOU SO MUCH to the Stonelake family for all their input at Kiwoko Hospital during the past 9 months.

If this report has sparked an interest in visiting or volunteering, contact our Visitors and Volunteers Coordinator (Stephen Park) for further information at visitors.kiwokohospital@gmail.com

CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

Mission and medicine go hand-in-hand at Kiwoko Hospital. Our Hospital Chaplain, Rev. William Mirimu Zziwa, reports on the ongoing ministries happening at and through the hospital.



Warm Christian greetings from the Chaplaincy department of Kiwoko Hospital, myself the Chaplain Rev. William Mirimu and the Chaplaincy committee at large. Shalom. Glory, honour and all praise to our Almighty God who has kept us going amidst all trials and temptations, yet also provided us with great opportunities in this quarter of the year of our Lord, 2023.

ST LUKE'S CHAPEL

Among the very many big testimonies that we can tell was the Paper (1st) Anniversary of our Hospital Chapel, St. Luke's Chapel, celebrated on 18th June 2023. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit and after many prayers, the Lord granted us an opportunity to establish a Sunday Chapel worship programme for the hospital and on Sunday 5th June 2022 we had our first congregation gather for the first worship service within the hospital premises. This was in contrast the arrangement of previous years where our staff and the KHTI students used to move long distances outside the hospital on Sundays to go to places of worship, and the patient's caretakers had no opportunity of gathering for Sunday worship. St. Luke's Chapel has had a steady growth both in numbers and spiritual growth of the congregation based on the visible Fruit of the Spirit and their exciting testimonies.

We are very thankful to every individual who has invested in St Luke's. For all the financial, material and moral support given to St. Luke's Chapel, may God bless you abundantly. A few to mention among the many was a team from the St. Mary's Church London who visited for the entire Easter season. In addition to encouraging and helping us, they came bearing gifts of donations and kind materials including play materials for our Children's Church (Sunday School) and a lot more items.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the second half of the church service, the children move out to have their own time together. The numbers have grown, with between 30 and 50 children attending. Over recent months they have been taught about the Fruits of the Spirit, Miracles of Jesus and currently they have been studying the early chapters of Genesis (creation, the fall, God's plan of salvation etc). We thank God for this opportunity to teach the little ones, and are thankful to each of the leaders who have been teaching the children the Bible through songs, games and Bible stories.



Part of St Luke's congregation (above), St Mary's Team visiting Kiwoko Hospital (below) and Games Day at Sunday School (bottom)



WITNESSING AT WORK SEMINAR

On 16th May, a number of staff ran a Witnessing at Work Seminar which was well attended by staff and students. There was teaching on how we can clearly share the Gospel and encouragement to take the many opportunities available to witness to patients, attendants and fellow workers.



*Witnessing at Work Seminar (above)
and Compound Ministry (below)*



speaking and praying with patients.

Prison ministry continues to the various local prisons, with an enthusiastic team often singing throughout the journey as well as whilst in the prisons!

Student Bible studies will recommence shortly for the latest group of first year students at the HTI. As usual they will work through Christianity Explored.

There are often other activities happening such as prayer meetings and Bible studies, with special events (e.g. men's and women's meetings, preaching seminars, married couple events) planned at times during the year, especially when there are visiting teams.

We thank each staff and friend that is involved in ministry through Kiwoko Hospital. We appreciate your dedication in sharing the Gospel with others.

We, however, beseech every kind hearted Christian and all well-wishers to join us in prayer and all the necessary support for the ongoing ministries happening at the hospital. The budget is always tight, yet we would love to be able to do more. Each year we need to have difficult decisions as to how much we can do with the resources we have. Thank you.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Morning Prayers continues Monday-Friday, with singing, preaching and sharing. We are thankful to all those who take part. Fridays are special days, with an open air Compound Ministry (Morning Prayers) twice monthly. On the other Fridays, a hospital department takes the session, with many departments planning excellent programmes consisting of singing, skits/drama and testimonies.

The Sunday afternoon children's Bible club **Suubi** continues twice monthly with good numbers attending, and always lots of fun. The annual Holiday Bible Club called **Ekisa** is being planned for September, with 400-500 children and 80-100 teenagers expected for their various activities and events. Pray for those leading and that the Bible will be clearly taught.

Ward ministry continues weekly on Wednesday mornings, when a group of students and staff go around the wards for 30 minutes

Annual Chaplaincy Theme 2023

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." 1 Peter 2:2

Theme Statement

Seeking to grow in the Lord

KEEP PRAYING...

We are so thankful for the prayers of so many people, who continue to support and encourage us. Please keep remembering the hospital, our staff, patients and community before our God.



- Praise God - What a God we serve! We thank God for His continued faithfulness, provision and care through which we can serve the people of our local communities and beyond.
- Continue to pray for our hospital leadership, that they would know God's guidance as they make many decisions about the present and future running of the hospital.
- Thank God for new members of staff throughout the hospital. Pray that they would settle quickly into their roles, and feel part of the Kiwoko community.
- Pray for hospital finances. Pray that needs would be met. Pray for those making difficult decisions to ensure that the hospital 'breaks even'.
- Thank God for developments at the hospital, particularly the infrastructure and computerisation projects.
- Thank God for each department in the hospital, each with important roles to play in the running of the hospital. Pray for those in positions of responsibility, and for wisdom as they seek to improve services.
- Thank God for all those involved in fundraising for Kiwoko Hospital. Pray for an excellent Kiwoko Chase day. Thank God for the Jairus fund and how it supports children with life and limb threatening conditions to receive the care they desperately need. Praise God for all our partners, donors and supporters. Without these partnerships, Kiwoko Hospital could not do what it is doing.
- Praise God for volunteers, and pray for more! Thank God for a steady flow of visitors, including elective students. Pray that they will be impacted medically and spiritually by their time at Kiwoko Hospital
- Thank God for the ministry team and the many opportunities to share God's love through word and deed, whether with staff, patients, attendants or the local community. Thank God for the many members of staff that are involved in their free-time.
- Thank God for all our staff, each with a unique and important role at the hospital. Pray for every patient and attendant who comes to Kiwoko. Pray that they will experience God's love in action, and that they would know God's speaking voice into their lives.
- Pray that in everything happening at Kiwoko Hospital, God will be glorified.



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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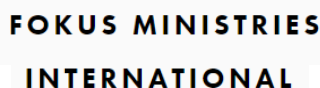
Kiwoko Hospital cannot exist without the faithful giving of our friends and supporters. Without you we would be unable to provide the high quality healthcare our patients deserve. As well as individual supporters, a number of registered charities support the work of Kiwoko Hospital in bringing good news to the poor, in word and in action.



Friends of Kiwoko Hospital (FOKH) is a registered charity based in Northern Ireland (UK charity Ref. 104586) set up to support Kiwoko Hospital. **All donations come to KH.** www.fokh.org.uk



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THANK YOU...

We thank you for taking the time to read this latest edition of the Kiwoko Hospital Newsletter. We hope you have been encouraged and inspired as we continue to work and serve here in rural Uganda. We sincerely thank you for the part you play through encouragement, prayers and financial giving.



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.

If you have enjoyed this update newsletter please forward it on to family, friends and colleagues. We are currently in the process of developing our own website. In the meantime, for more information on Kiwoko Hospital, go to the FOKH website: www.fokh.org.uk

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