



# Kiwoko Hospital News

April 2014

## Special points of interest:

- Dr Peter steps in.
- Welcome our new staff.
- Building projects complete.
- Kiwoko Fashion School opens.
- Prayer points.

## From the Medical Director's desk

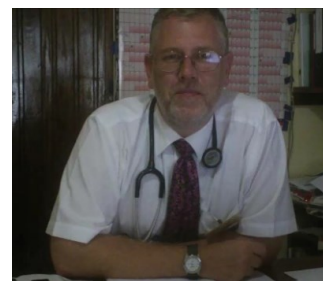
Denise, Gideon and myself have just left Kiwoko to spend 3 months in Ireland. It promises to be a rather busy time of deputation – we only expect to be in our home Parish of Ballyholme for 2 Sundays. It will also be a good chance to catch up with family and friends, and lots of supporters and friends of the hospital.



While I am away I am delighted that Dr Peter Serwadda (picture left) has agreed to take over the role of Medical Director. For the last few months we have been working together particularly closely, which has been crucial in me being ready to leave. It is wonderful to have so able a doctor and administrator to step in for these few months.

As you read these few pages you will taste how busy the hospital has been with lots of folk finishing their studies and various developments.

My thanks go to the great team of staff who continue to make Kiwoko the inspiring



place that it is and all our supporters around the world who play your part in keeping us going too.

**Dr Rory Wilson**  
**Medical Director**

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## Full marks for Nursing School

Congratulations to all the nursing students. The nursing school had a 100% pass rate in the last final exams. 2 candidates gained distinctions and 30 gained credits. This is a remarkable achievement showing the hard work put in by teaching staff and students alike.



Teaching staff at Kiwoko Nursing School

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## It's Not Unusual



**Female Ward patient after treatment**

A woman from a local village came to Kiwoko Hospital complaining of progressive weakness in her legs impairing her ability to walk and incontinence for several months. She also complained of intermittent fevers and was HIV positive. An x-ray was taken and revealed a tuberculosis (TB) abscess that was

pushing on her spinal cord. She was immediately started on TB treatment and sent for surgery to remove the abscess. Had her condition gone undiagnosed and untreated, she likely would have been permanently paralyzed. She was very grateful to the staff at Kiwoko for finding the cause of her problems and

helping her get further treatment.

This might seem like an unusual case but at Kiwoko Hospital our staff deal with unusual cases every day.

*"We have been able to centralize our services... this really benefits those clients who are weak."*

William Kiwanuka  
HIV Dept. Manager

## Refurbished HIV Clinic

The HIV clinic had been moved to the old TB ward whilst much needed refurbishment was taking place on the old building. The staff worked extra hard to ensure they provided their clinic services and essential data collection in the temporary accommodation. At the beginning of the year they were able to

move back into their refurbished building. The plan has included combining the offices and clinic facilities into one

building making a much more efficient lay out and lessening the risk of files going astray.



## Welcome to our new Finance Manager.



**Alex in the Finance Department hot seat.**

This year has also seen the arrival of a new finance manager Alex Muyimba. Alex is married with two young children. He has worked as an accountant in both hospitals and NGOs. He is fully qualified and a member of CPA, Uganda's officially recognised accountancy body.

Alex remarked that he came to Kiwoko to develop his career and to work in a Christian environment where he feels he will be able to serve the Lord through his work. Since joining the staff he has thanked God for the clear transparency and support of

the leadership and is impressed by the commitment of the staff.

We wish Alex a very blessed time during his employment here.

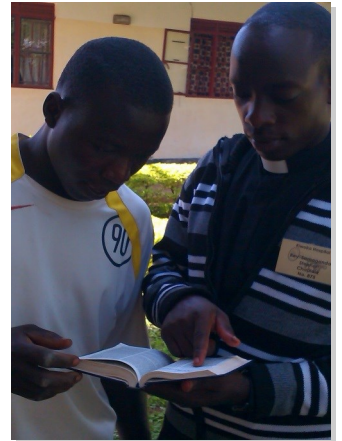
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## Welcome Chaplain Stephen

At the end of December we said goodbye to the Rev. Asaph Kawange who had been the hospital chaplain for the last year. His position was taken up in January by the Rev. Stephen Semaganda. Stephen comes from a Christian family, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of five children. His father is a lay reader and from an early age he learned of God's love for him and knew that he wanted to follow God's ways and work

for Him. In 2004 he took this call more seriously; preaching in various churches both in his own diocese and further afield. During his time at university he felt that he was a minister first and a student second, and always strived to find and follow God's plan for his life. After graduating Stephen worked in Luweero cathedral under the vicars office. He took part in various diverse duties working across

all age groups from youth to the elderly. He is happy to be working in Kiwoko knowing that this is the next stage in God's purpose for his life. He says; "I want to serve God to the best of my ability" We are thankful that he has been brought to Kiwoko Hospital and look forward to all that God will accomplish through him.



**Rev. Stephen counseling a member of staff**

## Paris, Milan and now Kiwoko

18<sup>th</sup> March saw the first class at Kiwoko Fashion School. This is a new project aimed at local girls in Kiwoko town who are struggling to find employment due to lack of opportunities or secondary education. We are providing a year long course teaching

sewing and design skills alongside running your own business and good management. 10 girls are taking part this year and are excited to be moving in to their new building in April. Great appreciation goes out to the donors who supported this project;

prayerfully, financially, and generously with all our equipment from scissors to pins, sewing machines to sketch pads being donated from individuals and churches.



**Kiwoko Fashion School, Day one.**

## A Convenient Construction

A new toilet block has been constructed near the site of the old one, close to the main hospital entrance. The old toilets became 'full' and were not the type which could be

emptied. Very inconvenient. The new block can be emptied so should be a great asset for many years. Very convenient!



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### How to Support the Hospital

If you would like to help support the work here, please read below or visit the website to donate.

[www.kiwokohospital.org](http://www.kiwokohospital.org)

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### The Equipment Wish List



Engineers repairing the Autoclave

Despite having a phenomenal engineering team, we do still need to replace some very old equipment.

We have a detailed list of equipment needed throughout the departments. If you are able to help meet any of these needs we would be very grateful.

We can send you a copy of the list, please email us: [feedback@kiwokohospital.org](mailto:feedback@kiwokohospital.org)

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Visit the [Kiwoko Hospital website](#). On the bottom right you will see a link. Click that and you'll be taken to the usual Amazon website. Anything you buy could earn up to 10% commission! It seems too easy, but it works!

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### Pray



Kiwoko Hospital is a community based hospital in Luwero district, Uganda which aims to glorify Jesus and impart a definite Christian witness to the area.

If you pray, please pray. Here are some prayer points:

- The Chaplaincy committee as they seek to direct and encourage staff into ministry.
- For new ministries recently initiated e.g. Monday morning devotions at the workshop.
- For every patient and visitor that they would come into relationship with Jesus.
- The leadership as they seek to lead almost 400 staff.
- The search for a Programmes Manager to mentor and build capacity here.

Thank you for your support. Together, 'We treat, Jesus heals'.

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