

Kiwoko Hospital News

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From the Medical Director's desk

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Greetings in Christ. I feel greatly encouraged to be part of a team that has opted to meet the needs of this rural population. For the last 18 years I have been here with those who have chosen to share their time and finances to support this much needed holistic care. Kiwoko's Christian ethos has been the foundation and as reflected in its vision attracting and working with many partners of different beliefs, economic potentials, professions and walks of life. Over the years they have each laid a brick and are invaluable to Kiwoko. I am glad to share and celebrate their successful story. Multitudes have benefited from Kiwoko including patients, staff and students both Ugandan and

international, let alone the local community.

I came as a Ugandan junior doctor. To meet the prevailing demands I sought training in General Surgery before returning to settle as a surgeon, but also offering support to the other fields of medicine as well as administration and currently acting Medical Director. This is very demanding of time, and challenges competence.

I am very grateful for the team support of Kiwoko and notably Dr Rory & family for having served here over the last 11 years.

I would like to thank and to call upon all friends and stakeholders to be encouraged for a commendable job very well done and to keep up the

good work. In the face of changing demands we need to be prudent and wise not to lose focus and courage, but trust God who we believe has brought us this far. The world needs Kiwoko more than we appreciate.



I am supported by my wife, Milly and two young daughters who have offered to continue what we believe is a calling worthy of our lives in Christ.

Dr James Nyonyintono
(Acting) Medical Director

Opportunities to Volunteer

Doctors

If you are a Physician in training years or beyond, we would be happy to hear from you. Our team of doctors, Ugandan and expatriates, are severely stretched.

Finance & Administration Director

We are seeking a qualified and experienced person to provide administrative and financial oversight and to mentor our management team.



If you are interested in either of these roles, or would like to serve in another way, please email Tania on visitors@kiwokohospital.org

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2 years in Tanzania



Dr Peter

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In most cases God's plans for our lives are revealed like a scroll... bit by bit.

18 years ago I arrived in Kiwoko as a locum to serve a one month placement. However, since then there have been many comings and goings such that one month became 2 years then 5 and so on until I find myself back "home" again today as a Urologist.

My 2 years away in Moshi was a great experience. The town itself is very beautiful and quiet with 2 big populations; tourists and students. The weather was close to that we experience in Kiwoko but with slightly sharper extremes. I ended up housed in the urology hostel which was just 200m from our department. It had lovely

gardens whose other main occupants were hedgehogs, a monkey and a snake. We remained good neighbours by respecting each other's space!

The course itself was very hands on from day one with the lingua franca being Swahili. My day one in the clinic was thus challenging with me lapsing into Luganda at some points. I especially loved the endoscopic exposure and that was the area I opted for in my dissertation. It was a great experience and the students truly represented East Africa.

Urology is a truly underserved area in Uganda. The challenge now is to provide a comprehensive urology service at both in and out-patient levels and with both open and endoscopic

modalities. Since it is new we are still trying to equip the service.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many people, both known and unknown, who supported me with prayer,



financially and other ways to make my studies so successful. May God bless you all! But most of all I thank Jehovah Jireh.

Dr Peter Serwadda
Clinical Director

Prison Ministry



Beatrice

Our Mission Team have been active in Prison Ministry for many years. Recently, under the leadership of Beatrice (one of our Finance staff), they have seen God move in major ways.

The team visits one of the local prisons every second Sunday and holds a church service. They also give gifts to the inmates. The following is a report from Beatrice after a recent prison visit.

*Dear Friends,
Greetings in the name above all names, Jesus Christ, the Living Son of God. We are so grateful to God for this ministry and for His provision towards it. Also, thank you so much for your contributions and participations*

in the same. May the Almighty God bless you so much.

On Sunday, Adimaro was the driver as well as the MC, Godfrey shared the Word, Kizito shared his testimony and Beatrice led the Praise and Worship along with one of the inmates.

About 40 people gave their lives to Christ.

Towards the beginning of this month, one of the inmates was

released but didn't have anywhere to go. His only option was to look for us at the hospital. He stayed with Godfrey for two days, who later found him a place to work. He is doing some garden work in a nearby village at the moment. God Bless, With much love, Beatrice.

Please pray for the Prison Ministry team and for the discipleship that follows their visits.



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So-lar So Good

Solar 'micro-grid' systems have become very popular with homeowners throughout Europe and the US. Even where clouds fill the sky for most of the year, electricity bills are being dramatically reduced by this new technology. With 10 hours of sunshine

virtually guaranteed every day in Uganda, it seems ideal for Kiwoko.

In the Estates Department, solar micro-grid has been high on the wish list since we first heard of it but various factors made such an installation impossible.

Recently, things changed. This summer, thanks to the faithful giving and fundraising of many supporters in various countries, we installed our first micro-grid inverter with 20 solar panels. This is only the second micro-grid system in Uganda.

It will take many more panels to make our £3,500 per month electricity bill disappear but these first 20 panels are making a real impact.

Our aim is simple; more solar panels will reduce the monthly electricity costs enough to enable us to improve the healthcare we provide. We could even employ another, much-needed Doctor. Solar panels can save lives!



Ekisa Vacation Bible School



Grace is a Clinical Officer and Ronny is our ICT Manager. Like many at Kiwoko Hospital, their service does not stop there. Amongst many things they are both heavily involved in Children's ministry.

Ekisa means Grace. It's the name of our Vacation Bible School which is run every September in Kiwoko Hospital, during the School holidays. Over 30 staff and students from the hospital volunteer and run Ekisa for over 200 children. These are children of staff and from the local community.

Ronny explains;

"During this time we share the Love of Jesus with them through Bible stories,

songs, lessons, skits, crafts, games, snacks & drinks.

We always have a theme for each year where we derive our lessons from. Our theme for this year was a 'Journey with Christ' using Zacchaeus as the main Bible character."

These afternoons at Ekisa are packed with activities to help the children learn more from the Bible and hopefully encourage them to become more curious about Jesus.

Ronny went on to describe his personal highlight of Ekisa 2017;

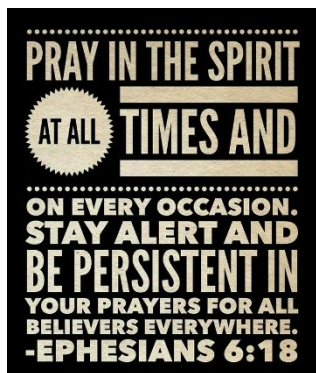
"My favorite part was when it rained in the evening for over an hour and we sang and danced with the kids.

Another highlight was when we celebrated birthdays for the kids and leaders who were born in September by sharing a cake and pouring water on them."

Please pray for the children's ministry in and from Kiwoko Hospital.



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Join with us in Prayer

- Thank God for His provision and care. Without Him we are powerless to meet the needs of the rural poor in this region of Uganda.
- Pray for the Hospital Board in their search for a new Medical Director.
- We are in need of a volunteer Finance & Administration Director to work alongside the MD to assist with finance, donor relations and the mentoring of our management team.
- Pray for the Kiwoko Hospital outreach teams, including:
 - ⇒ Thank God for the recent Bombo Medical Mission week, 50km from here. Many of our staff took part. Hundreds received medical care and hundreds made decisions to follow Jesus.
 - ⇒ For the team that make the 12 hour journey to Karamoja several times per year to encourage and train local church leaders.
 - ⇒ For 'Esubi Teens' - a new outreach to local teenagers in the Kiwoko area.
- Pray for the in-reach to the staff, students and families within Kiwoko Hospital.
- Hospital finances are increasingly tight. Please pray for encouragement for those who give, and for more to donate to the work.
- Pray for our management team, led by Dr James. Pray for Wisdom as they face new challenges every week.
- Pray for all staff and volunteers in the hospital, and those who are currently training.
- Pray for the Hospital Board who will meet early in October.
- Pray for every patient and visitor who comes to Kiwoko. May God be glorified in this place.



How to donate

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Together, 'We treat, Jesus heals'