

Kiwoko Hospital News

September 2015

A word from the Medical Director

Special points of interest:

- Fundraising Success
- New Vehicle Project
- The lame can walk

A steady stream of visitors in recent months, and the end of the Ugandan financial year figures has helped remind us in Kiwoko of how well we are doing. Despite the challenges of constantly losing staff to greener pastures; of struggling to balance the incredibly tight budget; of diagnosing complex pathologies with limited investigations; of continuing to provide good medical care with half the number of doctors we had three months ago.... we are doing very well.

Numerically compared to the previous year, we have treated 1,000 more inpatients, 7,000 more outpatients, delivered 600 more babies and cared for over 100 more pre-term infants in NICU. Attendance at morning chapel is so popular that we are having to look at extending the building, while the morning weekly prayer meeting continues to have staff and students in double figures along at 6am. Out-

reach prison ministry now takes place twice a month to cope with the increased interest and need....

Most of the great work taking place at Kiwoko is not down to state of the art technology, complex management, or massively specialised clinicians. It is simple things done well – consistently done well – be it feeding premature infants with exactly the correct amount or mum's milk at exactly the correct time; or the doctor making sure every day that the lab results are reviewed before going home in the evening; or chaplain making sure that the preaching rota for prayers is organised and distributed in time so that people can prepare to share effectively; or making sure that there is fuel in the vehicle ready to take the team to Prison on Sunday afternoon.

Making sure that simple things are done well is surprisingly un-

simple. Many hospitals cannot manage to do it, even in places more developed and better resourced than Kiwoko. Most of our success is down to our staff – caring and motivated by a desire to serve God and to love people in need. Despite our con-



stant challenges, Kiwoko continues to treat many people remarkably well, and we continue to be a beacon of hope and holistic healing at the top of the hill in Kiwoko.

Thanks to everyone reading this for all that you are doing with us to make it happen.

Dr Rory Wilson
Medical Director

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Fundraising Success

Our 2014 Christmas Card appeal was a great success. THANK YOU to all who purchased a card. Our brand new autoclave is working very well and is providing a life-saving service by sterilis-

ing all instruments and materials needed in the Theatre and the Wards.

For news of this year's Christmas Card appeal - see page 2.



Sr. Charity with the new Autoclave

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Reaching Kampala



Over 40 Kiwoko staff spent three busy days at Kansanga Miracle Centre Church. Akena Richard (NICU) led the team. There were 2000 patient consultations with free medical treatment dispensed where appropriate. A few patients were referred to other hospitals for further

treatment. Alongside OPD Clinic there was an Eye, Cervical Smear and HIV counselling Clinics. Some patients were counselled spiritually and about 57 professed faith in the Lord Jesus. Our evenings were spent in times of worship at the church, except for Friday night when about

1000 people met to worship in the open air when Ps. Jerome Barba (USA) preached on Hezekiah's illness and recovery (2 Kings 20). The Kiwoko team were thanked for the work they had done in meeting the needs of the community.

Dr Raymond Givan

Pickup a Christmas Card

With the success of last year's Christmas Card appeal, we have decided to request your festive generosity once more.

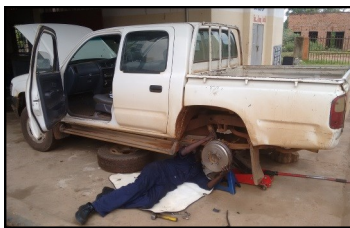
We have 2 Toyota Hilux Pickups. Both are about to celebrate their 20th birthday and both have travelled the equivalent distance from here to the moon!

These vehicles carry out essential work here in the Kiwoko community and beyond. They take teams of community health workers into the hard-to-reach villages, collect drugs from suppliers in Kam-



pala and can even transport patients when the Ambulance is busy.

Some years ago, Jeremy Clarkson attempted to destroy one of these legendary Pickups. Even after driving it



into the sea, dropping a caravan on it, and setting it on fire - the Hilux still worked!

However, Top Gear avoided the ultimate test - driving on Uganda's roads.

Our antique Pickups are breaking down on a regular basis and despite the heroics of our workshop team, their condition is terminal.

The plan is to sell both vehicles and purchase a nearly new replacement.

These Pickups are hot property here in Uganda. They are

imported from Japan and a hefty import tax is charged by the government. Therefore, they cost at least double that of the same vehicle in the UK.

So, we need your help.

If everyone receiving this newsletter were to buy at least one card, we could buy a replacement Pickup.

The Card is now in production. You can get an idea of the design below.

If you would like to buy, or even help distribute these cards in your workplace, local church or wherever, please contact Elaine on elaineelborn@gmail.com

Happy Christmas!



"Top Gear avoided the ultimate test - driving on Uganda's roads!"

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Introducing Alex

I bring greetings from my family and the Finance Team that I represent.



I am a Certified Public Accountant of Uganda and currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Business Administration – Accounting and Finance with prospects of serving the Hospital for many

years. I have 10 years experience in Finance and Administration.

I am married with 3 children. Thanks be to God that I got this opportunity to serve and work with Kiwoko Hospital.

I joined the Hospital in January 2014, and am enjoying my Job because of the good teams I work with at Kiwoko.

I thank our generous donors for supporting the hospital and ensuring that the service continues.

We receive financial support in many areas, such as; General funds, staff development/

student sponsorship and facility development – for example our new Admin and Finance Block/ Building. This year our building has been extended and reorganised. Our new Finance offices are much larger than before and we are more

able to serve our customers in a professional manner.

On behalf on the Hospital Management and my Finance team, thank you to the Ignite team for making this work possible.

Alex Muyimba



“... and the lame can walk”

Mary is an orphan aged 5yrs currently staying with her paternal family about 10 km from Kiwoko. She had club feet which were not corrected up to the age of 4yrs. In 2012, Mary was identified by the hospital outreach team and referred to the hospital for assessment.



Mary's feet had to be corrected at a hospital which had a

full-time orthopedic assistant who would attend to her every day for at least 2 months. Her treatment required over £1000 which the family could not afford.

Thankfully a donor was willing to cover the cost and the treatment process started.

After many surgical procedures, Mary is able to walk normally, play with other children and go to school. Our time, skills and money not only helped Mary to experience fullness of life but also restored her social dignity. Traditionally, diseases which

present strange signs such as fits, disability, mental confusion etc. are usually, associat-



ed with a curse or witchcraft. Mary is one of the hundreds of people with physical challenges who have been assist-

ed by the hospital.

Every time I go to Mary's home and find her walking and playing. I remember the words of our Lord “I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Moses Ssekidde
In-Charge, Community
Based Healthcare

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Running for Kiwoko



In May the 'Paeds Team' doctors represented Kiwoko in Uganda's first International Marathon. A combination of night and weekend shifts in the months leading up to the race meant that any formal training schedule had been completely abandoned. However, we compensated for lack of training with determination (aka stubbornness) and were delighted to cross the finish line together after a tough 42km with 2400 feet elevation gain. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored us and helped us to raise over £2200 for Kiwoko. We would highly recommend the race for any enthusiastic runners wanting to raise money for the hospital.

Dr Jessy & Dr Becca

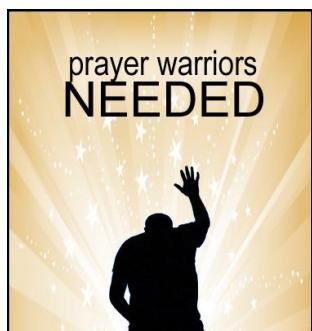
Take Life by the Smooth Handle

Long term supporter, Ian Taylor, is donating the proceeds of his latest compilation of Poems; **Take Life by the Smooth Handle**, to Kiwoko Hospital. If you would like a copy - please visit: [Amazon UK](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B07XJXJXJX), Europe and [USA](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B07XJXJXJX) ; both book and Kindle editions are available.

How to donate

Full details on how to donate can be found on our website: www.kiwokohospital.org/donate

Points for Prayer



- Thank God for the ongoing great work at our school of Nursing and Midwifery. Results in the recent national examinations produced: 4 distinctions; 49 credits; 3 passes. Pray for the one student called Abilet who has to re-sit one paper in November.
 - Every Wednesday night the nursing, midwifery and lab students have group Bible studies. For some this is the first time they really think about and decide for themselves what they believe. Pray for the students and staff who help lead them as they wrestle with real issues and what the Bible has to teach.
 - Inflation in Uganda has been increasing significantly in recent months. Pray that the government gets it under control and also that our budget stretches enough to purchase what we need as prices continue to rise.
 - Our staff work very hard, often going far beyond their official responsibilities. Pray that God would protect them from the many infections they are treating and that their marriages and families would prosper.
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Thank you for your support!

For more information from Kiwoko Hospital, and for ways to support the work

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