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Livingstonia  
Hospital Partnership

Dear Members and Friends

You are receiving this a bit earlier than usual because we are planning our **AGM for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Belfast Bible College**. Our speaker will be Alison Craig, a medical student from Scotland who spent some time at DGMH. We are hoping to keep business to a minimum to give her time to share with us. We hope many of you will be able to come as it's the only chance we get each year to meet together.

So what's been a happening with LHP?

We are delighted that we are still able to fund DGMH at the rate of £4,000 per month. That money is spent on drugs, staff training, ambulance expenses, outreach clinics, electricity etc. We have been delighted to receive some large donations of £1885, £1,600 and £1475 – this has really encouraged us. The majority of our steady income comes from regular contributions from people like yourselves. Thank you so much for that!

In addition to all that, we received another grant from Lloyds TSB for £4,000 for improving outcomes in maternity care – to be achieved by providing well trained staff and availability of equipment for delivery of newborns.

It was great to have Lyn and Jonny Dowds at one of our committee meetings. They are really getting involved in a very holistic way in the lives of people there. Not only is Lyn committed to development of her medical work, but they are both involved in community projects like developing the gift shop, tree planting and introducing diversity into people's diets. This should all help to improve health and lifestyle for people in the area. Their daughters are fine and really enjoying themselves. The Dowds family went back to Livingstonia in early April for 2 ½ years until September 2015.

Una Brownlee plans to return home to Northern Ireland this summer. I know she will be greatly missed by very many people both locals and visitors.

There is some re-organisation of health services taking place in Malawi. Please pray that DGMH will play a significant part in that and will receive recognition and support from the Government for the high standard of medical care it provides.

Thank you to those of you who bought ethical gifts, notelets and bags and made donations at Christmas. We still have notelets which you can purchase from me at any time of the year at £3 for a pack of 6.

Many of you will receive this by email, but there is still a large number of people receiving it by post. If you have an email address which you haven't yet given to us it would be great if you could contact me. Emailing cuts down on our costs considerably!

Remember us when you are threatened with a myriad of unwanted gifts for that special occasion. Donations to LHP in lieu of gifts will save your friends and relatives all that present hunting!!

William Turner, our treasurer since LHP was set up is standing down over the next few months and we hope to appoint a new treasurer. He has done a wonderful job with enthusiasm and efficiency. We owe him a great debt of gratitude and will be sorry to lose him from this position.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless.

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