



Livingstonia
Hospital Partnership

Partnership News

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Dear Members and Friends,

Our second complete year is drawing to a close and as it does we are once again exceedingly thankful for the continued support you have given us, which has allowed us to maintain our donations to the hospital, and even make up some of the shortfall as the devaluation of sterling has affected the exchange rate. It has been wonderful to know that people here care enough to allow people in Malawi to continue to experience good healthcare at Livingstonia.

This year we have -

- Given regular quarterly donations to the hospital and
- Sponsored Wongani Kondowe, the hospital Matron, to attend the Developing Health course in London and then come to Northern Ireland to do deputation.

Several members of the committee of the Livingstonia Hospital Partnership have travelled from Northern Ireland to visit the hospital – at their own expense - to share their expertise and monitor the progress of the Partnership.

We would love to share more of our experiences, and invite you to come and hear about the Partnership at our AGM on 9th May 2009. We are delighted that two members of staff from DGMH, Young Soko and Lovemore Mkandawire, who are visiting Scotland for the launch of a new boat ambulance, will be able to join us and give an update of how the work at the hospital is progressing.

**Do please join us at Belfast Bible
College, Dunmurry
Saturday 9th May 2009
7pm – 9pm**

One of the main aims of the Partnership as it was set up two years ago was to provide regular, sustainable funding for the hospital that would allow planning of services. While the Partnership has been able to maintain the regular donations, the current economic climate has made it difficult for the hospital to achieve its essential funding, and so services and staff have had to be reassessed. We continually encourage the management team to seek ways of cutting expenditure. We are aware that in this short time the Partnership has become a main donor for the hospital and we are keen to encourage those in management to continue to seek other sources of funding and so help secure their future.

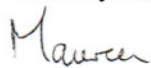
Thank you to all who bought Christmas Cards, gifts and calendars, which, together with opportunities to speak about the work by different members of the committee, also helped to raise funds and publicise the work. If you would like a speaker at any group meeting please contact the Secretary.

Thank you for your vital support over this year. We really hope you can join us at the AGM – please put Saturday 9th May in your diary.

I hope you enjoy getting the Newsletter from Livingstonia – this is produced by Kolezi Phiri, the Human Resource Officer at DGMH, and I am continually impressed with the stories and how good a read it is. We are trying to reduce administration costs to a minimum and would like to send this by email rather than post – if you would like to receive this electronically please email your details to info@livingstonia.org.uk

Looking forward to seeing you on 9th May at the AGM

Thank you,



Maureen Stevenson
Chairperson

LHP – AGM
Belfast Bible College
Dunmurry, 9th May 2009
7pm – 9pm

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