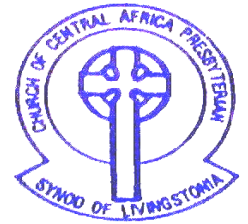


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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

THANKS GIVING AND PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray for the family of Zika Munthali who until his death was Hospital Attendant. He passed away on 2nd May 2014 after a short illness.
- Pray for Mr Flyton Mlakata Msiska, Food Security Supervisor who broke his ankle. This has happened at a time when he is required to monitor farmer's gardens.
- Pray that Messrs. Mike Nkhwazi and Penjani Sichinga settles well in their positions. Mike has been appointed Acting Hoapital Matron while Penjani has been confirmed as Medical Officer In Charge.

HOSPITAL COVERAGE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

	Figures for quarter ending December 2013	Totals for January and February 2014
Out Patients Department	7,412	6,436
Admissions	841	596
Antenatal mothers	358	240
Deliveries	323	183

THE HOSPITAL HAS A NEW STERILISATION



The Central Sterilising System Department (CSSD) has a new sterilizing Machine courtesy of Beit trust. The machine is used to sterilize equipment and linen for all department at the hospital. The machine is vital in ensuring infection prevention (IP) in hospital setting. The machine works a lot faster, and processes larger volume of materials. It is easier to maintain.

Internal Telephone System

The hospital is grateful to Mourne Presbyterian Church for installing an internal telephone system at the hospital. The system has connected offices, houses of staff responsible for emergency calls and houses of senior members of staff. The system is connecting to 28 points. This will ease communication problem and eventually improve efficiency.

New staff members joining the hospital

Mr Godfrey Mkandawire, Chief Ophthalmic Clinical therapist has joined the Ophthalmic department on three years long fixed contract.



Mr Innocent Kayura has completed Nurse Midwifery Technician Diploma. Subject to passing his final examinations he will be promoted to Nurse Midwife Technician

Tree planting

The Dowd's family have for a second year running supported tree planting at Livingstonia Mission. Apart from planting around the hospital the seedlings have also been distributed to the Schools around the plateau and the water source. Three community based clubs have been set up and supported with materials for purposes of producing seedlings. So far 31,000 seedlings have been distributed. Two-thirds of the seedlings were produced by the clubs.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

“..Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..”

Mathews 6 v 33

Good News Bible Version

Readers response

Readers are encouraged to comment on issues raised in this Newsletter.

Please kindly inform us if you know someone who may be interested in this Newsletter. Do not hesitate to inform us if you do not need another copy of this Newsletter in future.

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PHC PROVIDES A BOREHOLE TO MDIMWA

The Primary Health Care (PHC) Department has sunk a borehole at Mdimwa. The borehole has been funded in memory of Fredah Hana. The work has costed MK1.2m. It is expected to serve about 300 families. It will compliment a Shallow Well that was protected in the area by the same department. This well operates on seasonal basis. Mdimwa area is largely inhabited by tobacco growing tenants. It is deprived of many basic services. The PHC is running mobile antenatal clinic in the area.

STAFF HOUSING HAS REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE

Shortage of accommodation has reached a critical stage. Fourteen members of staff are failing to report for duties due to acute shortage of accommodation. The staff members in question include Medical Doctor, Clinical Officer, Nurses, etc. The hospital is currently constructing a low-cost house with support from Mourne Presbyterian Church.



CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL AMBULANCE

The hospital is grateful to Macnair Trust for a donation of funds to procure vehicle spares. The spares have since been procured. Maintenance of vehicles ambulance constitutes the biggest overhead expenditure. The condition of our road network has takes a toll on our ambulances. Our catchment area is largely unserved by public transport. Patients are ferried to and from the hospital using the ambulance. Three regular trips each covering a distance of twenty kilometres are made every week for the purpose. The vehicle is also used for routine visits to all health centres under the Hospital. Emergency calls for ambulance services are received on daily basis.

Toyota Land cruiser has proved reliable to use as ambulance in the area. The one currently in use is over 6 years old. It is assisted by a Tata station wagon which is economical but has proved difficult to maintain considering the rugged terrain in our catchment area.

The hospital wish to extend sincere appreciation to Mourne Presbyterian Church for working tirelessly towards the procurement of a brand new ambulance.

In the same vein, the hospital extend appreciation to the Dowd's family for raising funds to improve the condition of road surface. The family using funds from Craigavon Presbyterian Church and their own contributions have applied



quarry stones and gravel to some parts of the road. The road to Livingstonia plateau gets very slippery during the rainy season. The work is still in progress.

