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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

PRAYER ITEMS

- We praise God for the continued financial support from Livingstonia Hospital Partnership coming to us on quarterly basis.
- We thank God for the gifts of Oxygen Concentrator and Glostavent complete anaesthesia system from The Macnair Medical Mission Trust Fund.
- We are praying for the family of our medical doctor, Lyn Dowds who are currently in Northern Ireland on deputation.
- We pray that God grants us means to procure a new vehicle ambulance to work with the one we have which requires major repairs.
- We are praying for continuation of rains so that the food situation in the whole country can improve.
- We are praying for an improvement in the country financial affairs so that commodity price can stabilize.
- We pray that God continues to provide for our patients, most of them are struggling with the prevailing food shortage and financial hardship the country is going through such that they are unable to pay hospital bill.

MALARIA SEASON

Once again this malaria season has been busy with many patients admitted with severe malaria especially in children's ward. The malaria often leads to severe anaemia needing urgent blood transfusions. Unfortunately our blood bank is in Mzuzu, 3hour drive away so we still need relatives or students to donate blood.



We are delighted to have an experienced Laboratory Technician again in the Hospital, many more tests can be done provided we have reagents.

Mean while in the last quarter (January to March)the hospital has seen 3,717 outpatients and 840 inpatients. 167 theatre operations have been conducted 71 being major ones.

FOOD SCARCITY



This a very difficult time for many as there is little food because the rains were intermittent and inadequate last season resulting in a very poor harvest countrywide. The government is helping in some areas with free food as well as giving food for work. People are walking long distances in search of food.

Thanks to the support of many friends in Mourne Presbyterian church we in DGMH were able to distribute food to the needy in some areas. Our very sincere thanks.

Last week end Josephine noticed a couple of women gathering firewood near her home. After she greeted and chatted to them and then felt compelled to offer them some green vegetables from her garden, the women were amazed and thanked God and then began to tell the story. They were gathering firewood to keep themselves warm as they had no food. God had answered their prayers and they were very excited and said that now they know there is really a God who cares and answers prayer! Josephine was able to help them



SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

**‘Peace be with you.
As the father sent
me, so I send you’**

**John 20 v 21
Good News Bible**

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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NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF



Mr John Kalua has joined the hospital in the capacity of Principal Hospital Administrator (PHA). He has joined from internal Synod Audit department. Where he has served for over twenty years. He has headed the department for over five years. He is not new to our hospital for he worked here before he was appointed to join the Audit department in 1992. The office of the PHA fell vacant after the retirement of Mr Luhana

The hospital has new accountant, Mr. Lwitikano Mbalwe. Mr. Mbalwe joins from Embangweni Hospital. He holds a bachelors degree of Accountancy. Mr Mbalwe has replaced Mr. Uthant Malema who has since retired.



We are grateful for the services of Dr Peter Finch an experienced medical doctor who has been with us for two months.

Also the hospital has a new chaplain, Evangelist Ngwira from Ekwendeni Hospital. He has replaced Rev Kayuni who has been posted to church ministry. Last but not least three new nurses have joined the hospital straight from College namely Symon Nkhandwe, Nthandose Nkhandwe and Gloria Nyasulu.



Donation of Desktop Computer-We are grateful for a timely donation of two desktop computers courtesy of Mourne Presbyterian Church and The Livingstonia Hospital Partnership. The computers have been put to the Accounts department.

Patient's transport-The hospital operations have been affected by the condition of the vehicle ambulance. The vehicle is worn out and requires massive repairs. This is partly due to the condition of the roads. The vehicle goes to Chitimba on Monday and Friday to collect patients and deliver those that have been discharged from the hospital. On Thursday the vehicle goes to Lura (the other direction) for the same purpose. But it is also used to respond to emergency calls from all over the catchment area.

In the rainy season (October to May) road network in our catchment area can be quite tricky due to heavy rains. Most areas are rendered inaccessible. Those that remain accessible do so using very rough roads. This takes a toll on our vehicles. This requires that our vehicle should be well maintained but the hospital can not afford to do so with the currently financial constraints.

Mean while in a bid to improve communication with Tcharo Health Centre the hospital has relocated one boat ambulance to the area. Time taken to refer patients from Tcharo and Zunga Health post will be reduced hence improve patient care.