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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

NATIONAL AIDS COMMISSION HAS DONATED A NEW VEHICLE

PRAYER ITEMS...

- Pray that current staffing level should improve.
- Pray for our colleagues Mrs Una Brownlie and Mrs Josephine Soko who are visiting partner churches and groups in Northern Ireland
- Thank God for the visit of James Wells and Chris Mackay from EMMS.
- Thank God for the rains that have started to come. We have experienced a dry spell in the past five weeks so much so that crops have been destroyed in other parts of our catchment area.

The Hospital has received a donation of Land Cruiser Vehicle from National AIDS Commission (NAC) through Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM). The vehicle is designated for HIV/AIDS programme. We are grateful to NAC and CHAM for this timely donation. Transport is the single most hindrance faced by our hospital in delivering health services. Our catchment area is largely without proper road network.

The HIV/AIDS Programme



conducts HIV Counselling and Testing, ARV outreach Clinics, HIV/AIDS home-based and Orphan support. The coming of this vehicle will go along way in improving the department's efficiency in carrying out its activities. The hospital is currently administering ARV drugs to 679 registered patients. (267 male, 405 non-pregnant women and

7 pregnant women).

In the past CHAM donated an ambulance to the hospital. It also supported protection of Shallow wells and Food security programme by initiating Community Based Sustainable Nutrition project and Home Garden Project.



THE MODERATOR CHEERED PATIENTS ON CHRISTMAS

The Moderator of Livingstonia Synod of Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Rev Maxwell Mezuwa Banda visited our hospital to cheer the sick a day before Christmas. He was accompanied by the Synod Acting Director of Health Services, Mr Geoffrey Mwala, the Parish Minister of Livingstonia Congregation, Rev Steven Botha and the representatives of the local Session and the Vestry.

During his visit he distributed gifts to 54 in-patients in the four wards at the time. The hospital complimented by giving out various items to patients. The moderator also took time to address the staff on the challenges that they face as the carry on the healing ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All members of staff were pleased to welcome the Moderator and his entourage on the day. This was expressed in the speech by the Acting Medical Officer In-Charge, Mr Penjani Sichinga.

On Christmas eve staff and their families joined guardians in singing Christmas carols and bible sharing with patients.

The hospital through the Primary Health Care department also distributed various Christmas gifts to 120 families looking after orphans in the catchment area.

Christmas is an annual event when Christian community world over commemorate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.



SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

"... Your word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path.."

Psalms 119 v 105

COMMUNITY BASED SUSTAINABLE NUTRITION PROJECT (CBSNP) IS PHASING OUT

The CBSN Project phased out at the end of last year. The project was targeting 1200 vulnerable households (underweight, orphans, lactating mothers and people Living with HIV/AIDS) in Livingstonia and Luwuchi areas. Its primary concept was community empowerment through hands-on training for community volunteers and beneficiaries families using locally available resources. The trainings covered areas of Food security, Nutrition education, Gender and Human rights. Beneficiary households were supplied with basic agricultural inputs, tools, supplementary feed and technical expertise.



The Project was funded by European Union through Danish Church Aid and coordinated by CHAM. It was carried out in the catchment areas of Luwuchi Health Centre and DGM Hospital. It was also carried out in 10 other CHAM facilities in the country.

So far all of the children who attended community feeding centres established by this project were rehabilitated, 13 community kitchens have been established and supplied with cooking materials and start-up agricultural inputs. 199 goats, 450 chickens and 128 rabbits have been issued to beneficiary house holds.

The project supplemented already existing Food Security and Nutrition projects .

Readers Response

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

Please let us know if you know someone who may be interested in receiving this Newsletter. Do not hesitate to inform us if you do not want another edition of this Newsletter in future.

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STAFF PROFILE: SAM KALIKISKA MSISKA

Sam Kalikiska Msiska joined the hospital in April 2008 as Hospital Attendant in Male Ward. As Hospital Attendant he is responsible for cleaning the ward, making beds, moving dirty linen to the laundry and wheeling patients that can not walk and welcoming new patients.



What a challenge! Sam has lived up to the expectations of his duties. He is always there when needed.

Joining the hospital is a dream come true, he is currently studying

to improve his academic grades to qualify for nursing training.

Before he joined the hospital he was the Manager at the Demonstration Farm at Livingstonia Secondary School. He is qualified bricklayer, the skills he uses during spare times.

He is 39 years old and married to Lizie Mhango with whom he has one boy aged 11. Sam originally comes from Mkandapasi Village in Livingstonia area.

He is a devoted member of CCAP Church.