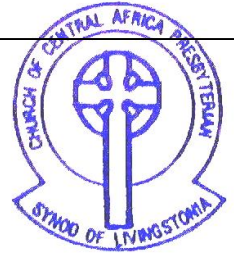


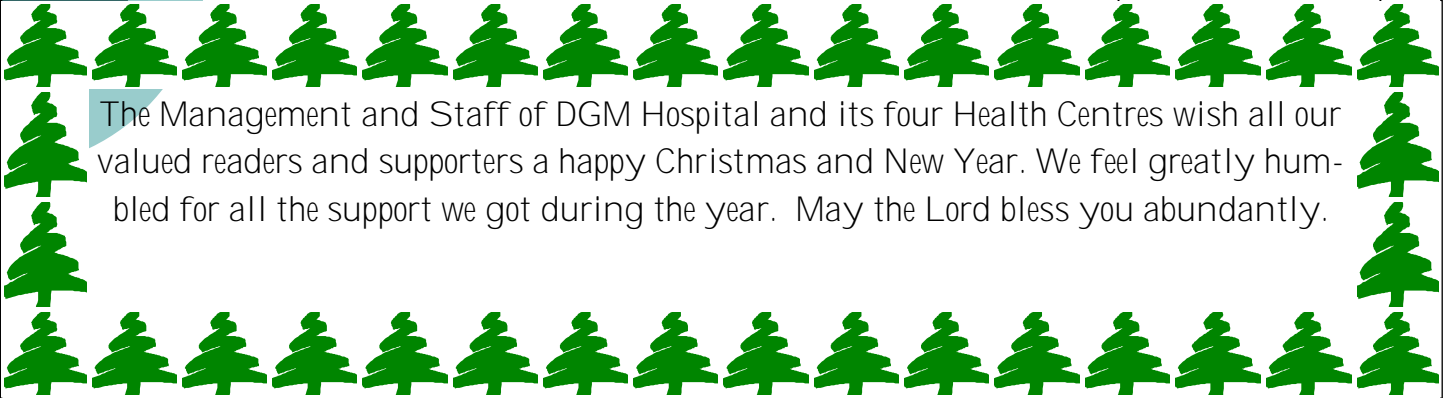
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The Management and Staff of DGM Hospital and its four Health Centres wish all our valued readers and supporters a happy Christmas and New Year. We feel greatly humbled for all the support we got during the year. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

PRAYER ITEMS...

- Pray that the hospital recovers from current financial crisis.
- Pray that Robertson and family adapts and settles down to the new work environment at Ekwendeni
- Thank the Lord for the peace prevailing among our staff at this time of economic hardships and pray that we may find a lasting solution to the problem
- Pray that we find a clinician to man Tcharo Health Centre
- Pray for Francis Zakazaka (boatman) and his family as they come to terms with the death of the father.



THE PLIGHT OF ORPHANED TWINS

Goli and Sinya (local names for twins) were tragically empty of security and affection, which are normal birth rights of a child. When these twins were only 30 minutes of age their mother died. The father died when the mother was two months pregnant. In their time of tragedy the PHC has started supporting these children with milk, clothes blanket and now they are filled with hope. The PHC programme will be supporting these children and family with food every month. Today these children are two weeks old and improving greatly. However this is a long journey and needs much support.



PENJANI SICHINGA TAKES OVER AS HOSPITAL INCHARGE

Penjani Kaponda Sichinga has been appointed the Acting Hospital In-Charge. He has taken over from Robertson Gondwe who has been transferred to another Synod Hospital at Ekwendeni. Robertson Gondwe will be remembered for his hard working spirit and strong faith in the Lord. We wish him God's blessings as he continues to serve in the healing ministry.

Penjani has taken the leadership of a hospital at a time when our hospital is experiencing critical financial and staff shortage. We are mindful that Tcharo Health Centre has gone without a clinician for close to four years now. That all hospital staff members have taken salary reductions in order to enable the hospital sustain its services. It is our prayer that God will grant him the wisdom to reverse this situation.

Penjani joined DGM hospital in September 2004 as a Senior Clinical Officer. He is a holder of Diploma in Clinical Medicine obtained from Malawi College of Health Science. During his time at this hospital he has also completed on the job training in Surgical skills conducted by the Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM). He attended Developing Health Course at Oakhill University in London courtesy of the Livingstonia Hospital Partnership in Northern Ireland. He was the staff representative in the Hospital Executive Committee. He is certified Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) provider, Palliative care and Medical Council of Malawi Continuing Profession Development (CPD) focal person at the hospital.

Penjani was born in 1972. He is married to Elube, a nurse by profession. They are blessed with a daughter, Walinase.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

"...The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God...."

Luke 1v 35

NIV Study BIBLE

CERVICAL CANCER CLINIC COVERAGE FOR THE APRIL TO SEPT 2009

Initial Visits.....	130
VIA positive.....	18
Large Lesions.....	15
Suspected Cancer.....	7
Cryotherapy.....	0

Readers Response

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

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PHARMACY DEPARTMENT - is a central focus of the hospital and a busy department. Keeping essential drugs and medical supplies always available is ongoing challenge. Mr Griffin Phetembe Mkandawire and Melayi Mhango faithfully work and carry out this responsibility. They also serve OPD patients, the wards (in-patients) and four static health centres with drugs and other medical supplies.



We spend £2,500 monthly on these essential drugs and, medical supplies. 60 percent of the funds we use to procure drugs comes from donations. All patients are expected to cover the cost of their treatment except the maternity clients. No one is turned away without drugs because of money. We try to keep a good Samaritan fund to support those unable to pay i.e. orphans, very poor and vulnerable etc. The maternity clients-presently the government has made an agreement saying they will cover all costs of maternity cases. We trust this agreement will continue.

STAFF PROFILE: GIBSON THENDA

We have been joined by a new Clinical Officer Gibson Thenda. Mr Thenda has just completed internship obligation at a government hospital.

He is holder of a diploma in clinical Medicine from Malamulo Col-



Gibson Thenda

lege of Health Sciences. His training was fully supported by DGM Hospital with funding from DRM Medical Trust. He benefited from hospital staff retention plan that involved identifying

qualified Secondary School leavers or existing staff to be trained in health related courses. He joins Festus Nyangu and Jonathan who obtained diplomas in clinical laboratory and Nurse Midwifery respectively under the same scheme.

As a General Clinical Officer his responsibilities include conducting Ward rounds, surgical procedures screening patients among others. He joins a pool of four clinicians (two general clinical officers, an orthopedic clinical officer and an anesthetic clinical officer).

Gibson is twenty-eight years old. He comes from Livingstonia (Kabundi Village).