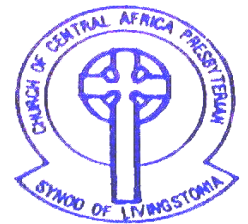


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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

## MRS UNA BROWNLIE



Mrs Una Brownlie, an expatriate Nurse has returned to Northern Ireland after working at this hospital for along time.

She is a true symbol of the Brownlie family, a family that has given up everything for the good of people of

Livingstonia. We are grateful to have worked with such a loving, selfless family.

She will be remembered for her hospitality opening her house to all, local people and overseas visitors alike.

Apart from working as a fulltime nurse she was also involved in various community-based activities i.e. orphan care, food security. She was instrumental in raising funds for such projects. It is our sincere hope that she will continue to champion the cause of this hospital.

## STAFF PROFILE: George Simwaba



For the first time the hospital has a full-time Radiography Technician ,meaning that the department is now fully operational. The department is manned by George Simwaba aged 29years. Since his coming attendance in the department has increased from an average of 40 per

month to 60 per month.

He has been trained with funding from EMMS (Scotland) . He joined the hospital in May 2013.

George says he is happy with the equipment in the department however one scanner is damaged and needs repair.

Since he has just come from school he can benefit from interaction with fellow professional in radiology. He can be contacted through hospital emails.



## HOSPITAL BENEFIT FROM A FUNRUN

The hospital is grateful to the Nations Publications Limited for organizing a fun run in order to support hospitals and health centers in Rumphi District.

The donation was extended to our hospital. This is an annual event drawing participants from all over the country.

The hospital among other things received the following items; Oxygen Concentrator, Blankets, Washing powder and Bathing Soap. The donation will go along way in meeting the needs of the patients in the hospital.

Nation Publication Limited is a leading local newspaper company in Malawi.

## MOURNE CHURCH TILES FEMALE



A work party from Mourne Presbyterian Church has tiled the floor of Female Ward at our hospital. This has greatly improved the general outlook of the ward. A tiled floor

meets the Infection Prevention and Control standards set by the Medical Council of Malawi.

Health service seeking behavior is prevalent among women hence, this ward is the second busiest. It was necessary that the floor be tiled for ease of cleaning. This ward is housed in main hospital block built in 1910.

The ward has a capacity of 30 beds with an average occupancy rate of 20.



The Hospital executive Committee is grateful to Mourne for their usual support.

## SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels.., shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**Romans 8 v 38**

**New Testament**

**Authorised (King James) 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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## ORPHAN AND VULNERABLE CHILD CARE AND SUPPORT

Precious Nyondo, an orphan has graduated with a Bachelors degree of Accountancy from the University of Malawi. The boy has grown up in child headed family after the death of both parents. This has come as a great relief to his family.



The program has also identified another orphan baby named Yohane. The mother of the boy died a few days after the baby was born. The baby will be looked after by a step grand mother quite advanced in age. The family survives on subsistence farming. The baby has joined a family of 13 other children under the care of the

grandmother. The assistance from the hospital will go along way in ensuring the survival of the child because the family is already struggling to make ends meet. Without the hospital's support the family may coup with the needs of the baby. The assistance is extended to mothers that lack the capacity to care for their children.



The Primary Health Care department of the hospital supports orphans with infant milk, clothing, housing, and school fees etc. This is made possible with funding from overseas partners, churches and friends.

## NCA PROJECT AT TCHARO HEALTH CENTRE

Tcharo Health Centre will receive a facelift from Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). NCA through CHAM will construct maternity wing, two staff houses, incinerator, guardian shelter and improve water system powered by solar. Construction has already started. The project is aimed at improving access to quality health care in Tcharo area. It is targeting women of children bearing age, under fives, and pregnant women. Tcharo is the least accessible of all our health centres. It can only be reached by boat.

## CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING GAINS GROUND AT THE HOSPITAL



Winiwa Msiska aged 55 years is one of the many women who have benefitted from the introduction of cervical cancer screening services at the hospital. She was diagnosed with the disease and was successfully operated on. She is now a living testimony of the fruits of this service. It is her confession that all the pain that she was experiencing is gone and that she is willing to sensitise other women on the need to be tested for cervical cancer.

Since January this year 245 women have attended the clinic at the hospital, 226 of these women tested negative.