

**SPIRITUAL
GUIDANCE**

*‘And behold,
you will con-
ceive your
womb and
bring forth a
son and shall
call his name
JESUS’.*

Luke 1 v 31

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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DONATION OF PUSH BIKES

The Hospital is grateful for the donation of 18 push bikes bought with funding from Mourne Presbyterian church. The bikes will be used by shallow well Care takers. These are community members who volunteer to be trained in basic maintenance and repair of shallow wells.



These Volunteers cover a vast area and this will improve their mobility. They are ten caretaker operating in the catchment area.

MATERNITY

There has been increase in number of expectant mothers coming to access Antenatal care services at the hospital. This has forced other expectant women to sleep on mattresses in the corridors.

VISITORS

The hospital received visitors in the month of September 2014. The Magherafelt group, from Northern Ireland comprised retired Doctors. They assisted in lectures and training of health and non health workers in cardio pulmonary resuscitation(CPR) and first aid. For continuity, the group also trained 3 staff as trainer of trainers.

There was also another group called Focus on Malawi; comprising eye specialists from England and headed by Sue Kevan and Carolyn Sheldrick .They donated an operating microscope for eye surgery called George. The group have plans for developing Eye department to do cataract and other surgery in the future.

HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURES

The hospital has recently been involved in renovation and construction of some infrastructures. Renovation of Canadian Ward at the Maternity has involved floor tiling, ceiling, plumbing and replacement of drainage system. Other renovations have included nine staff houses with funds from Carmduff. There has also been Construction of Laboratory/X-ray Walk way with funding from Centre for Disease Control. In appreciation of the construction of the Walkway, the Radiographer Technician had this to say “Getting wet when going to the Laboratory and X-Ray Department will be the story of the past”.

NEW STAFF

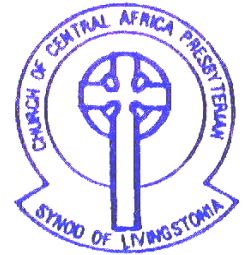
The Hospital has recruited 6 Nurses, 1 Clinical Officer and 2 Accounts Staff. This recruitment has reduced existing shortage of staff. This has put pressure on housing situation at the hospital such that five Nurses and one Clinical Officer and one Accountant assistant are staying in rented houses outside the hospital premises.

VOTE OF THANKS

Management, staff and community are very grateful for all the support rendered by development partners. May God bless them all.

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PRAYER ITEMS.

- Pray for the bereaved family of Austin Mhango so that they may find peace in the Lord.
- Pray that the financial situation of the hospital may improve so that the staff should be getting salaries in time.
- Thank God for prevailing peace and tranquility amongst staff.

FUNDRAISING FOR MODERATOR'S INITIATIVE FOR HEALTH

As part of synod Moderator's fundraising initiative for health the hospital organized a social weekend. The activities including 5km fun run, tug of war, children races and football.

The attendance was good and it attracted people of all ages. Funds amounting to MK88,190.00 were raised. The money to be used in three synod hospitals addressing specific needs each hospital.

To continue with the activity a dinner will be held in the second week of November.



STAFFING SITUATION AT TCHARO HEALTH CENTRE

Mr. Mcpherson Nyirongo, Senior Medical Assistant at Tcharo Health Centre has resigned from employment leaving the Health Centre without a Medical Assistant. The Centre had only one Medical Assistant and a Nurse Midwife Technician. The Nurse is on temporary arrangement. This leaves the Health Centre without permanent member of staff.

Tcharo is situated 37 kilometers from the nearest Health Centre and only accessible by boat. The place has no social amenities to support day to day life; making it is very hard attract staff for the place.

OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow that the Hospital has lost one of its staff member , Mr Austine Mhango. He died on 23rd October 2014 at DGM Hospital.

He joined the hospital in 2003.He was working until his death as Food Security Officer under PHC department.

