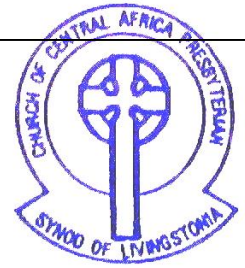


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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

## PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray for wisdom in the running of the Hospital
- Pray that the problem on the Boat ambulance may be sorted out and that funds may be found to repair Vehicle used for mobile Under five clinics.
- Pray that we may find a Medical Assistant for Mlowe Health Centre
- Thank God for the support we got from Scottish work party that worked on Orphan houses and the visit of team of medical specialist lead by Dr Alan Poots



## MEDICAL CARE AT DGM HOSPITAL

Palliative care "Frank" is terminally ill and bed ridden. He was very grateful for the support of Palliative Care team when they visited him recently. He was in much pain and was given stronger pain relief. He was amazed that they would trouble to come and visit him in his poor home. He said "who am I that you should come" ...they were able to spend time to pray and share God's word with him. As they left they gave him a Bible. He was overjoyed and very excited as he or his family had never owned a Bible...it was a very moving experience. He explained they only read God's word when they attended church. He had little of this world's goods but his joy was full when he received God's precious word.

Measles outbreak We have an outbreak of Measles country wide and many deaths have been reported. A campaign was organized to vaccinate all children 15 years and below some weeks ago. We are still admitting children and adults with the complications of measles. Sadly one young mother who was admitted, died 2 days later leaving a 6 month old baby.

Maternity Ward has been very busy and we have had a number of

twin deliveries. Sadly some of our ante natal mothers still take "African medicine" to try assist Labour with disastrous effects. A few days ago a mother having her first baby took the medicine and had to go to theatre for delivery but sadly her baby did not survive.



## DEVELOPMENT

Ambulance-Praise God for the gift of a new ambulance from Donnelly Brothers, Dungannon through Presbyterian Church in Ireland. We are delighted and deeply grateful, thank you. The vehicle is very economical on fuel which is an added blessing. God's timing is always perfect-our ambulance has been in the garage now for some weeks. His faithfulness endures forever.

Container-An Irish container arrived very recently and we are grateful to all who have collected packed, knitted and sent out all the

medical supplies and beautiful knitted baby clothes. The mothers are delighted and thank you very much for your kindness and love

Maternity extension-Also the work continue on the extension of maternity and we are very grateful to Old Park PC, Mourne, others who are supporting this project. We expect a work party from Mourne on 2nd October to continue work.

# DGM HOSPITAL-SYNOD OF LIVINGSTONIA

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*"...Not by might,  
nor by power, but  
by my spirit, saith  
the Lord of hosts."*

Zechariah 4 v 6b

Holy Bible

## 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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## COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Orphan Care–Mrs Josephine Soko, Orphan care Coordinator, continues to support many orphan and the number of orphan continues to grow. Four girls were left alone and homeless two weeks ago when their mother died, their father had died some two months earlier. They were brought to the hospital for help in poor condition. After bathing, clothing and feeding them Josephine was able to make the necessary decisions about their future care. One of the extended family will care for them with support from the hospital. Thank you for your continued support so this is possible.



Income Generating Activities (IGA)-Earlier this year we began an IGA for orphan support. The Hospital Management opened a coffee/craft shop– it is becoming a centre for visitors and the local community to meet and share experiences as well as providing refreshments, snacks and crafts. Already it is making a little contribution to the support of the orphan under the Primary Health Care programmes at the hospital.

Shallow wells-This year we have heard from over 40 villages asking for assistance to help them have clean and safe water. So far PHC have resources to supply only 16 of these requests. Shallow wells protection takes place from August to December every year. One Shallow Well cost £250 and will give 100 people

## DEMONSTRATION FARM

Demonstration Farm– A bull has finally been procured to service our two Cows at the demonstration farm. We envisage to produce milk in substantial amount to complement the supplies in Livingstonia.



We also rear broilers chickens for sale to community. Apart from the dairy cows the farm has fish ponds, Coffee trees, Banana Nursery and Vegetable garden. The Farm exists to set standards for the local farmers to follow.

## STAFF TURNOVER

We have been joined by four new members of staff: one laboratory Technician and three nurses technician. 2 of them were sponsored to train by the hospital to train.

On a sad note though two nurses; Wongani Kondowe (Matron) and Mrs Judith Luhana have resigned.

We are expecting a Welsh doctor and his wife to come and work for 6 months.

Number of staff in critical positions is still below average. Mlowe Health Centre is without Medical Assistant..