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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

PRAYER ITEMS

- Thank God for the many blessings we enjoyed in 2010 and pray that this year maybe another good year
- Thank God for the new hospital staff (Tijanane, Fortune, Rev Kayuni and Paul) and pray that they all settle down well
- Pray for the families whose houses were affected by the rain-storm in Livingstonia area

THE SYNOD MODERATOR CHEERED THE SICK ON CHRISTMAS



The Synod Moderator, Rev Clifford Baloyi cheered the sick at our hospital. He also conducted service of worship at the hospital that was attended by staff , patients and orphans. After the service he officially opened the

Christmas gifts giving ceremony to the orphans and elderly families. The PHC department on Christmas prepares gifts for the orphans and elderly families.



YEAR 2010 IN BRIEF

Patient Care-10,985 patients came to our Out Patient Department in the year, Most of them presented with Malaria and Pnuemonia. 709 deliveries were carried in our Maternity ward, 172 of which were Ceasarian Sections. Artificial Respiratory Infections and Diarrhoea were the highest causes of death.

Our ability to ferry patients was dealt a heavy blow by an road accident involving our new ambulance. It is still in the Garage at the moment. In the course of the year we received a donation of an ambulance from Donnely Brothers, Dungannon through PCI for wish we are very grateful.

HIV/AIDS Program-Routine ARV Clinic continued to be carried out in all Health Centres and the main hospital. 395 registered clients are benefit ting from the service at the hospital. A new HIV Testing and Counseling site was set up at Kaziwiziwi, some 12 km South West of the Mission Station. Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission initiative has continued.

Children's hygiene and sanitation- We are undertaking an ecological sanitation project in school and surrounding villages. Over the past year 61 school latrines, 101 household composting latrines, 330 Arborloos and 94 children latrines were built. The Field Officer was also involved in promotion of hygiene practices in all schools and surrounding areas

Malaria Control and Prevention-During the year 2010. The hospital is implementing free Insecticides Treated Nets (ITNs) distribution program. A total of 3,180 nets were distributed to babies and pregnant women. We are also selling Nets to the general community.

Building construction-We continued with construction of staff house complex. Major staff house repairs involved the refurbishment of three staff houses. Construction of extension to Maternity Ward commenced.



SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

‘But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ’

Ephesians 4 v 4

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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CURRENT EVENTS-



We have been greatly challenged by Measles in our catchment area. The disease has affected almost the whole country resulting in country-wide vaccination campaign against the disease. A village called Chakaka

situated in the north-western part of our catchment area has registered the recent victims. Health personnel situated in the villages have been engaged in sensitizing the communities in the dangers of the disease.

Our **Childrens ward** -has experienced an upsurge in number of patients admission. The average number of inpatients has risen to about 48 from the usual average of 25. This largely attributed to the onset of rain season when the time when the incidences of Malaria is normally on the rise.

Hospital chaplain-We have been joined by a new Chaplain , Rev FPE Kayuni. He has joined us from Nthungwa Congregation. He has replaced Rev Victor Mwenebwiba, who has gone back to congregational pastoring in Mzimba District.



Mlowe Health Centre- Mr Wellington Kalua, Medical Assistant has joined Mlowe Health Centre. He replaces late Elias Nyasulu who passed away last year. Since then the health centre was only operating with one enrolled nurse midwife.

Patient’s transport-Golodi, the road that links Livingstonia to the main road has been closed for repairs. The government had engaged a contractor to lay concrete on some sharp corners. The development has rendered our hospital almost inaccessible since patients are now being picked from Mchenga coal mine, some 56km away from Livingstonia on a much slippery road than Golodi.

We are grateful to Mourne Presbyterian Churn in Northern Ireland for funding construction of a borehole at Manchewe Primary School. The borehole will serve the entire village of Manchewe.