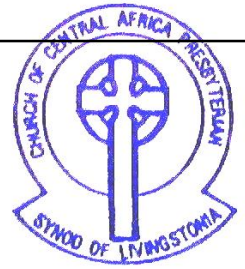


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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray for EMMS as they prepare for bike ride that will benefit our hospital
- Pray for Nyasulu's family. He was the Chief Clinical Officer at Mlowe Health Centre he died following short illness which still an employee of the hospital.
- Pray for the family of Nelton Harawa a Security Guard at Mlowe Health Centre who has been unwell for two months.
- Thank God for the many blessings He bestows on our hospital

Let me share with you the letter of appreciation from Mr Mc William Kalua. He was supported by Primary Health Care Department with fees during his Secondary School education and part of his University studies.

" In a special way I would like to thank the PHC and the donors for the support they have given to me during my secondary education and some assistance when I was at the University. Your support was not taken for granted but assisted a lot for making me who I am today. In showing my appreciation I have decided to work with DGM Hospital for a while.

I am 27 years old. I come from Mlowe in Rumphu District. Both my parents died when I was less than five years old. I have been brought up by a relative, Nyathawe Nyirenda who is now my mother.

I did my primary school education at Mlowe Full Primary School from Standard 1 to 8 and in 2001 I was selected to start my Secondary School education at Livingstonia Secondary

School. I had no school fees and the mother I was staying with could not afford to pay the school fees. I was very worried for my future but through the grace of the Lord the PHC accepted to pay school fees which included Tuition, Boarding and examination fees from form 1 to Form 4.

Lastly I want to request the donors who assisted me through my education to do the same to other needy students....."

The hospital supports orphans from one day old to Secondary School. In some cases support is extended to enable them complete tertiary education. So far the hospital has over 6,450 registered orphans and supporting about 3,000 orphans.



Mc Williams Kalua

OUR LABOR WARD IS BEING EXTENDED-The hospital with support of Churches in Northern Ireland has embarked on extension to our maternity unit. The project will take place in two phases. Currently the foundation stage is underway. It is supervised by Mr Robert James from Mourne. We are very grateful to Mourne and others for their support for this project

Our staff in the maintenance department are very grateful for his support and his willingness to share his technical skills with them.

The extension will give us modern labour ward, nursery, sluice and admission rooms.

WOMEN CLUBS HAVE RECEIVED SEWING MACHINES-

Thank you to those in Ballymena area in N. Ireland who has supplied our women's groups with sewing machines.

Now there are being taught tailoring as well as other skills like tie and dye, child care, mat making etc. The programme is coordinated by the Maternal and Child Health department of the hospital. Your support is much appreciated.



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SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

" For If you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the jews from another place. . .yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time. . . "

Esther 4 v 14

Holy Bible

SCHOOL SANITATION PROGRAMME



LURA Primary School pupils participate in "school beautification program". The programme is part of the School sanitation programme funded by Water AID through Synod Water and Sanitation department and DGM Hospital. It is carried out in schools around Livingstonia

area. The programme aims to use pupils to initiate change in sanitation practices in the catchment area. This is achieved by introduction of ecological friendly latrines. The project is taking place in all primary Schools in the catchment area. The project also supports use of organic manure for agricultural cultivation. This practice is cheap as compared to use of inorganic fertilizer. It is also economical in use of land since the same pit can be excavated and reused instead of digging another pit.

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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THE EFFECTS OF CULTURAL PRACTICES IN MATERNAL HEALTH DELIVERY

A patient from the Phoka hills was carried into our maternity unit a few week ago by the " African Helicopter" i.e a team of men carrying the patient in a blanket tied to a bamboo stick on their shoulders as they run down the mountain.

The patient had been in labour for some days. On admission she was rushed to theater but sadly her baby did not survive.

Some women in our catchment area are unable to come to hospital when

they are ill or in labour due to cultural beliefs and practices sadly leading to much unnecessary suffering.

Despite some complications the patient is making a steady recovery.

Your support and prayers helps us to treat and care for such complicated cases.