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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

MOURNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS DONATED BLANKETS FOR PATIENTS-

The hospital has used a donation from Mourne Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland to buy Blankets for the Wards. This is a timely donation, since May to July is the cold season in Malawi and Livingstonia is one of the coldest places in the Country. 90 Blankets have been procured and ready for use in all Wards at the hospital.



EMMS BIKE RIDE

We are grateful to EMMS for organizing a bike ride in Malawi. The ride was organized in order to raise funds for David Gordon Memorial Hospital.



We feel indebted to all who took part in the activity. We thank the Lord for the safety of the riders. EMMS are a long time partner of our hospital.

UPDATE OF HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES

Cervical Cancer Clinic-twenty-seven women turned up for cervical screening. Only one woman tested positive. The service targets Women of Child Bearing Age (15 to 45 years). Cervical cancer is a slow killer if not detected early. In early stages the disease is treated by Cryotherapy.

HIV/AIDS Program- The hospital is conducting a door to door HIV testing campaign . Already the exercise has taken place at Nkhota, a remote village situated north-eastern corner of the catchment area. The initiative is funded by Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM) with support from Centre for Disease Control. 231 people visited HIV/AIDS Testing and Counseling (HCT) centre. 148 women and 83 men represent the figure, 2 women and 2 men tested positive. 12 new clients (6 men and 6 women) have been registered. 18 clients are on CPT

PLWAs support-Two groups dealing in Income Generating Activities have been formed at Chiweta and Thekero. The support groups have been styled Tavisanga and Thekero respectively. The groups are composed of people who are living with the HIV virus and have volunteered to champion the fight against HIV. Each has been given seed money amounting to MK100,000.00 approximately GBE400 each..

Theatre extension-The hospital is grateful for support from Carryduff Presbyterian Church. The church funded extension of Theatre to include a CSSD. Carryduff is alongtime friend of this hospital. A work party will come out in July to work on the same. Carryduff also built magnificent Guardian shelter at the hospital

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

'.....and again, I will put my trust in him. And again, behold I and the children which God hath given me.....'

Hebrews 2 v 13

Holy Bible

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-

Food Security-20 lead farmers have been trained in modern agricultural practices. The farmers were drawn from all over the catchment area. The training curriculum included Soils and water conservation, agro-forestry practices, record keeping, compost manure making. Recovery of seed from winter cropping is currently underway.

Tuberculosis-Eight new cases of Tuberculosis (TB) were registered. There was relapse case. Our TB Programme is supported by the National TB Program. One death has been registered. Fifty percent are also HIV positive, two of which are registered for Antiretroviral treatment.



Nutrition rehabilitation Unit– The Unit is responsible for rehabilitation of malnourished children aged five or below. Six children registered at the unit. One of them died, the rest were rehabilitated and have since been discharged. Fifty-eight children were referred for supplementary feeding. Thirty-nine children have since recovered.

Community-Based Sustainable Nutrition– This program uses locally available initiatives to rehabilitate malnourished children. A group has been set up at bale-Kajone to act as role model for the cause. Fifty beneficiaries have been trained at Mkandapasi and Mavumbanya Villages. Small livestock were issued to communities in the past. During the period in question follow up visits have been to 3 livestock beneficiaries.

Dr Stevenson visited us for three weeks. Dr Stevenson worked at this hospital as Medical Officer-In-Charge. She left the hospital in 2005, but she has continued to spare time every year to work with us. We are all very grateful for choosing to come out again, we look forward to her next visit.

Leopard attack-The hospital is treating two young men who survived an attack by a Leopard. The two come from a village laying on the boarder with Nyika National Park. The Boys went to check on the Goats some 50metres away from their home. The Leopard had already killed and eaten a Goat when the boys came on the seen. The boys suffered multiple wounds, but there are in stable condition. Nyika National Park is home a variety of wild life.

