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CONSULTANT-The support and professional skills of visiting consultants is a great encouragement to the hospital staff as well as the community.

Last week we had the voluntary services of consultant surgeon Dr Christina De wind (Holland) who worked tirelessly for 10 days operating daily and supporting nursing staff with patients follow up care. We thank God for her faithful services and encouragement.



COUNT DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Remember the hospital management team as we plan and prepare for our centenary celebration on 20th August this year. The celebration will among other include of worship Church and outdoor activities. We would encourage you to come and join us in Livingstonia n this memorable occasion. Please contact us by e-mail for more details of centenary celebration activities.

JANUARY TO MARCH IN REVIEW

Patient Care-3,585 patients came to our Out Patient Department over the period January to March 2011. Most of them presented with Malaria, Acute Respiratory Infection and Pneumonia. 153 deliveries were carried out in our Maternity Ward, 25 of which were Caesarian Sections.

Heavy rains have affected the hospital ability to reach out to most communities in the upland. The road which passes through the western side of the catchment area has been rendered impassable.

HIV/AIDS Program-Routine ARV Clinic continued to be carried out in all Health Centres and the main hospital. 25 new clients have been registered raising the number of registered clients benefitting from ARV services at the hospital to 419. One registered client died during the quarter.

Cervical cancer-20 clients visited the clinic in the quarter. 14 tested negative while 6 were suspected of cancer. The Clinic screens women for possible cervical infection that may lead to Cervical Cancer. In the initial stages the infection is curable but

Malaria Control and Prevention-During the quarter 2,251 malaria cases were seen. 1,135 were children below 5 years. Malaria can be fatal to expectant mothers, hence screened to ensure timely treatment. 22 expectant mothers were treated for malaria. The government runs a free net distribution to pregnant women, 279 were supplied with Nets.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life'

John 3 v 16

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-



2nd Measles Campaign-Following the outbreak of measles experienced toward the end of last year the hospital engaged in mass vaccination campaign targeting age 9 months to 15 years. 4,820 children were vaccinated. The children were drawn from around Livingstonia and Phoka area. Unlike in the previous

quarter the number of measles cases coming to the hospital has gone down.

Irrigation-fed farmers- The Primary Health Care department is supporting 129 farmers to grow crops using irrigation. The maize grown is now ready for harvesting, this will surely supplement rain-fed produce. This program is female dominated with 82 female members and 47 men. 92 farmers have been supplied with Banana suckers. These have been supplied from group nurseries established with support from the program.

The program is also supporting livestock farming. Two groups of People Living with HIV/AIDS will rear Pigs and Goats.

Conor and Louise (Wales)-Have been with us as volunteers for the past 6 months. Conor is a qualified medical doctor. Louise is a teacher working at Livingstonia Primary School as well as in Craftshop and Pharmacy. They have both contributed much to the care and support of wider community as well as their professional areas. Praise God for their commitment.

Childrens Sanitation and Hygiene-We are undertaking an ecological sanitation project in school and surrounding villages. 3 Fossa Latrines have been completed at Zowo School. 54 households have completed constructing Fossa Latrines in the catchment area. In order to ensure sustainability 20 Scouts groups and 100 school environment club members have been trained in excavation of latrines.



Natural disaster-This season the rains have been exceptionally heavy in some areas causing much damage to roads, Crops and homes. In an area 50 hectares of crops have been destroyed affecting 25 families. Homes have been destroyed, families left with nothing. Our community team was unable to reach a clinic at Phoka due to flooding and roads washed away. This community (Phoka) is cut off from health care. Patients have to be carried by African helicopter (in a blanket tied to bamboo poles) but often arrive late. Volunteers from the hospital as well as the community are working together to try and make a road again.