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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray that the hospital management continue to work in unity and love for the good of all staff and patient .
- Thank God for excellent work done in Maternity ward in August /September where 9 sets of twins have been delivered and all are doing fine
- We thank for the good work being carried out by Cervical Cancer team at the hospital. The team has seen the second highest number of clients in the country.
- Pray that the protection of shallow wells should proceed as planned. So far 10 shallow wells have been completed.

TRIPLETS

Our greatest delights is to tell a mother her baby is fine but imagine after being told you were having twins to be told to her surprise, and ours, triplets. The triplets were born in the early morning by emergency C-Section weighing 2.5kg, 2.2kg and 1.5kg. All boys and all doing well.



She was a bit shocked initially but praises God for her blessing. She already has two girls at home but says that she would be happy to be blessed with further pregnancies if God wills it.

Her main concern is the ability to provide enough breast milk for her precious little ones. Her husband and her have very little income.

In these cases the mother usually is unable to produce enough milk for prolonged periods to satisfy all babies and this is where the help and support of PHC comes in. If she is unable to supply enough for exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months then supplementary feeds can be supplied by the team. She and her husband will also need ongoing support in the future as they raise the boys.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



We are grateful to Robert and Wilma Mc Callough through Mourne Presbyterian Church of Northern Ireland for financial support to Kajuba Women's Group. The money has been used to set up a fund for the women in Zunga area. The women will borrow from the group and repay in three months time. A fraction of the interest from the borrowing will be shared amongst the members of the group at the end of every twelve months while the remainder will be ploughed back in the group account.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

***'Let judgment run
down as waters ,
and righteousness***

like a river'

Amos 5 v 24

Holy Bible

Readers response

Readers are encouraged to comment on issues raised in this Newsletter.

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BRIEF QUARTERLY REPORT

Baby born with severe cleft palate-Every mother expects to deliver a perfect beautiful baby but unfortunately sometimes this doesn't happen. As one mother who delivered in Mlowe clinic is to aware of.

The pregnancy and delivery were normal but when the mid-wife looked at the baby to her dismay the little one has a severe facial deformity. He was born with severe cleft palate and cleft lip. The mother has been admitted in the hospital pending for fear of ridicule in the village.

Malaria control- 1,007 cases of Malaria have been registered in the hospital in the quarter ending July 2012. 381 of which being under five children. 287 admissions of Malaria cases were registered. Most of which were under five children. The disease is considered fatal in children and pregnant mothers. As a preventative measure 656 bed nets have been distributed to new born babies and pregnant mothers. There was free mass net distribution facilitated by the government. Malaria continues to rank amongst the five highest killer diseases in the catchment area.

HIV/AIDS Testing-619 people have been tested over the last 3 months. 15 of them have tested positive. Only 231 men tested, 6 tested positive during the period. There is need to increase the number of men coming for HIV/AIDS Testing if the initiative is to bear fruits. Of the 112 pregnant mothers that were tested during the period non-tested positive. Testing of pregnant mothers is crucial in order to prevent the spread of the virus from the mother to child.

Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit-104 under five children required supplementary feeding during the period in question. 5 were admitted in the hospital. All have since been discharged.

Staff house repairs-With support from EMMS the hospital is repairing staff house block. Almost all staff houses required massive repairs. The Maintenance department has already done a needs assessment on all staff houses . The coming of the University at Livingstonia has resulted in acute housing shortage.