

President's Report: Building Sustainable Health Care

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10



Partner: Tumutumu Hospital, Kenya Dialysis Services Now Operational

In Kenya, kidney diseases and ailments are the most common non-communicable disease after diabetes. The Ministry of Health estimates that four million Kenyans suffer from kidney diseases.

MBF partner hospital, Tumutumu is located in the Central Highlands of Kenya and serves a predominantly poor community. Central Kenya and Nairobi are the two regions with the highest prevalence of kidney disease in Kenya. Until recently, the nearest

location for dialysis patients in the Central Highlands region was at the government hospital in Nairobi almost 130 miles away. The cost of services, combined with the expense and time for travel, kept many of Tumutumu's patients from seeking treatment.

After two years and many set backs, the dialysis services at Tumutumu are finally up and running. Thanks to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, through the Richard Shaull World Wide Ministry Award, and other supporters Tumutumu got the equipment and training needed to launch the program. The three machines serve six patients daily, with one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. The hospital administrator has also informed us that the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) has committed to provide \$80 per session for dialysis patients to come to Tumutumu. The addition of dialysis services will not only provide much-needed treatment to those who had limited options before, but it will also provide a revenue-generating service that will help Tumutumu in its efforts to become a self-sustaining facility.

Partner: CPK Health Clinics, DR Congo Helping Combat an Outbreak of Yellow Fever

While Zika may be grabbing headlines here in the States, countries in Africa are experiencing the worst outbreak of yellow fever in 30 years. The outbreak started in Angola and has spread to neighboring DR Congo. At the end of June, Congo's Ministry of Health declared a yellow fever epidemic in 3 provinces, one of which is Kinshasa, home to more than 10 million people.

The WHO is helping contain the outbreak. MBF's partner, the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) Health Centers have been tapped to help in a mass yellow fever vaccination campaign. Not only are these partner clinics helping control this epidemic, but it demonstrates the confidence that the Ministry of Health has in these community health clinics.



Mass yellow fever vaccination campaign at the Mudishi and Mayamba health centers.

Partner: Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi

Teaching Others How to Conquer Goliath

MBF sponsored teams from two of its hospital partners in Malawi, to visit another hospital partner to learn about their spiritual ministry activities. In July, two teams, one each from Embangweni Hospital and Ekwendeni Hospital, spent some time with the hospital leadership and chaplaincy staff at Nkhoma Hospital in the Lilongwe District.

In her opening remarks to the visiting team, Principal Hospital Administrator for Nkhoma, Mrs. Brenda Chalanda, relayed the familiar bible story of David and Goliath. She pointed out that David's brothers saw him only as a messenger; someone small. She then suggested that some people look at chaplaincy the same way—as a small thing. But chaplaincy, particularly in a hospital setting is not small because it involves a battle to win souls. Unlike those who go to church willingly, hospital ministry has a bigger job of trying to win the souls of the unwilling. And like David, the staff at Nkhoma does not underestimate themselves and works on a daily basis to conquer Goliath.



Mrs. Brenda Chalanda, Principal Hospital Administrator for Nkhoma, welcomes visiting teams from other MBF partner hospitals, Ekwendeni and Embangweni.

From providing prayer service, to morning devotions, to counseling patients, their families and even hospital staff, the Nkhoma Chaplaincy Department is involved in every program at the hospital. Before a patient goes in to surgery, a chaplain is part of the process to help prepare the patient spiritually. Spiritual ministry is not just an after thought at Nkhoma, but a vital part of the patient care process—a vital part that hospital administrators and medical staff alike, appreciate and value.



Jack is healing well and happy to be with Mum.



Partner: PCEA Chogoria Hospital, Kenya

Caring for Those Most in Need

Three-year-old Jack Mwenda Norris had been running when she tripped and fell into a pot of boiling water on an outside fire and sustained burns on her back and lower legs. Her grandparents brought her to the nearest clinic where her wounds were dressed. But days later, her wounds were getting worse. Her mother, her only parent, took Jack to Chogoria Hospital where Jack's wounds were classified as 2nd degree burns and they were told part of the wound needed grafting. Neither Jack's mother nor her grandparents could pay for the procedure.

Thanks to your generous support, Jack got the treatment she needed and is healing well. Doctors expect her wounds to heal completely and for her to be running around again soon.

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