

## IcFEM Dreamland Mission Hospital (DMH) Newsletter July to September 2015

Many greetings from Kimilili! This quarter has continued to see the work at DMH develop. After a yearlong recruitment process, the hospital is delighted to announce that it has now appointed a resident medical officer. Dr Hannington is from Uganda, he trained at Gulu and then spent a year in Liverpool. He has a specialist interest in mother and child health. Dr Hannington is now providing the hospital with a 5 day a week cover and on-call coverage at the weekends. He is able to perform some emergency procedures such as C-Sections, abdominal opens and wound debridements. This addition to the DMH teams means that patients no longer have to wait to see a locum Doctor and have a better continuity of care. The team are grateful for all the prayers and support they have been given in finding a resident Doctor, he is a huge blessing to this community.



*Above left: Dr Hannington*



*Above right: Eye patients awaiting the removal of their bandages.*



The specialised services at DMH provide services to the community that are not available in other local hospitals. Kiprop continues to have extremely busy eye clinics, seeing over 1000 eye patients and doing over 100 surgeries per quarter. The orthopaedic clinics are now providing a service to a wider area, with over 30 children having life changing surgery each quarter. Mellan and her orthopaedic team also see younger children in the Ponseti clinic. These children are treated from when they are very young with plaster cast splitting and are given special shoes that keep their feet in the correct position. When treated at this young age, the children avoid having to have major surgery and should be up and walking by the time they reach their first birthday. The child in the photo is in foot abduction splits having had their plaster cast removed.

The cleft lip and palette programme continues to grow. The surgical team are booked for November. Children are now being referred from other hospitals for feeding programmes. One such child is Lukas.



Lukas was born in a hospital near Eldoret. As soon as Lukas was born his mother noticed that there was a problem with his lip. He could not feed and she says she had no idea what to do. She said she was terrified so hid him away in the house so no one could see him. She said she always trusted she would get help. She went to a large hospital and was

told that her child was too small to have surgery. She went 3 times and was sent away. She said she was very worried because Lukas was tiny and she did not know what to do. On the bus on the way home from hospital she was told about DMH from another passenger whose child had surgery last year. She travelled over 150km to reach DMH, her little baby weighed 5Kg at 6.5 months old, and was very malnourished. Lukas was assessed and put on the feeding programme. He was given a high calorie diet, and his condition was explained to his mother along with the correct advice for moving forward. Money was given to his mother in order to help with his transport. Lukas is now putting on weight. He is checked every two weeks and will have surgery in November. His Mother was delighted and said she knew there would be help and is so happy that she found it!



*Above left: The start of the new building project      Above right: CEO Ruth Nabie breaking the ground*

The increase in paediatric work has meant that the hospital regularly runs out of beds during the busy project periods. Funding has now been achieved to build a two storey paediatric ward, a Doctors house on the site and a laundry room. The initial plans have been approved and building work is underway. The ward will allow special clinics to be run alongside each other and will ensure that children are not housed in the same ward as sick adults. The Doctor's house will mean that he is available for emergencies and the laundry will mean that staff no longer have to hand wash outside. The community and DMH are very grateful for the donations that have made this project possible. Alongside this, DMH has now been approved from the outpatient national insurance scheme (NHIF). This means that patients

registered with NHIF can receive all their care free of charge, this was previously only possible if the patient was admitted. The hospital has seen a huge increase in NHIF patients, with over 1000 registered to use the service at DMH this quarter.

DMH continues to grow. Even though we now have a resident Doctor, DMH would still welcome missionary Doctors, Nurses and AHP to join the team. We would be grateful if supporters could consider advertising this role with friends, family and in churches. For more information please email the hospital.

We are extremely grateful for the support that you give to DMH to allow all these services to continue to grow. If you wish to have any further information about any of these services then please email [dreamlandhospital@icfem.org](mailto:dreamlandhospital@icfem.org).

If you wish to donate, we are in particular need of a photocopier and new computers. Visit [www.justgiving.com/IcFEMDMH](http://www.justgiving.com/IcFEMDMH) or Text IDMH99 followed by the amount (eg £10) to 70070

If your church, company, women's group or anyone else would like a talk or update on the work of the hospital please feel free to contact Becky at [becky.nightingale@icfem.org](mailto:becky.nightingale@icfem.org).

Thank you again for all your support and prayers, do feel free to pass this newsletter on to other interested parties.



Becky Nightingale and Ruth Nabie

(On behalf of all the DMH management. Sister Margaret, RCO Kiprop, Sister Jael, Sister Agnes and Claire) and with thanks to all the patients who agreed to tell their stories.

(Please note our UK office address has changed to 12, Ash Grove, Rode Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, Staff, ST7 3TD, UK)