



# Dreamland Mission Hospital

## DMH Newsletter

January - April 2018

Welcome to our latest newsletter! Please read on hear the latest news from Dreamland Mission Hospital. We're also doing a seasonal spring clean of our mailing list, and we need your confirmation that you want to continue receiving this information from the DMH team.

DMH continues to serve the community of Kimilili. The first part of the year has seen us focus increasing the uptake to the government insurance scheme. Families pay £5 a month and for that get free treatment at DMH for the majority of common conditions. They can also get free maternity care and some surgery. This has made a huge difference to those like Centrine (see below) who can't afford normal care.

Centrine is 25 years old, and married with 3 children. She was part of the community health programme, and at that time she was 5 months pregnant. Our community health team worked with Centrine, registering her for NHIF and the free maternity programme. This meant she could come to ante-natal clinics at DMH and deliver in safe environment for free. Centrine now has a baby boy called Brighton George Juma, weighing 3.4kgs, the first boy in the family.



His mother had delivered the first two children in different health care facilities where she paid for the charges and was so grateful that she did not have to pay to deliver at DMH. Brighton, Centrine and her whole family are now covered under the NHIF scheme and will get free care for a year. She is now an advocate in the community, and encourages others to sign up too.

Our cleft lip programme continued in March. We did 34 operations over a 3 week period giving children and adults with cleft lip and palette the chance to smile, eat and drink again. Throughout the year DMH provides a feeding programme for the children who are underweight. This is all provided free of charge and is essential to allow the children to be fit enough for surgery. Miriam is one of the children who has benefited from the programme and then went on to have surgery.

Miriam was first brought to the hospital when

She was immediately enrolled on the feeding program and was given high calorie formula since she was unable to breastfeed. As she grew she was also given an enriched multivitamins porridge mix supplemented by occasional iron syrup.



Miriam visited DMH over 10 times, and her health began to improve. She gained weight until she was ready for surgery.

Her mother was delighted with the feeding program and the support she received.

Following successful surgery her mother was so pleased to see the difference, and that she had a beautiful smile!

### DMH Building Updates

In order to help more people like Centrine and Miriam, we needed more accommodation onsite for theatre staff so that we could offer a 24/7 service. The new staff house (see below left) has been built and opened.

We also extended and refurbished the lab into the old orthopaedic rooms so that we are able to cope with the increased number of patients (see below right).



We wanted to let you know that Claire - our Accounts Clerk for many years - sadly passed away this weekend after a long battle with cancer. A number of supporters had generously contributed towards her treatment, and we are immensely grateful for that support.



If you wish to continue supporting Claire's family directly, you can do so via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kimililifriends>

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And finally, Becky and Mike Nightingale had a baby girl on 22nd April called Esther Beth. Becky therefore may be slightly slower to answer emails than usual...!!

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