



Dreamland Mission Hospital

DMH Newsletter & Appeal February 2020



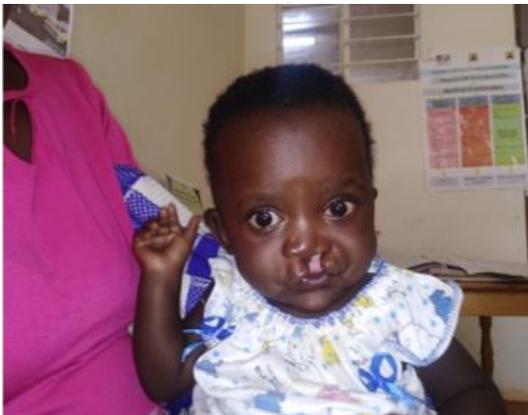
Once again we want to thank you for your generous support. It makes all the difference as we hope the below stories show.

Normally, we don't start newsletters asking for funds but as a one-off this newsletter has a fundraising focus. In 2019 we performed over 1,000 surgeries for needy patients in our community. 2020 has started at a similar pace, but we need to replace essential equipment in order to maintain this much needed service. Thank you to those who have already answered urgent appeal for theatre lights. We hope to order them within the next month.

We also need to replace our old X-Ray machine (photo below), which saw over 2,500 cases in 2019. The total amount we need to raise for equipment this year is over £80,000. Furthermore, we would like to sponsor more families for health insurance, costing just £60 a year (£5 a month). These three interventions enable our heavily impoverished community to access life-changing surgical care that is available nowhere else!



Below are some stories of people who have had their lives changed because of the theatre services your support enables us to provide.



Caro brought her daughter, Grace, to DMH in 2018. Grace was dangerously underweight, as her cleft lip & palate prevented her from breast feeding properly. Caro was nervous about the cost of treatment, but she knew Grace needed urgent medical attention. Little did she know she had no need to worry, since we offer comprehensive free treatment for patients with cleft lip or palate. Grace was immediately admitted and treated for malnourishment.



Since then she has been on the feeding programme for almost 2 years. This enabled her to build up the strength to undergo two successful surgeries for her lip & palate.

It has been a long journey for Caro (pictured below), but today she is overjoyed with her baby girl, who is growing well and has a bright future: "I almost gave up! But today I am amazed at the goodness of God and am a proud mother of a pretty young girl!"



Your support of the Family Health Insurance Sponsorship programme is also making a massive difference, and we hope we can expand this programme.

Below is Kitayi IcFEM Fellowship. They represent around 20 families sponsored on the programme. As a fellowship, they work together to refer needy patients to the hospital, and then help us register them so they can easily access medical care. In 2019 they helped us register 200+ families to NHIF. We have also added two other groups like Kitayi fellowship in our local area. In total the sponsorship programme has helped us register over 10,000 people on to NHIF (National Health Insurance Fund)!



The pictures below show Sharon before and after free orthopaedic surgery that her family could never have afforded without the support of our donors. She is one example of many children and adults who are enabled to go through surgery thanks to health insurance sponsorship. Before surgery, Sharon was miserable, suffering isolation at school but also feeling like she was a burden to her family. We visited her at home two months after surgery on her left leg. She was carrying water on her head to help feed the livestock at home. She had a massive smile on her face as we watched her play and joke around with fellow children. What a difference surgery can make to the overall quality of life!



Solar Panel Update



We are delighted to report on the completion of solar panel installation at DMH. Again, this has been possible only because of the generosity of our supporters. And we are excited about the benefits already evident for the hospital.

Our aim was to save around 75% of our electricity bill through solar panel installation. Since installation in August, this has been roughly achieved and we have saved over £5,000 compared to our electricity bills in 2018. The majority of these savings have come from the reduced generator costs, which shows how much the regular power outages were affecting the hospital. Not only is this financially beneficial, it also means that we are a more environmentally friendly hospital.



Now that we have successfully delivered on the solar project, we are looking to use the savings towards developing our staff and investing in the quality of services that we feel our neglected community deserve. However, the recent problems with the theatre lights and the ageing X-Ray machine remind us of the difficulty of running a sustainable charitable service in a poor rural community. We are continuing to look for ways to increase sustainability of our services, whilst recognising that we can't get there without your generous support on the way.

Please consider donating towards these needs either via our just giving page: www.justgiving.com/lcFEMDMH or via our website at www.icfem-mission.org/donate (please choose dreamland mission hospital in the dropdown section) or you can request our UK bank details at dreamlandhospital@icfem.org.

Perhaps you may also like us to do a talk at your church, community group or school?

Could you do an event for us? If this interests you please get in touch on dreamlandhospital@icfem.org and we can arrange something.

Further updates on the work that DMH does can be found at www.facebook.com/icfemdreamlandhospital.

Thank you for your attention and support! It is greatly appreciated!

Have your friends or family lost touch with us?

If your friends or family say they are no longer getting updates from DMH it is because we did not get a reply to our previous newsletter asking to be kept on the mailing list.

If they wish to re-added please ask them to email dreamlandhospital@icfem.org or fill in the form at the attached link (*see right*).

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