



# Dreamland Mission Hospital

## DMH Newsletter: April 2021



It has been a busy quarter at DMH! In the early part of 2021, government hospital staff strikes meant that government services were closed and DMH was overwhelmed with patients. Thanks to your donations and the supply of equipment from Medaid international we managed to treat everyone who needed care. Unlike some parts of Kenya, we have had enough oxygen to manage very sick patients. We also received new theatre equipment from Smile Train, allowing us to safely continue with surgeries for those most in need.

Despite the considerable pressure the staff were under, normal services for cleft lip, orthopaedics and eyes surgeries kept going. The nursing staff also received excellent training from Smile Train, with 25 nurses and clinical staff completing a course in the acute management of paediatric surgical patients.



We continue to provide surgery and medical care for patients who we have sponsored with health insurance (NHIF). This scheme enables patients to access otherwise unaffordable treatment, whilst also making efficient use of donor money, as donations are put towards covering the patient's health insurance, which in turn covers the more expensive costs of their treatment.



Rose' is one such patient. She was in considerable pain and misery last year as the lump on her neck grew and she struggled to swallow food. She could not afford any treatment offered at other medical facilities near her home. She resorted to the use of herbal medication that she hoped would clear the swelling, but it did not work; "my condition got worse by each passing day and I had difficulty in doing any work, had chest pains and couldn't breathe when carrying anything heavy on my head". Each passing day felt like a nightmare. Questions raced through her mind; Was God punishing her? Had she done anything wrong? Where was she going to get medication, and how was she going to pay for the treatment? How could she afford anything if she

can't work?

These questions haunted her until she met a community Health Volunteer from DMH, who advised her to visit DMH for a proper check-up and diagnosis. Upon arrival free Thyroid Function Tests (TFT) were performed, with surgery advised to treat her for Goitre. NHIF was instrumental in allowing us to perform this surgery successfully and for free. She is also entitled to a year of follow up for medical condition. Rose left the hospital smiling and grateful to God for the help she received. She can't believe that there were no strings attached to our help, and is telling everyone at home about it.







We continue to provide free surgery to children born with club foot, like Ryan. Born in a family of three children, Ryan brought joy and happiness to his family. His parents were glad to have been blessed with their last born son. When his mother was being discharged from the local medical facility, she noticed something unusual about Ryan's left leg. She decided to ask the nurse and was told that her son had a condition called clubfoot. She did not understand what clubfoot was and had many questions, including what might have caused the condition, and how she could possibly get the money required for treatment? She suffered in silence with these concerns. Her husband found it hard to talk about. Years later Ryan's Mother was advised by a local health centre to bring him to DMH. Both parents travelled with Ryan so that he could be assessed at the Orthopaedic department. They were assisted to register to the NHIF scheme funded by ROPE, which would help cater for the surgery he needed. Ryan's surgery was successful and he returned home after a few days of recovery. Today Ryan can walk well and is currently staying with his grandparents after his parents went to the city in search of employment, something they struggled to find previously as they had to look after Ryan. His grandfather is very happy to see Ryan walking normally just like the other children. "I am delighted that Ryan can walk well," he told us when we visited him at his home. Ryan is a happy boy who now sees a bright future.



## We need your help to purchase a new X-ray machine and build a new building to put it in!

Our X-ray machine is sadly becoming unserviceable, yet is vital to the surgery services we provide. We face the real possibility of having to stop most of our surgeries if we can't fund the new machine within the next 6 months. Our aim is to build a purpose built imaging centre to house our X-ray, Ultrasound and in the future a CT scanner. Thanks to your amazing work so far we have already raised £45,000, have plans drawn and new land bought and fenced. In total we need to raise another £65,000 (in total £110,000). If you think you can help (every £1 counts!) please consider donating via our website or bank transfer.  
(details below).

**Thank you!**

Please share this newsletter to anyone you know who has given to the cause but who may not be on our contact list.

You can donate via our [just giving page](#) or via our [website](#) (please choose Dreamland Mission Hospital in the dropdown section) or you can donate via bank transfer with the following details:

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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](mailto:dreamlandhospital@icfem.org) and we can arrange something.

Further updates on the work that DMH does can be found on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

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

## Have your friends or family lost touch with us?

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