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Rwanda-Legacy of Hope Medical team and IT Manager Volunteers From UK and Germany Return to Rwanda



From 2-23 February 2013 marks the return visit to Rwanda for the volunteers from Rwanda-Legacy of Hope. The team, led by Pastor Osee Ntavuka will comprise of a larger medical contingent from both the UK and Germany and include the following members:

Names	Profession	Nationalities
Pastor Osee Ntavuka	Legal Representative RLH	Rwandese-British
Dr Chris Oppong	Consultant General Surgeon	British
Dr. Christine Kosch	Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon	German
Dr. Jens Heidel	Consultant Surgeon	German
Dr. Karl Spitzer	Prof. Orthopedics	German
Dr Maral Miller	Operating Theatre Manager	German
Dr. med. Petra Wölkerling	Anaesthetist	German
Dr. Ralph Lorenz	Consultant for General and Visceral surgery	German
Ines Kuhl, nee Czybulka	Surgical Nursing Manager	German
Peggy Graßmann, nee Prager	Scrub nurse	German
Carolin Hildegard Margarete Dauksch	Anaesthetist	German
Helena Azevedo Charity Sandra	Theatre Nurse Theatre Nurse	Brazilian British

In addition, the IT manager from Plymouth High School for Girls (UK) was invited by Legacy of Hope (tasked with setting up donated computer equipment and providing basic training in ICT) will visit alongside an official photographer and other members of the team who will provide administrative and interpreting support.

Names	Profession	Nationalities
Mrs Marie Louise Ntavuka Mukankusi	Vice-Chair – All Nations Ministries	Rwandese-British
Mrs Deborah Ingram	Secretary – All Nations Ministries	British
Mss Amanda-Jayne McCall	Photographer	British
Cletus Moisob	IT Manager	British
Vanessa Ntavuka Azabe	Student (UK)	Rwandese-British

RWANDA-LEGACY OF HOPE MEDICAL REPORT

OPERATION HERNIA RWANDA REPORT

February 2013



Medical Team at Remera-Rukoma and Nyamata Hospital with the First Patient who underwent hernia operation under Local Anaesthetic

Introduction

The Medical Team of Rwanda-Legacy of Hope, Operation Hernia, has just completed a successful mission in Rwanda. Two surgical teams worked, in a progressive partnership with local healthcare workers at Remera-Rukoma and Nyamata Hospitals from 11-15 February 2013. Overall, this was a successful mission. It follows a pioneering mission to Nyamata Hospital in February 2012. This confirms a commitment to help improve the quality of health of the people of Rwanda through delivery of surgical care.

Impressions of Rwanda

Rwanda remains a very pleasant surprise. The country has recovered from the genocide that ravaged her people 19 years ago. The people are very welcoming. I personally felt the same way I felt in 2012, that I could easily make Kigali my second home in Africa. The capital Kigali has been rebuilt. It is a very clean city. Commerce is booming. French used to be the lingua franca until after the genocide. English is now taught in schools. All the team members were so warmly and affectionately embraced by the city, the hospitals and the people that we would like to start planning a return in 2014!!

The Surgical Team

This was joint UK /Germany Surgical team led by Mr Chris Oppong, a Consultant Surgeon in the UK. and Dr Ralph Lorenz, a Consultant Surgeon from Germany. The team comprised 4 Consultant Surgeons, 1 Assistant Surgeon, 2 Consultant Anaesthetists , 1 Anaesthetic Practitioner and 4 Nurses.

Travel

Every member of the team was a volunteer. Each member provided their own funding for air travel and all related costs. More importantly each member volunteered precious time away from work and family to be able to come. We were all motivated by a genuine and deep passion to use the medical

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2. Importation of Medical Equipment

Rwanda-Legacy of Hope was advised to inform the Ministry of Health, in addition to informing the Rwandan Embassy officials. The Ministry of Health will then arrange Customs Clearance to avoid payment for the Medical Equipment imported and donated to the hospitals.

3. Notification of Ministry of Health

As discussed above

4. Recruitment of Patients

The Ministry of Health would supervise recruitment of patients.

5. Outcome and impact of the Medical Mission

6. Future visit by Rwanda-Legacy of Hope Medical Teams

7. Critical Support by Ministry of Health

Lessons have been learnt. Legacy of Hope will agree on a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ministry of Health. This will facilitate future missions.

Acknowledgement

The Medical Team of Legacy of Hope would like to express our profound gratitude to the following for the tremendous support we received.

1. The Minister of Health, Rwanda Hon **Dr. Agnes Binagwaho**
2. The Rwandan High Commissioner in UK H.E Ernest Rwamucyo
3. Rev Pastor Jean Sibomana Legal Representative of ADEPR
4. Legal Representative for Presbyterian Church of Rwanda.
5. The Mayor of Kamonyi District Mr Jacques Rutsinga
6. Dr Alfred Rutagengwa, Director, Nyamata Hospital
7. Dr Kalinda Viateur, Director, Remera-Rukoma Hospital
8. Rwanda-Legacy of Hope team of Rwanda
9. The Hospital Administrators of Nyamata and Remera-Rukoma Hospital
10. All Doctors and Theatre staff who teamed up with us
11. All the drivers who kindly transported us during the mission.

Chris Oppong MB ChB. FRCS (Eng) FRCS (Gen Surg)



Consultant Surgeon

Leader of Medical Team of Rwanda-Legacy of Hope and Operation Hernia

February 2013

LIFE CHANGING OPERATION FOR BABY 13 MONTH BABY HAS HAD HER LIFE TRANSFORMED.



However, the visit made this year (February 2013) has been one of the most rewarding yet. Thanks to a chance meeting with some of our volunteers, a 13 month baby has had her life transformed. The mother brought her young child to an open air Sunday church service in Gatumba attended by hundreds of people who were sat in temperatures close to mid 80 degrees. The cute baby girl caught the eye of some of the volunteers sitting close by and it came to light from holding her that she had a huge swelling growing out of the base of her spine which was roughly the size of a football. The baby was well looked after and cared for by a devoted mother but she desperately needed a diagnosis. The team were determined to do all they could to help and, after discussing with her mother through an interpreter, photographic evidence of the tumour was taken to show to the volunteer surgeons from Germany and UK based at Nyamata and Remera-Rukoma hospitals to establish what could be done to help her condition. Following their initial consultation, a decision was made to refer the child for assessment as CHK Hospital in Kigali where she would be checked and scanned to ascertain if the tumour was cancerous. Thankfully, the swelling turned out to be benign and operable and consequently within 2 weeks of the chance meeting, the little girl underwent an operation to remove it from her small body. Rwanda-Legacy of Hope is delighted to be able to report that she is now recovering from her treatment and her prognosis is good! The mother is overwhelmed with the support she and her baby have received and is relieved that her daughter can now enjoy a normal healthy future.

Rwanda Legacy of Hope has already changed the lives of many living in Rwanda with its programme of health and education provision. Since February 2012, the medical team has carried out over 100 hernia repair operations to patients under both local and general anaesthetic. In addition, Legacy of Hope was also pleased to meet up with a 20 year old albino man who we met for the first time in 2012. Thanks to donated reading and sun glasses specially purchased by a member of the volunteer team, he is now able to read his Bible and study books which has made a huge difference to his daily life.



EDUCATION REPORT – 2-21 February 2013

Legacy of Hope team visited schools in Rukoma and Rugalika sectors of Rwanda, in particular G S Sheli and APPEC schools both of which are located within the Kamonyi District. The team of volunteers (including Mr Cletus Moisob the IT Manager at Plymouth High School For Girls) held meetings with head teachers and staff and were delighted to be able to distribute a quantity of educational and sports kit together with vital study and reading materials in English.

A total of 34 computers including 2 printers and 1 projector were donated by Plymouth High School and installed by Cletus Moisob who was able to provide practical advice and training to the ITC teachers at both schools.

This equipment will have a real impact on the students as it will enable them to learn more effectively, access the Internet for their studies and develop their research and educational skills. The school equipment will also have wider benefit to members of the local community as it can also be used for training purposes to increase IT skills and improve employment prospects.



BRIEF OVERVIEW OF APPEC SCHOOL

This is an independently run school which has 1000 boarding and day students and 28 teachers (20 secondary level and 8 primary level). Currently, there are 400 primary pupils and 600 secondary students. There is also a nursery school.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SHELI SCHOOL

Members of the team met with the Headteacher. This school was in urgent need of ITC equipment, having only 6 computers for the whole school. The staff consisted of 1 headteacher, 1 IT Technician and 40 teachers. There are 2000 children at primary, secondary and nursery levels. Nursery provision is provided to 62 small children and is paid for by parents wherever possible but no child is denied a place on grounds of lack of finances. The school urgently needs more study materials and books.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN

Both schools would derive substantial and lasting benefit from input of volunteer teachers from UK in methodology and pedagogy.

It is hoped that this urgent need will be addressed by the establishment of a partnership link with schools in Plymouth UK at both primary and secondary level. Legacy of Hope will provide specially selected teachers from Rwanda with the opportunity to take part in a 4 week work placement within a UK partner school to gain insight and experience in lesson preparation, teaching methods, benefit from exposure to authentic native English speakers and enhance their IT knowledge and skills.

A further supply of assorted subject related study materials in English are required.

Teachers need assistance with lesson preparation including providing suitable fit for purpose illustrative and supplemental teaching aids/materials.

It is recommended that a Learning Resource Centre is set up in each school to enable all materials to be shared and accessed by teachers and students at all levels to ensure maximum benefit.

Further computer equipment including printers and projectors are required to develop IT learning.

RETURN VISIT MADE TO KAMUZI SCHOOL

The team also made a further visit to Kamusi school which began in 1992. The school has 6 classrooms and provides education at both primary and nursery levels. There are 40 children attending the nursery school and 447 primary school children. The staff consists of 7 teachers and 1 headteacher.

The team were very encouraged to learn that the school enjoys a very high success rate in the Year 6 Government examination for secondary school entrance with 38 students out of a class of 45 passing in 2012.

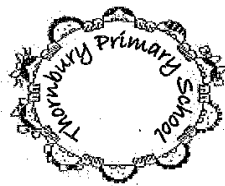
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Rwanda -Legacy of Hope has Establish link between Primary, Secondary and IT schools in Plymouth and Rwanda;



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To whom it may concern

This letter is written in confirmation of the partnership between Thornbury Primary School and Rwanda-Legacy of Hope (Rwanda-Umurage W'Ibyiringiro) NGO. The mission of the partnership is to create:

A mutually fulfilling exchange of culture and educational practice that is sustained through continued collaboration on a variety of projects involving adults and children

Plans and requirements for the first project in our partnership are outlined below:

- Three teachers selected by Rwanda-Legacy of Hope in Rwanda will visit Thornbury Primary School for four weeks, from June 3rd 2012 to June 28th 2012
- All these teachers will have relevant checks in order to safeguard and protect children at Thornbury Primary School (information to be provided by Rwanda-Legacy of Hope)
- The teachers from Rwanda will work alongside colleagues from Thornbury Primary School to develop their professional knowledge, understanding and skills; this work will largely be done in classrooms where the Rwandan teachers may observe and support their English colleagues
- Each teacher will be assigned a 'buddy', who they will have designated time with to talk about planning, materials development and teaching and learning
- The teachers from Rwanda will be able to take part in all Continued Professional Development sessions at the school
- The teachers will be supported in their acquisition of standard English and the language of the classroom, through both observation and input sessions delivered by a class room teacher
- The teachers from Rwanda will be able to develop their cultural understanding of England/the UK by asking their 'buddy' questions, as well as other staff
- Rwanda-Legacy of Hope (UK) will set up an exhibition at the school about Rwanda that children and teachers will be able to access



THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF RWANDA- LEGACY OF HOPE SERVICES IN KAMONYI DISTRICT

