



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6v9

New Bishop and head of the Kisiizi’s Board of Directors



North Kigezi Diocese, mother to C.O.U Kisiizi Hospital is filled with joy after the announcement of the Rev. Onesmus Asimwe as the new Bishop elect. He comes in to replace late Bishop Benon Magezi who passed on in June 2021. The election and announcement was made on 18/1/2023 at Lweza in Kampala.

The Rev. Onesmus Asimwe with his wife Florence and their 3 children comes as the 6th Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese. He hails from Kigezi which is the mother diocese to North Kigezi. At the time of his election he was serving at St. Francis Chapel Makerere University Kampala as Chaplain.

Onesmus holds a Masters degree in Divinity from Uganda Christian University, a Bachelors degree in Education from Makerere University Kampala and a Diploma in Education of National Teachers’

College Kabale. He has also had local and international capacity building training. He served as the provincial youth and students’ coordinator. He worked as Archbishop Henry Luke Orombi’s Chaplain, and coordinator of provincial healing, deliverance and intercessory prayer ministry.

Kisiizi Hospital welcomes him and is ready to work with him. We are looking forward to his consecration and enthronement on 12th March 2023 at Emmanuel Cathedral Kinyasaano, Rukungiri.

Written by Rev. Canon Bwebale Joshua, Kisiizi Hospital Chaplin

Surgical Camp



We had a very successful surgical camp at the beginning of January. We were excited to welcome back Dr Steve, a long standing supporter of Kisiizi. He brought Dr Sunhil, another consultant Urologist from the Reading team. We were excited that they were joined by Dr Gabi and Dr Mbaaga. This meant we were able to combine Urology and Laparoscopic procedures in the week. Most of the procedures were prostate related and the team worked around the clock to try and squeeze as many operations into the week as possible. We are very thankful for our link with Reading and hope that it will not only continue but expand and bring new specialists to Kisiizi. It was about time Dr Steve got time to visit the Gorillas after coming for the past 13 years. He had hoped to take his wife, but Dr Sunhil was second best.



Stre@mline Launch!

Over 100 delegates from all over Uganda and beyond gathered in Kampalal for the launch of Streamline Ubuntu “Revitalizing Rural Health Financing” with MP’s and Ministry of Health directors as well as the 15 hospitals supported by the Swiss Re “Entrepreneurs for Resilience 2022” award. A previous Kisiizi medical superintendent gave a presentation on how Stre@mline technology is facilitating clinical excellence and Mr Moses Mugumespoke about the Kisiizi scheme and chaired one of the panel discussions.

Streamline Health Tech in conjunction with Kisiizi Hospital was one of over 260 applicants from 81 countries and amazingly won first place! We aim to add 150,000 beneficiaries to the schemes in the next 2 years providing affordable access to quality healthcare, as stated in the motto of the Kisiizi Community Health Insurance scheme, the oldest in Uganda which now serves around 45,000 beneficiaries in 7 districts.



The first two workshops to train staff from across Uganda for the programmes were held in Kisiizi and went very well.



LEFT: Evas from the Kisiizi community health insurance scheme receiving a *Stre@mline* motorbike to support visits into the community to mobilise and facilitate the project. RIGHT: Moses giving his presentation.

Subsequently a delegation from *Stre@mline* were invited to meet the Director General of Clinical Services at the Ministry of Health who proved to be very interested in the project. We are also delighted that the University of Zurich will be conducting world-class research on the impact of the community schemes. So a very good boost to *Stre@mline* and Kisiizi and we thank all friends who supported the application.

Primary School Results

It is such wonderful news to announce the results of the P7 year group from Kisiizi Primary School. We celebrate with all the pupils, teaching staff and Headmaster Spencer the 42 out of 45 top grades. The staff and pupils have worked so hard coming out of CV19 closer for almost 2 years.

The Primary School is in need of computers to add to their one. They dream of a computer room to help teach key IT skills to the children. Support for this would be invaluable to the children's future prospects.



Christmas community give

It was fantastic to give back to the community during the Christmas season. One of the fellowship groups decided to identify 3 of the poorest families in the community and bless them with essential foods, and other things that they would never be able to afford for themselves. The group spent the day visiting and delivering to the families. We hope to see more of this service to the poor. I'm reminded of Jesus' statement that he came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Our service and giving should be sacrificial and sometimes even painful.



Nutrition project update

Tim Conry (nutrition project volunteer):

As you may know, the hospital has a nutrition project which seeks to prevent malnutrition occurring in the community. One way we do this is to provide a chicken to families who have struggled with malnutrition. This lays eggs for the previously malnourished child to eat, increasing their protein intake and stopping them becoming malnourished again. Over the past few months, the nutrition project has started incubating its own eggs in order to make the project more self-sufficient. In our latest batch we hatched 10 chicks and as you can see from the photo, they are healthy, happy and boisterous!



As well as this the nutrition team spend time educating mothers on nutrition and going on community visits, taking time to understand the root cause of malnutrition in individual families and helping them address this. Recently we have not had a child re-present to the hospital with malnutrition and therefore we have seen progress. One child who a few months ago arrived at hospital close to death because of their malnutrition, was recently visited by one of our nurses and recorded a slightly above average weight for their age and their family now keep a productive vegetable garden! However, there are still many other families in the community struggling and so we continue working to help as many people as we can.

For more information on how you can support this project please contact Tim (conry2@hotmail.com) or our new nutrition project coordinator Meldah (yetmelda@gmail.com).

Clinical casebook

Dr Bethany Morphew writes:

They say that patients don't read textbooks, yet one of the satisfactions of being a clinician in Kisiizi is the seemingly relative frequency with which patients arrive looking like they have been drawn from the pages of one.

A young lady in her 30's was admitted this month with complaints of body pains and a rash. She had a similar episode the year before. Examining her she had a photosensitive rash across her face and arms and purple vasculitic spots on her palms and soles. Her hands displayed the typical changes associated with rheumatoid arthritis, and in her abdomen the spleen was easily palpable.

Finally on getting her low red and white cells back we (with a tip from a previous Kisiizi colleague) were able to put together the triad of Felty's syndrome. For those not familiar this is rheumatoid arthritis with additional complications of an enlarged spleen and low white cells, which my well thumbed handbook informs me occur in less than 1% of cases.

She had very good improvement in her symptoms on steroids and we hope to see her back for review and to start longer term medications soon.



Staff news



Yetegyereze Meldah:

Yetegyereze Meldah joins the Nutrition Team from Mayanja Memorial Hospital having previously worked at Kisiizi Hospital from 2007-2018. With a diploma in nursing, she has experience in nutrition, family planning and paediatric HIV care. Meldah is known to have a proactive attitude to work, and has the skills required to balance the varied nature of the role from project management to educating community members.



New Baby! We are excited by the news that, the surgeon, Dr Paul and Becky Matovu have a new child

Well loved Turinawe Rogers got married!





Dr Banya and Dr Josephine at the wedding of Lynn Mbaziira

Winnie Komujuni and her wedding entourage



WANTED



Homeschool teacher wanted! Would you like to spend 9 months in Kisiizi helping homeschool 3 children? We are looking for someone to help homeschool the St John family in the mornings, from September 2023 - June 2024. Accommodated provided and lots of other things to get involved with in the afternoons.

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