

Lifeline Malawi

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Fall 2005

2005 Defining Moments



Andy & Chris officially switching on the power



First maize being put through the sheller



Clinical Officer, Lloyd Chakwawa, treating a patient



HIV/AIDS Behaviour Change presentation in the community



Fall Mission Team's Eye Clinic

ELECTRICITY:

On June 22nd, the power at the clinic was officially turned on by Andy Boettcher, Executive Field Director and Dr. Chris Brooks, Medical Director. Thanks to a \$5,000 donation from the Calgary Chinook Rotary which was matched by the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta, a power transformer was installed by ESCOM on the LNHC property. Some of the ways that you know that power is on at LNHC:

- Kingsley is not straining to see the patient register inside the dispensing and waiting rooms
- You hear loud praise and worship music coming from the stereo inside Lloyd's (Clinical Officer) house
- Meals are being prepared on the stove, rather than outside in the cooking hut
- Staff & visitors can enjoy an ice cold refreshment from the fridge at the Mission House

MAIZE MILL:

The working mill became another defining moment as we saw the community rush to make use of this new facility. As soon as the sound of the mill could be heard, we suddenly had about 100 children and 20 ladies lined up with pots of maize on their heads wondering if we could grind their corn. Based upon local demand, the revenue generated from this facility will help offset the operating costs of the clinic.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE:

In August, we saw over 3,200 patients! Having Lloyd, our clinical officer, at the clinic full-time has added to the number of cases seeking our help knowing that someone more qualified than a nurse is available every day. With the increased volume of medicines being prescribed to treat these patients with inter-current infections related to HIV/AIDS, we will soon need to top up our IDA medicine order. If you would like to assist with this sponsorship opportunity, please let us know.

HIV/AIDS:

Before our pilot program closes at the end of September, we should make our target of 500 patients tested. Recent feedback from the District AIDS coordinator indicates that Lifeline Malawi is now the second largest VCT operator in the entire district, second only to the Salima Hospital. The fact that we are "walking our talk" and demonstrating significant results in just a short time has won us the credibility as a major player with the Ministry of Health. We are very thankful that our team's hard work in being recognized.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS:

On Friday, September 16th, Mike Stewart, a Lifeline Malawi Board Member, took a team of eight (8) health care professionals to the Lifeline Clinic in Ngodzi. Dr. Jack Leuw, one of the team members, led the operation of several eye clinics within our facility and in the neighboring villages. Another team member, Dr. Cheri Nijessen-Jordan taught at the nearby Salima District Hospital. In addition, several of the nurses on the team helped our staff treat the every increasing patient case load.



LNHC site waiting for a fence



5 ton truck from Dubai



Hawi and Gift in Konde of Mission House



Home based care in the community with Esther & Ceasar



Dr. Brooks with "snake bite" patient

PROJECT UPDATE – SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GREAT WALL OF LIFELINE: FUNDING STILL REQUIRED = \$15,000 CDN

As recently quoted by Andy, our Executive Field Director, "Please would someone raise the funds required to get the wall completed!! Since the Maize Mill started running, the goats are now living by the hundreds near the Maize Mill licking off the maize powder and the children are about 100 deep across the property waiting for mom to finish getting her maize ground. We have had to hire an additional security guard to try to keep some sense of order." As good fences keep good neighbors, this additional security will enable us to manage the flow of patients, maize mill clients and residents accessing the borehole.

5 TON TRUCK: FUNDING REQUIRED = \$15,000 CDN

In order to complete the remainder of our capital projects required to fully implement our HIV/AIDS program, we have needed to source a 5 Ton truck from Dubai. Our existing 3 ton truck, "Dorcas" who had been "full of good works", is now retired. With chronic mechanical issues adding to brakes that were consistently failing, we needed to seek out a replacement vehicle to transport all our construction supplies, bricks and bags of cement to the Ngodzi site. In the absence of a Field Ambulance, this flat bed truck will also do double time as a mode of transporting our immobile patients to the Salima Hospital.

OFFICE SPACE: FUNDING REQUIRED = \$5,000

We have begun building some much needed office space within the same pharmacy warehouse facility that we are leasing from Partners in Hope. With three (3) cubicles, a modest meeting room for seven (7) people and some additional storage space. Gift, our Executive Assistance, Hawi, our newly hired Bookkeeper and Wycliff, our pharmacist will have some much needed office space. Since the Brooks had graciously given up some of their personal residence to accommodate these functions, they will be grateful to recapture their residence for their personal use at long last. This will allow us to hold our leadership team meetings in an office environment, partially paid for by the NAC grant.

FALL 2005 CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$250,000

As Lifeline Malawi continues to develop a replicable Centre of Excellence that delivers rural-based primary health care in addition to VCT programs which address the reality of HIV/AIDS, we have set the goal of this year's campaign at \$250,000 CDN. With these funds, we will be able to cover the non HIV/AIDS related operating costs, such as the salaries of the sixteen (16) staff involved in the primary health operations, ongoing clinical operating and maintenance costs plus the additional medicines from IDA that will be required to treat our ever increasing patient load.

FALL 2005 CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

- October 12 – Chris arrives in Calgary
- October 16 – South Calgary Community Church AM/PM
- October 23 – in Toronto area
- October 30 – First Assembly both AM services; Gods House (Okotoks) PM service
- November 6 – To be announced
- November 7 – Tehilla Monday at First Assembly (PM)
- November 9 – Desert Reception – First Assembly Chapel
- November 13 – To be announced