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## **REPORT FROM THE 'KINGDOM' HOSPITALS**

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Dear Supporters and Friends

It has been a long time since we last communicated!

Basically for 2 reasons.....

1. There has not been a lot to report, as the Clinic has simply been functioning without many changes.
2. The past 3 months have been one of the most challenging periods of our lives - and we have had some challenging times in the past, for sure! The initial building and opening periods have been replaced by facing the realities of adjusting to life in a completely different culture. For Kathy particularly, who likes to understand the 'un'understandable (to us) way things work here, this has been a real battle. For us both, setbacks, delays ('Tomorrow' and 'Have patience' are the favourite words) and sadly, even thefts by staff, have led to a time of great discouragement and questioning. Put in perspective though, the thefts are only 1% of our – your – total investment, but obviously they are still upsetting. Security has been tightened greatly and that challenge has been overcome, and we are becoming better adjusted to life here.

### **THE BIG THREE!**

We have 3 primary non-financial challenges to overcome in order to make the Clinic run effectively.

1. **RESIDENTS PERMITS:** A personal one! We applied for Residents Permits some 18 months ago, well before we arrived here. There have been interminable delays, many caused by the prolonged twin Presidential elections, which every 5 years turn the country into turmoil, and Visa issuing ceased for a lengthy period. However, today we have our received our 3 year Residents/Work Permit in our hands! Huge thanks to our Chairman and friend David Walukhu, for all his work and pulling strings to make it happen.

So this is a huge day for us! We can now come and go for 3 years, buy a car and get a Driving License among other things. And of course, we now feel more a part of, and appreciated by, the society in which God has brought us to live. So it is worth 3 photos to capture the moment!



David delivers the envelope!



Anticipation as we open it!



YEEES!!! Two permits enclosed!

And I simply could not leave out this irresistible photo taken immediately afterwards. A 2 month old baby reminding her perhaps of what we have in store in December – a new granddaughter to our Savi and Nigel in London.....



2. **POWER:** A huge challenge for us as we have been operating on a generator over the 6 months we have been open. This is obviously expensive. However, after 12 months of frustration and promises, we now have an agreement with the Kenyan Government to install a 100KVA transformer here, in round 6 weeks' time.

This will be a community transformer, paid for by the Government, which both saves us a lot of money and gives certainty to us for 24/7 opening hours, adding a major new dimension to our services. So now, we will operate with lanterns for light in the meantime, with the generator as an emergency backup if required. (Starting tonight, with 2 patients!) Another breakthrough!

3. **NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND (NHIF):** The biggest step we can take to ensure financial viability is to qualify as a provider for NHIF. This national health provider is a subsidized, low cost form of insurance for the Kenyan people for a small fee. Currently, around 25% of the population take advantage of this. Service Provider registration is not easy to obtain, but will bring in many more patients with a higher average spend too. The official word is, "Just be patient". While our patience has worn expensively thin, it seems that again, we are nearly there. Our patient numbers and income will increase 20-50 fold, so this is obviously a huge step for us.

## BRANDING

As can be seen from the top of the letterhead, we have decided to split our branding into 2 related parts. In a practical sense, both will operate as one, but the separation of EYES from GENERAL is a means to show that we will be offering full eye services as the Eye Referral Hospital for Bungoma County and surrounding areas. More about eye services shortly.

Our general services are currently more locally focused, although this will change to an extent once we are able to do general surgery.



Thanks to the incredible generosity of Ophthalmologists and Opticians from New Zealand and England we will shortly be able to offer a full mini eye hospital from our current premises. Next year, our full Eye Hospital facility will be constructed, exciting details of which will follow later. In the meantime however, we can utilize the services and equipment we currently have and that which is coming shortly.

## OPTICAL SERVICES

Diagnosis, refraction and prescription for glasses, with frame choice and fitting from our varied selection.



## OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES

Soon to arrive is a SLIT LAMP which emits a narrow but intense beam of light, used for examining the interior of the eye.

Plus an operating microscope for the carrying out of major eye surgery, including the biggest cause of blindness, cataracts, which develop earlier here.



We are so grateful to the donors for this expensive, but vital equipment for improved eye health in Kenya.



**TODAY'S REAL LIFE STORY:** Flexibility is a great asset here in Kenya!  
 Over the past week or two we have been receiving sicker patients. So today? Two patients have come in who need to be admitted. What do we do? Create a makeshift ward! And another, just for good measure. So we have moved today from an Outpatients Clinic to a 4 bed Inpatient Hospital! All in a couple of hours! Imagine doing that in the West? LOL!

So here they are – our makeshift wards!



This one is empty – so far!



And this one is full!

There will be 2 nurses on duty tonight, Kathy (I will sleep alone) and Nora. Meals are being prepared. Medications worked out. And hey presto, we have an inpatients hospital!



Drugs Prep



Mildred & Kathy the Night Nurses



Dinner cooked on the fire.



2 survive the night!

There are cheap rate tonight – will sort out long term prices tomorrow! This is Africa!  
 There is in many ways a freedom that you cannot find elsewhere. Along with the frustrating delays in other areas, of course.

In the next couple of weeks, with your help, we can have 2 very nice, temporary wards operational in our theatre area, which is currently unused until equipment arrives early next year.



Our desire is to put up to 20 beds with bedside cabinets in these 'wards', which of course, will be transferred to our permanent Ward Block as funding is obtained.

The cost of 1 Bed + Mattress + Pillow + Bedding + Bedside Cabinet is.....

**\$NZ250 (\$US160)**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST \$NZ8,000  
(Includes Curtaining, doors, fencing & more)**

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We thank all the many generous people who have supported the Lord's project, which we have the privilege to administer.

As we have shared, we have been through some difficult times, but now, the future is looking much brighter. We appreciate you all so much.

So it's.....

Cheers from Him and Love from Her

*David and Kathy*