

# "PRESSING ON..."

"I press on towards the goal..." Philippians 3:14



"Life in all its fullness"



## Kisiizi Updates April 2021

### BLESSINGS & BUFFETINGS...

The past months have been a mixture of encouragements and some major challenges so we thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement...

It's always a joy to see very sick patients recover and to witness staff developing new

skills. We appreciate the effort by so many of our staff to provide 24 hour care to some very sick patients.

*Dr Paul Matovu, Consultant Specialist in General Surgery, receiving some specialist urology catheters from UK*

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We now have regular upper gastro-intestinal endoscopies undertaken here and may be able to start laparoscopic surgery in the



coming months...

<<< We almost needed a full trauma team to mobilise recently when a branch fell off one of our palm trees unexpectedly. Thankfully it landed directly in-between two patients waiting for the clinic and nobody was hurt but as the branches are quite heavy it could have been a different story... so precautions will be put in place to avoid future injuries.







### Meet the Kisiizi Staff:

#### Dr Albert Alinda, Medical Officer & Health Sub-District Co-ordinator

Dr Albert trained in Kisiizi as an Intern and progressed to being a Medical Officer. He works with Sisters Dianah Kanyesigye and Hanna Spillman to conduct support-supervision visits to health centres in our sub-district and is our main link worker to the District Health Officer team in Rukungiri.

<<< The photo shows Albert in Kisiizi receiving the Astra-Zeneca vaccine that has just been provided for healthcare

workers thanks to the international Covax partnership for which we are very grateful. Covid numbers reported in Uganda remain low though less testing is going on at present but case numbers have fallen.



Albert with his wife Patience and their children

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One of the roles of Medical Officers is to assist in supervision of Interns and we have recently welcomed a new group who are settling in. They come from many different parts of Uganda and from different medical schools and some of them had to google to find out where Kisiizi is located! They will rotate through all four main specialty areas during their year here.

We also have some visiting registrars from UK. Dr Barak St John had worked in Kisiizi a few years ago with his wife Heather and they and their children joined us again in January. Then in early March Drs Laurence & Marjay Pallant arrived (seen with cake!) and will be here to July.



### KISIIZI HOSPITAL

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10

#### KISIIZI HOSPITAL INTERNS as at MARCH 2021

Ndugga Denis, Intern Nurse	Kwikiriza Marion Ediraya, Intern Nurse	Dr Atanazio Byamukama	Dr Elida Boniface	Dr Baraka Samuel
Dr Wasswa Joseph	Dr Bamangiza Ali	Dr Turyamureeba Boaz	Dr Katerregga Elvis	Dr Aide Isaac J
Dr Nyachwo Patience Magara	Dr Ayikoru Grace	Dr Oyeho A M Joel	Dr Ayesigamukama Bruce	Dr Odokonyero Abdalah Fadhil

#### VISITING REGISTRARS

Dr Barak St John	Dr Marjay Pallant	Dr Laurence Pallant



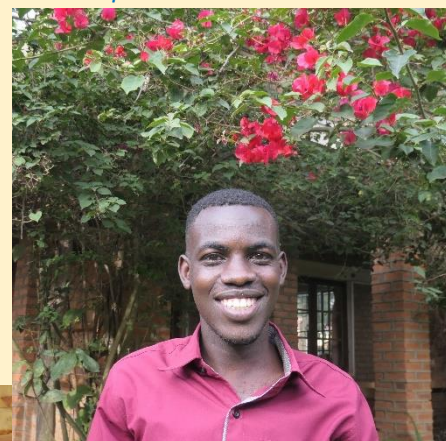


<<< Representatives from World Health Organization have visited to monitor progress with the immunisation being given to healthcare workers and more elderly patients

*Collins is one of our nursing staff who is currently undertaking a six month training programme in Intensive Care nursing to improve skills in dealing with the critically ill patients. He has been gaining experience in Kampala and Mbarara and will strengthen our services when he returns >>>*



<<< Mrs Christine Awori has joined Kisiizi as Deputy Administrator and Human Resource Co-ordinator so is working closely with Moses Mugume



*Monica, seen with her two children, is an assistant in our Rehabilitation Unit and has been a*

*tremendous encouragement to other mums as she has first hand experience of a child with cerebral palsy and has seen the impact that good rehabilitation can produce.>>>*



We have also welcomed Rev. Jovia Nuwagaba as our new Deputy Chaplain. She replaces Rev Warren who retired at the end of 2020. Jovia has experience as a chaplain at a secondary school and had to find her feet quickly as Canon Joshua, our Hospital Chaplain, had to take time off to support his family when he became grandfather to triplets!





# Impact of community-based health insurance on utilisation of preventive health services in rural Uganda: a propensity score matching approach

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Another article relating to our Community Insurance Scheme has been published recently re-inforcing the health benefits as well as the financial protection offered.

## TRAINING

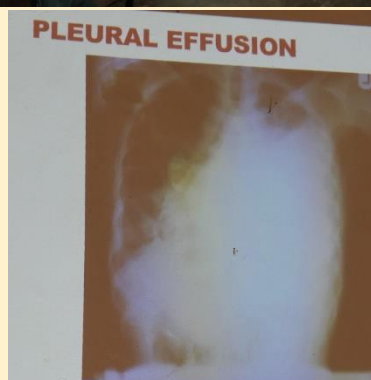
*Norman Muhumuza, our Orthopaedic Clinical Officer, giving a practical*

*demonstration as part of the weekly Continuing Professional Development programme in Kisiizi.*

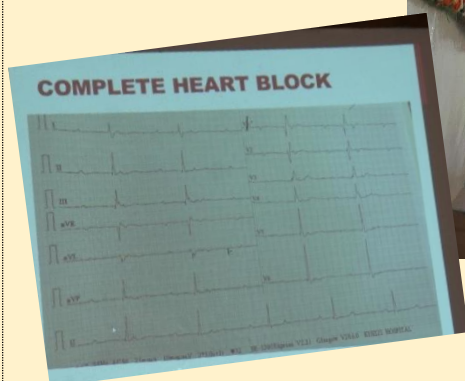


Kisiizi also receives input from various visiting groups including FreO2 who are supporting oxygen therapy. They are running a 2 year data collection here and will install a special oxygen concentrator with a reservoir system that will provide piped oxygen in Children's Ward, Labour Ward, Maternity Theatre and the Special Care Baby Unit. The system is designed to continue functioning even if there is a power cut.

*<<< The photo shows a training seminar for some of our staff taking place in the Chapel.*



Kisiizi has a weekly multi-disciplinary audit meeting rotating around the four main specialty areas. Here is a view of cases under discussion projected in the chapel in the general medicine meeting.





We are delighted that finally we have welcomed back some students to our School of Nursing & Midwifery after a long period of closure. The photo shows an Induction meeting held in the Primary School hall. Currently the School of Nursing only has a small hall but one of the projects in



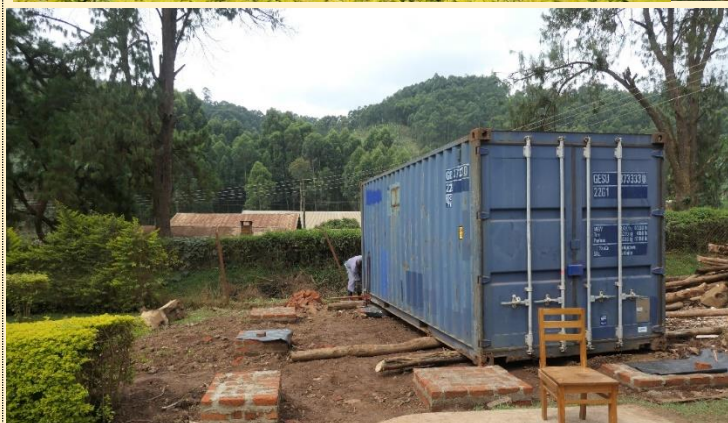
the new partnership with WRBLO ([www.wrblo.org](http://www.wrblo.org)) due to commence in April will be a new building including a hall and skills lab together with a solar power back up system for the School.



We are excited about new links with WRBLO, a UK based Community Interest Company ([www.wrblo.org](http://www.wrblo.org)). WRBLO first heard about Kisiizi from the article published in the Economist magazine last year focussing on our Community Health Insurance Scheme.

WRBLO are planning to help this scheme and a range of areas in the hospital so we are very grateful for this link which we hope will be complimentary to our existing partnerships. We believe this support will help us move more quickly towards the target of the Board of Governors that Kisiizi is a place of excellence without compromising access to the poor in our communities. More details in the next newsletter as the project is due to start at the end of April.

## MAINTENANCE



Carpenters, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, biomedical technicians, IT support staff... Kisiizi has a wide range of staff to support maintenance of buildings, vehicles, equipment etc. to keep everything running...

One extra job has been to prepare a site at the School of Nursing for a container that arrived recently all the way from Dublin thanks to CHEEERS:Developing Health Together team....





The container carried many items of equipment for our Rehabilitation Centre which cares for many patients both adults and children with disability as well as beds and other items for the hospital – **THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED!**

**Dan, Monica and Norman celebrating the safe arrival of the container which will give a huge boost to the Rehabilitation department >>**



It has been good to have such times of encouragement as it balances some of the challenges and frustrations we have been going through. Thank you for your prayers as we work through different issues and discern the right way forward. This is God's hospital and we trust He will guide us and that the tradition of never closing our doors to patients or the vulnerable over 63 years will continue.



## TRANSFORMATION



**The compassion and care given by our Ahumuza staff to many vulnerable patients is heart-warming as we see the fruit. This young man was found by police in a drainage ditch having had seizures. He was weak and unable to eat well. Nobody knew who he was or where he came from but as he improved on treatment the team were able to trace his family and re-unite him with them.**





Members of our Staff also work on projects at their homes ranging from making bags (Bags of Difference is a branch of Kisiizi Partners), rearing chickens, goats etc.

<<< Here we see that even with limited space it is possible to grow good vegetables in sacks...

Thanks to supporters who gave help through *Kisiizi Partners* for a special Easter chicken project where vulnerable patients/families on Children's Ward and Ahumuza Centre received chickens or eggs....

## RECREATION...

It's not all work for the community in Kisiizi...



<<< Here a volunteer in the Kisiizi Falls tourism centre is given a lap of honour in an engozi traditional stretcher as part of his birthday celebrations!



Drivers of the multitude of boda-bodas (motorcycles) find many ways to relax!



*Enjoying the flowers in Kisiizi!*





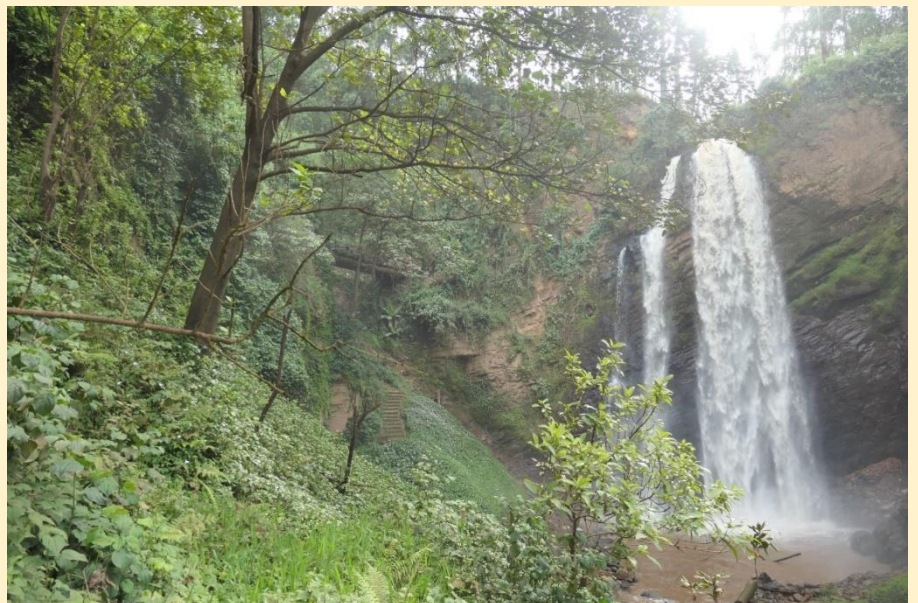
Football matches always draw a big crowd...



## Easter Sunday celebrations...



<<< Canon Joshua, Kisiizi Chaplain, ready for the rainy season!





Many visitors come to Kisiizi Falls ([www.kisiizifalls.com](http://www.kisiizifalls.com)) during the Easter period as many travel back from Kampala and other urban areas to their homes in the villages. Proceeds from Kisiizi Falls help the hospital Good Samaritan Fund which supports the most vulnerable patients.



The Kisiizi Hospital Power Limited team have been facing

challenges with instability but we are hopeful that a spare part being shipped to Kisiizi will sort out the issue and we are very grateful to those who provide this support.

Our Mothers' Waiting Home continues to be popular and helps many women with either medical problems or those who have challenges with transport from remote home areas.

To be in a place of safety where they are reviewed by a midwife daily and supported by a home matron at night is a wonderful provision. It is free to members of the Community Health



Insurance Scheme and only 10,000 UGX (about £2) per month for others! Ladies may be resident in the home for just a few days or for some months in the most vulnerable cases. Universal Health Coverage in action!



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