

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

Partner: Embangweni Mission Hospital, Malawi

Autoclave—Critical Sanitation Services

A critical process for any hospital is the ability to sanitize medical equipment and instruments. Without this sanitation, patients are susceptible to cross contamination of illness and disease, which can often lead to death.

In the summer of 2015, the aging autoclave at Embangweni failed and was unrepairable. When operating a hospital in the developing world, it’s not as easy as calling a medical equipment supplier and arranging financing. The cost of replacing the autoclave was \$20,000 and the hospital was already operating on a shoestring budget. Without the resources to replace the equipment, hospital leadership located a sister hospital in Mzimba—about an hour’s drive away—that was willing to sterilize their equipment. Not only did it cost \$40 for each trip, but the time needed to transport the equipment limited the number of procedures that could be done each day. Both the additional cost and the decrease in procedures severely impacted the hospital’s budget and its ability to provide much-needed patient care.



From Left to Right: Mr. Jere (Senior Administrative Officer); Mrs. Matewera (Hospital Accountant); Mr. Nkhoma (Patient Attendant, trained as Autoclave Operator); Mr. Swila (Principal Hospital Administrator)

In March of this year, a new 196-liter autoclave was installed and is now in full operation. MBF is grateful for all who responded to this request. This new equipment will have a great impact on Embangweni’s efforts to demonstrate the Gospel and the love of Christ by providing quality health care to those most in need.

Partner: Darbonne Maternal & Child Health Clinic, Haiti

Making Childbirth Safer for the Women of Haiti

Haiti has some of the highest maternal and child mortality rates in the world. Most of these deaths are preventable with access to basic health care and the availability of skilled medical professionals.

At 19, Margarete lost both her parents in the 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti. Now, at the age of 25, she was pregnant and the pregnancy had not been going well. Margarete’s husband learned of the Maternal & Child Health Clinic in Darbonne and encouraged Margarete to go. Margarete’s friend was also pregnant and she asked her to go to the clinic with her. But her friend’s husband believes in the traditional method of birthing at home, so Margarete went to the clinic alone. She visited every month and faithfully took her iron and prenatal vitamins. Recently, Margarete went to the clinic and gave birth to a healthy baby girl named Mika. A month later, Margarete’s friend lost her baby during a home delivery. While Margarete is very sad for her friend, she is grateful to the pre- and post-natal care she received and thanks God for the clinic in Darbonne. Margarete goes back to the clinic regularly so that Mika can get her immunizations and regular check ups. Thanks to the clinic, Mika is a healthy and happy baby.



Mika at a recent check up.

Partner: PCEA Chogoria Hospital, Kenya

Healing the Sick and Sharing the Gospel

Meet Rev. Roy Kamau, head of the Chaplaincy Team at MBF partner, PCEA Chogoria Hospital in Kenya. Rev. Kamau and his team have been making great strides in their work to bring the Gospel to patients and visitors at the hospital. Rev. Kamau has established a schedule of activities to meet the spiritual needs of both the patients and the staff. Weekly activities include:

- Daily prayers for patients and staff at 7:30 a.m.
- Daily prayers for patients' relatives at 12:45 p.m. in the waiting bay
- Daily visits and witnessing with patients in the wards
- Staff devotions in the chapel every Monday morning
- Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. in both English and Kiswahili
- Counseling of patients, relatives and staff when needed
- Prayers for bereaved relatives when needed



Rev. Kamau, right, and the Chaplaincy Team at Chogoria, pray with a patient who later took Holy Communion.

Sharing the Gospel is an integral part of MBF's mission to build sustainable medical ministries. While medicine can treat the symptoms, it is God's grace and mercy that heal the soul. That is why maintaining the Christian component in patient care is critically important. We applaud Rev. Kamau and his team for reenergizing the spiritual work at Chogoria Hospital.

Partner: Hôpital Ste. Croix, Léogâne, Haiti

Planning for the Future and Building Sustainable Medical Care

MBF long-time partner, Hôpital Ste. Croix (HSC) has been working tirelessly to recover from the 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti. As a result, it is now at an opportune point to expand the hospital's services, renovate its buildings and strengthen its core competencies. Recently, MBF President and CEO, Andy Mayo and team members from Engineering Ministries International (EMI) made a vision trip to HSC to start planning for the future.

While we realize, at MBF, that about 50% of work with our partners in developing countries is focused on meeting the immediate and very desperate medical needs of those in their communities, we also work hard to help them build and plan for the future so that they can ultimately be self sustaining. This is one such project. While many details are still being worked out, this trip has resulted in the development of a site plan and implementation strategy for a Women's and Children's Health Center.

EMI Volunteers verify the location of existing water and waste water infrastructure at HSC.

The renovations and new programs planned for HSC will allow it to provide a high quality of medical care across the board. Additionally, the hospital will be able to develop services and capabilities that will attract more patients who can afford to pay for such services. As a result, HSC will be able to increase their revenue stream, ensuring their long-term sustainability and allowing them to better support patients who can't afford services. The ultimate result will be increased access to medical care, demonstrating hope, as the love of Jesus is shared with the people of the Léogâne community.



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