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Missionary News!

Chicuque Rural Hospital has completed 95 years.

August 1 was a great day for Chicuque. The Hospital celebrated its 95 years anniversary, 95 years of service to the people of Mozambique, 95 years of challenges of all sorts. Most importantly it was the celebration of 95 years of God's work for his people.

The friends of Chicuque came from all over the world. The employees sang tirelessly as they escorted the Government dignitaries during the visit to the hospital. It was a moment of joy, a moment of reunion with former missionaries, a moment getting together with just a few of the many friends of Chicuque.

The Overview of major activities during the last five years.

Despite greater challenges in personnel and finances, Chicuque has made major advances in several areas. We have been able to improve and maintain the conditions of the buildings, maintain the

physical plant, build infra-structures for administration, AIDS Clinic, hospital waste management, purchased ambulances, installed oxygen system for the operating room and maternity, built an infrastructure that hosts the lab, blood bank and pharmacy. Through cooperation with the Government, we have received biochemistry and hematology lab equipment. The



introduction of these technologies is of greater essence for improvements in lab diagnostics.

Within the same period, we have also introduced a communication

system for the emergency crew. These tools have been so instrumental in helping to save lives, as they make it easier to assemble the operating team



quickly. The ambulances and blood bank vehicles have also been equipped with radios.

For patient education, we introduced a public address system. Small educational lessons are given on daily basis at the hospital using Portuguese and local languages. When it is time

for morning and evening devotions, the communication systems is such a wonderful asset.

The challenges in public health, especially HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis have led us to developing new approaches. We needed an agency

other than the hospital to work closely with communities on these areas. Therefore, we have developed The Center of Hope, an entity that, besides the coordination of all health activities



The Center of Hope

for the Methodist Church in

Mozambique, it deals with educational programs for prevention of diseases.

The construction of the infrastructure for the Center of Hope is in a very advanced stage. We have been blessed with the individual volunteers and missionaries recently placed in Mozambique, especially at the center of Hope.

The current situation

We are presently working on projects to improve the quality of data collection and production of hospital information, including finances.

In terms of infrastructure development, the Mozambican Millennium Bank is funding a giant

project on oxygen for all of the hospital. It was such a blessing for a local bank to have taken this step to support local efforts in order to improve the quality of care.

We have projected construction of employees' cafeteria. The groundbreaking took place on august 1st during the hospital's anniversary. What remains now is getting the funds to complete the project.

Critical Personnel

Chicuque Rural Hospital is now blessed with the presence of a specialist in surgery. Doctor Eduardo Reis Maia is the head surgeon recently placed at Chicuque by the General Board of Global Ministries. His coming answers our prayers from many years. Now we continue to pray for a pediatrician and an Obstetrician gynecologist. These are extremely necessary specialties for Chicuque. Our annual volume of patients as of 2007 is as follows:

Patient flow in a year	Total
Emergencies	19,895
Outpatients – Primary care	36,000
Outpatients – Secondary care	41,576
Inpatients	7,036
Maternal deliveries	3,877
Surgical interventions	1889 ¹
Dental work	1868

In the causes of admission in the hospital, Malaria is at the top of the list, followed by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and respiratory problems. Children continue to be the major victims of malaria. One of our

ministries is giving a net to each baby born at the hospital as a contribution towards the prevention of Malaria, and also to attract safe motherhood by having more deliveries in hospital setting.

Regardless of the shortage of personnel, Chicuque has been able to keep heads up and strive to meet the health needs of the communities. It has been with

greater support from Adavance special funds, GBGM support and individual friends of Chicuque that have made it possible for Chicuque to be very responsive to the demand of its services. We give thanks to God for all and each one of the individuals and churches contributing to our advance special. There are 64 employees being supported by the advance special funds as a recurring expense. These employees include ambulance drivers, cooks, nurse aids, nurses, doctors etc. *HOORAY ADVANCE SPECIAL SUPPORTERS.*

Because of all this, the Government of Mozambique is now committed to making Chicuque a model hospital in the country. The health education institutions in the country have increased the number of students coming to Chicuque for residency. While that in itself represents another challenge, we feel such a privilege to be part of the system in shaping the health professionals of tomorrow.

Education and the Future

In order to ensure continuity and full development of all our health programs, we have begun training health

professional at Africa University. We have 1 student attending a four year program on healthcare administration, 1 student attending nursing education, and 2



Jose Gume (center) as he arrives at AU to attend Clinical Psychology for 4 years

in clinical psychology. Beginning 2009, we will reopen the Chicuque nursing school in partnership with the government. We expect to train 80 nurses in an 18 month period. Please continue to pray for our ministries.

Together in Mission!

¹ Only the first 9 month