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Dear friends!

Glad to send you already the second Newsletter from Kagando for all english-speaking people who are interested in Kagando-News!

Most of you didnt receive the first letter, so I´d like to give you again a small introduction:

So many nice people (like you :-)) came to Kagando, worked here for a while and, eventually and unfortunately, left, with their wish to come back one day or at least to take part of Kagando´s ongoing. So I decided to start this newsletter. You know, I´m German, still learning English, so please dont care about all the mistakes.

The target is to inform people about whats going on at Kagando, so that people who know people know about people. At least what I know. If you dont like to receive this letter or you dont have time, please let me know:

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Here again a brief update about the work at the Hospital:

In the moment we are (still) five Doctors working at the Hospital:

Mr Frank, Surgeon, Medical Superintendent, was for a VVF-Conference in Nairobi the last two weeks of June and then on his leave - and to look for more Doctors. He should start working today, and hopefully next letter I can inform you about some nice Doctors who started working here!

Dr. Michael, Paediatrician, did all the administrative work while Dr. Frank was absent.

Dr. Gatere, Medical Officer, now on Paediatrics

Dr. Ronald, Medical Officer, now on Surgical, about to leave for further studies (exactly: this is his last week, wheeeeeep)

Dr. Yusuf, he is helping us for this month (former MS of Bwera), will as well go for further studies at the end of the month, now on Maternity

Dr Sigrid (thats me), Medical Officer, now on Medical

We have some very nice and hard working Pre-Interns helping on the wards for six weeks, that means till the end of this month. Unfortunately it is still not possible to do Internship here. And, as every summer, a group of nice and helpful Medical Students from abroad, this year a bit mixed from England, Netherland and Australia! This July we are joined for five weeks by a big group of young people from Oxford, Non-Medicals, who are helping in all kind of work (organising the Library, painting, Play Therapy+Bible Stories and and and).

Dr. George, as you might be informed, left, and even Dr. Vianney, who is now MS in Bwera Hospital. His wife, Dr. Mathilda, is also working in Bwera now.

Rebecca Baldock is now in England, trying to help the organisation "SADICH" from there. SADICH is an organisation, founded by a group of local people, especially the Secretary of the Hospital, Agnes Sabuni, whose child turned out to be slightly mentally disabled, about 10 years

ago. Over years they were looking for donors, and Rebecca got more and more involved in that work. For Westerners unbelievable, but this organisation is THE ONLY HELP for disabled children in the whole district (as I know). If you wish to help, please don't hesitate to contact Becky (mbaldock@googlemail.com)

There was a big Nursing-Rotation on all wards at the beginning of this month, even most In-Charges changed. The new allocation is for one year. Against my expectations it went on smoothly.

The administration, however, didn't change. There is still:

Rev. Benson Baguma, Project Director

Rev. Can. Bwalhuma Josephat, Logistic Officer

Rev. Gideon Baluku, Chaplain

Mr. Sezi Baluku, Financial Controller

The big challenges that faces the hospital (and prayer requests) - as I can see - are:

- * new committed doctors!
- * wisdom for building up a strategic plan for the Hospital
- * Possibility to motivate Staff (eg increasing salaries)
- * the right people to replace Vianney and help Mr. Frank in all the administrative work
- * and for me (still): wisdom how to continue the good work Dr. George did on Medical Wards and to treat the patients there for their best!

Still there are enough reasons to thank our great God for:

- * all the meetings and discussion that took place (and are still going on) to help to improve the Hospital Work
- * The Christian attitude that determines Karudec and its Branches
- * all the nice and helpful people from Uganda and abroad visiting Kagando and all the blessings they bring to us

In spite of all the doctors who left the Thursday evening fellowship is still good visited, and it turns out that many of the people who are currently at Kagando are good musicians. So, hopefully, maybe, we will have another Worship Event here in near future. And, what I'm looking very forward to: a ceilidh! Sarah-Jane (sorry: Dr. Sarah-Jane) is here for a short visit and brought a Ceilidh-CD!!!!

If there are some special people you want to know about or some special events, please let me know. If you think, I've missed something important or give wrong information, please contact me immediately! Thanks for reading this letter, for your interest, your prayers and your support!

Happy to hear from you!

Yours

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