



## A DAY IN THE LIFE!



Patients lining up for the clinic



Truck stuck during a rainy day at the clinic



Pat putting up the tent



Moses showing off the Kasese clinic



Eric with bicycle ambulances

### **Dr. Chris Brooks** – an excerpt from an e-mail dated March 1, 2007

"We did an outreach clinic at Keyereka. Even with a 4WD truck, it is a big challenge when the ground is dry, let alone when wet as it was yesterday. James drove the ambulance and I came behind with Mathias and Goodson, to find 400 people waiting at the 2 room clinic. Shrieking wind and driving torrential rain then started and crashed down on the leaking tin and grass roof for the next 5 hours, coming through every conceivable opening.

The community volunteers had not turned up and we had no crowd control and no furniture, just one tiny table and 3 chairs, so we and the crush of patients either stood or sat on the wet mud floor for the next 5 hours. Everything and everyone was soaked to the skin.

We packed up the sodden remains and started home in the driving rain. It took 6 hours. The track was awash with racing crashing floods and many times we stopped. Twice we turned back and took a detour. In one place the track was completely washed away. The driver chose his intended route, trod on the gas for his one and only chance of success, and everyone else heaved and shoved the vehicle out of the water and up onto the track again, ahead of the destroyed area.

At 8 pm we reached the tarmac road. We jumped out and shouted and screamed and exchanged high fives, still in the torrential rain, and washed the worst of the mud off our faces. The team was absolutely wonderful. They were in great spirits throughout and just accepted with equanimity the slings and arrows of outrageous soggy fortune! Everyone was helpful and sensible all the time. At the very least, it was a great team building exercise!"

### **Pat Laforet**

Although our Managing Field Director's reports may not reflect these adventurous experiences, we know that he and his wife have been extremely busy settling into their new routines. With six months history now with Lifeline Malawi, Pat has been working with his leadership team to ensure that fiscal matters are given due attention, personnel issues are effectively resolved, government relations remain in tact (National Aids Commission) and newly formed partnerships continue to thrive (TECS). In this recent photo, Pat demonstrated his more "Hands-on" ability by assisting to put up a tent that was used for a Community Leaders meeting being held at Kasese.

### **Moses Thom**

Recently promoted to the position of Property and Construction Supervisor, Moses shall become the lead person on all construction and maintenance projects for the Ngodzi and Kasese locations. He will be working closely with both Site Administrators to ensure that the Capital projects are completed to a high standard. As you can see from this recent photo, Moses is very proud to display the soon to be completed Kasese Health Centre which his staff have effectively constructed within budget!

### **Eric Mwale**

Our Clinical Officer, is looking happy and content and enjoying his position as clinical leader at LNHC. He is bringing good energy and momentum to the oversight of the clinical programs at Ngodzi. In addition to assisting with Primary Health and HIV/AIDS intervention areas, he shall be assisting the organization develop plans for implementing maternity services. In this recent photo, Eric, hidden in the background, is watching a demonstration on the effective use one of the newly donated bicycle ambulances.

## The Power of One + One + One...



Rotary Millennium

### 1 Rotary Club – Calgary Rotary Millennium

In November 2006, The Rotary Club of Calgary Millennium presented Dr. Chris Brooks with a cheque for \$7,000.00. These funds were designated to cover the shipping costs of the donated medicines from Health Partners International (H.P.I.C.) to Malawi. Although we are able to receive most of our medicines through donations-in-kind, funding is still required to cover the transportation costs from our suppliers in Canada or Amsterdam (I.D.A.). Will your club or organization step up to the challenge to sponsor the remaining medicines which can be purchased very economically locally?



PEI team attends new church dedication service

### 1 + 1 = 2 Short Term Mission Teams - Alberta & PEI

In October 2006, the Lifeline Malawi Ngodzi facility welcomed a team from First Assembly, Calgary Alberta. This team, which was comprised of medical and construction people, was able to raise enough funds to put up another Community Home for the family of one of our non professional clinic personnel. In March 2007, Island Wesleyan Church from PEI was on site to assist the Ngodzi community build a church with funds that had been raised from their congregation. Are you interested in joining a Short Term Missions Team? We currently have openings starting in the Spring of 2008. Please visit our web site for details.



Young child being helped by children in Canada

### 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 Schools

Children from three (3) different schools have discovered how the "Power of One" works. Trinity Christian School, from Calgary Alberta, donated the proceeds from their Christmas Concert. Peoples Christian School, from Toronto Ontario, donated the proceeds of their School Bake Sale. Mt. Hebron School of New Jersey, USA launched a "Care to Share with the Children of Africa" Campaign by collecting lunch program money. Their contributions were matched by the Scout Troup 8 "Raking Leaves" Program. The combined efforts of these children resulted in over \$4,700 being raised to support Lifeline Malawi's HIV/AIDS intervention programs. Just think how many lives you could help if you gave up your lunch money for one day!



Chris & pharmacy staff going over meds order

### Mother's Day "Power of One" Challenge

In lieu of sending flowers or chocolates to your Mom on May 13th, will you help us gain momentum with our "Power of One" Challenge. What greater gift could one give then to save the life of someone who does not have a Mom.

- 1 dollar can buy daily medicines for two HIV/AIDS infected children
- 1 fast food meal skipped can provide food for a family
- 1 box of chocolates not bought will provide ARVS for 1 adult for 1 month
- 1 bouquet of flowers not bought will provide the monthly salary for one of our non-professional health care workers
- 1 heart can pray!

### Spring 2007 Campaign

From May 3 – 22nd, Dr. Brooks shall be in Canada issuing the "Power of One" challenge. Current confirmed events include:

- May 4th – Toronto – Dessert Reception at Stone Church
- May 6th – Toronto – Guest Speaker at Stone Church
- May 10 – 13th – Ottawa – Speaker at CMDS Conference
- May 14th – Miracle Channel "Insight"
- May 20th – Calgary – Guest Speaker at Destiny Church



Power of One Campaign Photo

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