



Ethiopia Link



Nigist Eleni hospital, Hossana
 Glan Clwyd & BCUHB's link hospital in
 Southern Ethiopia May 2014
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Ayoola demonstrates plastering Hossana, March During the annual visit, training was given over 3 days to a total of 132 staff and students in Hossana – health officers, junior doctors and nurses – covering trauma, paediatrics, midwifery and neonates. Trauma scenarios were given in a timely fashion, as a serious bajaj accident occurred within a few days in Hossana – two motorbike rickshaws, each with seven passengers, were involved in a collision locally. All hands on deck in ED.



VIPL block *almost* complete....

Following on from the water tower, renovation of the sewage system, and plumbing work funded by staff at Glan Clwyd hospital & BCUHB Central area, the most recent project has been the construction of a new ventilated improved pit latrine (VIPL) block for relatives and patients in the hospital. Underneath this almost completed structure is a deep pit, with a simple ventilation system to allow natural and hygienic decomposition. BCUHB staff were invited to an inauguration ceremony during a recent visit, but happily were not required to “baptise” the VIPL on camera. Agreement has been reached to 80% fund a second latrine block which will be for the outpatient area of the hospital – at the other end of the hospital site. This will provide for the almost 100,000 yearly outpatient visitors, each usually accompanied by at least one carer.

New dental equipment

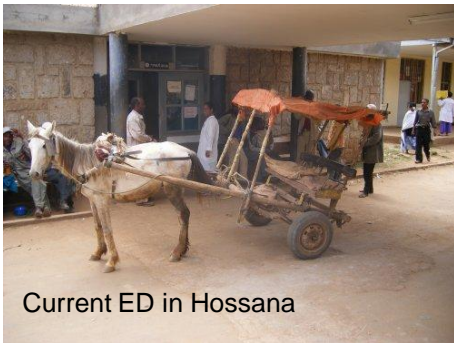


High speed handpieces, arch bars, wires, cap amalgamators, scalers and other items of dental kit were taken across during the most recent visit for Dr Paulos, dentist at Hossana, who until now has been unable to undertake many more routine dental procedures. Our thanks to DentAid. www.dentaid.org

OPEN MEETING Wed 28th May 2014 at 1.00 – 1.45 in the lecture theatre at Glan Clwyd hospital. All welcome!

Ultrasound travels! Ultrasound machines are replaced from time to time in Glan Clwyd; and for this machine, instead of heading to the medical auction house, it was purchased from BCUHB for Hossana hospital by Ethiopia Link. After a long and complicated journey, it arrived in Hossana, where Rachael Davies from YGC ultrasound unpacked it and trained up the radiographers and doctors in its use. During the weeklong visit, Rachael emerged only briefly from the ultrasound room, and whilst training staff, encountered many unexpected sets of twins and a variety of other unusual surgical, gynaecological and medical ultrasound diagnoses...





Current ED in Hossana

Wanted – new Emergency Department in Hossana!

Just as Glan Clwyd is opening a new ED, Hossana is considering building one as well - to cope with the increased numbers of sick patients coming through, and to be able to offer good resuscitation. No ambulances queuing outside the current cramped ED there, but motorbike rickshaws (bajajs) and horse drawn buggies gather outside instead.



Suturing room

A potential site for a new ED has been identified, near the new entrance to the hospital and linking with the main ward block. It is clear that better facilities would be likely to improve the outcomes for sick patients presenting to the hospital. But is this the kind of project that we should support in Hossana? It would certainly be a major project, and would need careful consideration and planning. Given the recent experience gained in Glan Clwyd, it may be that we can contribute usefully to the planning process, and help with equipment and training. And part of the funding also? *Watch this space!*

Hossana School for the Deaf Louise Jenkinson from Audiology YGC spent a week at Hossana School for the Deaf during the March visit, reviewing audiology equipment, and assisting and advising the local audiologist. The school is an inspirational place, giving deaf children & young people excellent education, and training for a variety of trades for their adult lives - such as woodwork, metal work, hairdressing, sewing and baking. The international language of signing gave Louise a huge advantage, and an immediate following amongst the youngsters, some of whom are shown here after an enthusiastic signing hymn was sung/signed in the al fresco chapel.



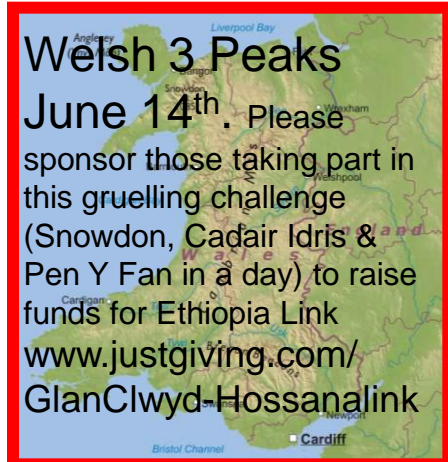
eye-Link The eye team from Stanley Eye Unit in Abergele spent a week in Hossana teaching students from the newly established Wachemo (Hossana) University. The highly interactive teaching went down a storm, helped by the division of the medical students into four teams named after Premiership football teams. This was followed by a further week in Awassa teaching and training, and taking across 40 solar powered ophthalmoscopes for trainees optometrists there.



The perfect cup of Ethiopian macchiato coffee, as prepared in the Hossana school for the Deaf canteen for the visiting teams. Also available in the hospital operating theatres where it guarantees high throughput of surgical cases....

Thanks again to Wales4Africa Health Links for grant support for flights and travel for the recent visit. As a result, funds raised by Ethiopia Link can now go directly to infrastructure projects and equipment in Hossana hospital.

Welsh 3 Peaks
June 14th. Please sponsor those taking part in this gruelling challenge (Snowdon, Cadair Idris & Pen Y Fan in a day) to raise funds for Ethiopia Link www.justgiving.com/GlanClwyd-Hossanalink



Want to get involved? Visit www.glanclwyd-hossana.org.uk or the intranet webpage or contact anyone on the team on extension 4808 at Glan Clwyd hospital. Meetings at 5pm every third Thursday of alternate months in the Education Centre, YGC