

# Hope Ward Newsletter



*"Offering expert care, changing lives and making a difference to the most vulnerable in Uganda"*

Issue 4

## What a year I've had on Hope Ward

Dr Richard Feinmann

You soon become passionate about Hope Ward. We get such a mix of patients, old and young, medical and surgical but all of them very sick and destitute.

We had a marvelous Christmas party with a smart hotel bringing cake and games and balloons. As an adult doctor I did find treating tiny children scary and some were so scared of my white skin. But as you can see they seem to be very interested in becoming doctors!



We also took 8 Hope children to the zoo at Entebbe. What a fantastic



Christmas Party on Hope Ward

day for all the kids who loved it.

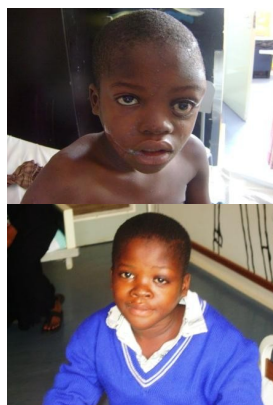
But we could do more and we need your help. I am always worrying can we afford an expensive test or do a big surgical operation. Chemotherapy too is very expensive.

The Hope stories below are successes but costly and hopefully you won't mind me telling you the cost of investigating and treating them. Please help to support my passion.

## Hope Story Burkitts Lymphoma

Now our Oncologist Dr Helena is back working on Hope Ward our cancer patients are getting the very best of care. Here you see poor Tom with the commonest cancer in children in Uganda. He was tearful and in pain with a tumour behind his eye, which has shrunk with chemotherapy.

Tom comes into hospital regularly for treatment and will need at least 6 cycles of chemotherapy at a cost of \$250 each cycle. It's so rewarding to see a tearful little boy in pain transformed into a smiling naughty little boy!



*New Arrivals* : Congratulations to:- Jemimah, IMF Programme Co-Ordinator, and Dennis on the birth of Aaron

Sister Irene and Innocent on the birth of Malcolm

Nurse Jennifer and Tenbo on the birth of Steve

*Special points of interest:*

- \$15,000 a year will pay for a general bed
- \$50 a month will pay for a paediatric malnutrition bed
- \$70 a month will pay for an adult TB/Pneumonia bed.

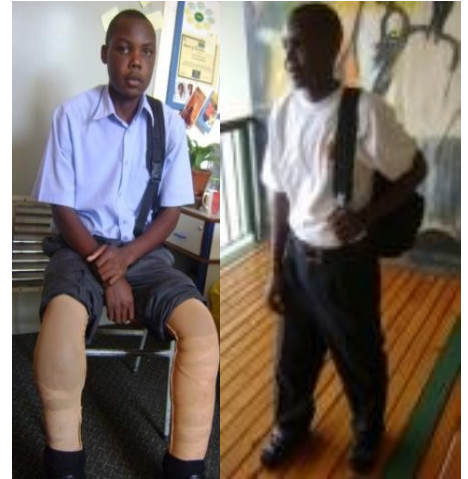
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## Hope Story - Elephantiasis

Calvin had operations regularly with us for over two years and now after a long illness has gone back to school at the age of 25.

Elephantiasis is an infection that blocks lymph drainage from the legs. They swell over many years until they are the size of elephant legs. With great skill Dr Ben our plastic surgeon removes the dead tissue with a remarkable outcome. 5 admissions, 185 days in hospital and 3 operations at a cost of \$5,400.



## Hope Story –Paraplegia

We can do some really high tech surgery with the aid of our experienced neurosurgeons. This young man was found lying in a hut by Dr Grania my predecessor. He was paraplegic with no movement or sensation below his waist. I crossed my fingers and asked Dr Ian Clarke if we could order an expensive MR scan and like me he wanted to help a young man with a young family even though the chances of our helping were not great. But Dr Hussein removed a tumour from his spine and lo and behold I saw him only last week in the physiotherapy department and he is walking unaided.



The cost for in patient stay , surgery and physiotherapy was \$1,200. Money well spent!



## Hope Story –Cerebral Palsy

Not everyone is cured but some are given a life again. Betty had a terrible life and was virtually comatose and bed-bound on admission. She had cerebral palsy and had been badly beaten and abused but with our marvelous physiotherapist's help she can now be transferred to a wheelchair , can respond and has good head control.

Thanks to some fair dinkum Aussies, Sharon O'Brien and Steve & Laurel Kay, we now have Betty fostered and well looked after in Kampala.



Betty just before going home

## Hope Story - Terrible Burns

Accidents in the home are so common and here you see Zainab whose t-shirt caught on fire and she had 3rd degree burns to her chest, back and arms. Her arms were stuck so that they were completely bent at the elbow and unusable. She had two very long spells in hospital having skin grafts and releasing the contractures at her elbows. What a treat to see a little Zainab able to use her hands again and playing in a wheelchair.

Thanks to Stanbic Bank Staff in Kampala who contributed to her costs of \$4,900.



## Hope Personality -Dr Ben Khingi

We are very lucky with our specialists. Dr Ben deals with many of our complex cases and as a plastic surgeon we need his expertise. Many of the patients in this newsletter have been helped by him. Here you see a man we found from the local newspaper with a large painful keloid. He is now back at work and riding his bicycle boda. Above is my little Zainab, what a transformation but perhaps for endurance by patient and skill by surgeon it's impossible to beat Calvin with legs like elephants and 2 years later, after multiple operations he is going back to school. He may not have 'million dollar legs' but they are normal size and work fine.

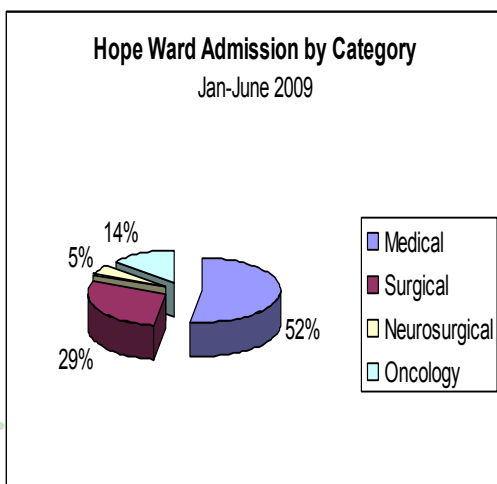
Thank you Dr Ben



## Linked organization: VSO

VSO is the world's leading independent, international development charity that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing countries. VSO's high-impact approach involves bringing people together to share skills, build capabilities, promote international understanding and action, and change lives to make the world a fairer place for all. There are more than 60 VSO volunteers in Uganda and 4 working at International Hospital Kampala. Helen, a management accountant, works with Dr. Richard on Hope Ward and manages the finances of all International Medical Foundation charity projects. Alison is a GP working on training and mentorship in the IMC clinics. These 3 are from the UK. Rob, an emergency physician from an ER in Washington State, USA, is working at IHK and helping to develop trauma treatment.

## Admissions from Jan 2009-June 2009

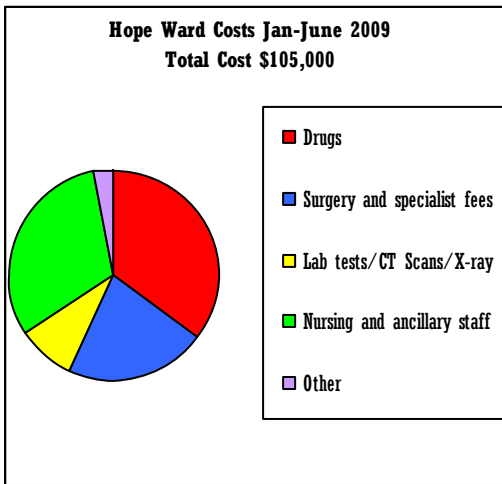


Month	Patient Categories - Bednight Occupancy				Total
	Medical	Surgical	Neuro-surgical	Oncology	
January	247	39	0	37	323
February	81	23	0	37	141
March	65	60	18	38	181
April	111	110	8	57	286
May	114	51	0	48	213
June	38	104	0	93	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1379</b>

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