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News from Mulanje

... time flies when one is busy, and once again it is time to write to you all. I have recently returned from two weeks leave – a few days spent as a guest of the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam and some time with my family in England. In the Netherlands I was able to attend a wonderful concert held to raise funds for Mulanje Mission Hospital – this year the concert was in aid of solar power for our children's ward. I also fitted in meetings with churches and other dutch organisations supporting our work in Malawi. It was lovely to see family and friends too, and especially to be in Bristol for my grand-daughter's baptism.

Back at Mulanje, fuel supplies have not improved and we battle daily to keep the generator and ambulances running – much time is spent in long diesel queues! We are grateful to the local tea estates who have been generous in allowing us to buy fuel when we would otherwise have been grounded.

Last week we were visited by the dutch organisation, Friends for Africa. We opened a new health post supported by FfA, and also celebrated the completion of renovation of the outside of Mulanje Mission church, which now looks wonderful with new windows and doors, grey terrazzo applied to the walls and pillars and new flower beds planted. Our praise on Sunday morning, with seven choirs, could have been heard for miles around!

For the hospital, managing supply shortages due to lack of forex in Malawi and fuel and transport problems poses many challenges for our work. The financial support we receive from many friends and well-wishers has so far enabled us to maintain basic supplies - we pray that this will continue into 2012.

We hope to have a Malawian doctor joining the MMH team in April - very exciting!



The Dante Quartet perform at the Mulanje Concert at the English Reformed Church, Amsterdam on 17th November



With the local chiefs and village headmen at the opening of a new health post at Msithe

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Prayer & Praise



Thank God for the daily work and witness of MMH and the commitment of our staff to providing good quality care

Pray for peace and justice in Malawi as the country grapples with a rapidly deteriorating economic position

Please pray for the senior management team at MMH as we work with donors and partners to plan for the coming year

Pray especially for staff working in the paediatric ward and intensive care area - very busy at this time of year during the peak malaria season

Thank God for the many generous donations, large

and small, which support our work throughout the year

We are planning to plant more of these beautiful flamboyant trees to create an avenue leading to the mission – the holes are dug, we are waiting for rain



Wishing you all every blessing this
Christmastide,
Ruth

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