

A letter from Michelle

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Dear Friends

Yesterday we had some very important visitors at the hospital and I had the honour of helping to plan their visit and spend the morning with them. Grades six and seven from Mukinge Hill Academy came on a school trip to visit the hospital and find out all about who works there. They met with a wide range of hospital staff from Administration staff to X-ray technicians. They heard what each one does in their role and then had a chance to ask questions. They were very interested in the work at the hospital and had a lot of questions including:



Who inspired you to become a doctor?

Why does your urine go orange when you have malaria?

What subjects should you study to become a nurse?

Does a dead body ever come alive in the mortuary?

Do you feel ill when you do surgery?

We took them to see our children's ward where they saw the staff at work and counted the number of beds we had on the ward. They also heard how the work in the hospital is not just about physical healing but spiritual too and telling people about Jesus. The visit was enjoyed by all including me!

Who knows, maybe one day some of these children will be working at Mukinge Mission Hospital.



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Mukinge Hill Academy where these children go to school is a Christian school covering grades one to seven. Claire Robinson, one of our SIM missionaries, from Northern Ireland, is the Head Teacher there. She and her staff work hard to give the children a good education that will allow them to go on to the higher school grades and even beyond that. A good basic education is not a given for many in Zambia as family circumstance often require a child miss a lot of school, stop school after the early grades or even not attend at all. To help children who otherwise wouldn't get an education a project has been started

through SIM for orphans and vulnerable children (project number 94646)

This weekend is Easter and, here in Kasempa, there is not an Easter Egg or Easter bunny to be seen in the shops. This year I made my own hot cross buns and my craving for a cream egg will remain just a craving! It's good to have Easter all about the cross and the focus on Jesus. There will be services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to celebrate Easter in local churches. Here at the hospital we will have a sunrise service on the hill next to the hospital on Sunday morning. Waking up to climb the hill at 5.15 will be a struggle as I am not a morning person but this service remains my favourite part of Easter here as we reflect on all Jesus sacrificed for us on the cross and how he rose again.



The hospital from Sunrise Hill

I hope you have a happy Easter

Michelle

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