

PCC News August 2012

News from Deng Jongkuch – Site Administrator
Partners In Compassionate Care Site Manager in Werkok, Sudan

Memorial Christian Hospital Dr. Gai Abraham joins PCC

Memorial Christian Hospital (MCH) is pleased to introduce you to Dr. Gai Abraham, who was hired in June. Dr. Gai, who is highly skilled in surgery, gynecology, and tropical medicines, comes to us with 20 years of experience. He graduated from University of Alexandria in Egypt in 1987 with an M.D. in General Practice. After initially working in Khartoum, he moved to Yemen where he spent 10 years practicing medicine in hospitals large and small.

Since joining us, Dr. Gai has performed 11 surgeries; we expect that number to increase as more people learn about him. He also initiated an effort to more fully equip our surgical theater and laboratory. With these improved services, MCH could soon become a center of medical care for the entire state of Jonglei!

In fact, our numbers are already increasing: in July, we had 476 patients—more than double the number in January (211), and our case numbers hit 955, which is more than three times what it was in January (312).



Meeting with Bor County Commissioner

We recently met with Director General at the State Ministry of Health to introduce Dr. Gai and discuss some challenges at MCH. Dr. Rossie (World Gospel Missions) was also present at the meeting, where we addressed issues such as the lack of employees, transportation, security, and medical supplies. The Director General then suggested we meet with County Commissioner about it since he is the head of Bor County. We did do that, but, unfortunately, we know that his resources are very limited. However, the Commissioner did direct his health department officer to send us essential drugs and supplies, which we later received, and we are very grateful for that.

Visiting the Leprosy Colony in Malek

Missionaries established a leprosy colony in Malek in 1906, and although it thrived during the war, it has since been neglected by the government and international NGOs. Earlier this year, we contacted Christian Mission Aid (CMA) and asked them to assess the colony's current needs. They generously granted our request and in July, MCH provided a vehicle to transport the team to the colony, where they did the assessment. (MCH also donated fortified maize flour to the children of the colony.) We will continue to monitor and support the needs of this colony as God makes resources available.



Growing Goodness in our Garden

Many thanks to Dan Janzen (PCC Board Member), who brought seeds to us from the U.S. in February and introduced us to the concept of “kitchen gardening.” By sharing our bounty with patients and employees, we hope to teach them the importance of good, nutritious food. The garden also serves as a demonstration farm to patients and other villagers. After successfully growing kale, tomatoes, eggplants, beans, nuts, and cabbages, we expect to increase vegetable production in next few months



Peanuts from the
MCH Women's Garden



Corn from the MCH Youth Garden



Deng Jongkuch with garden tomatoes

