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Viruses Temporarily Affect Clinic

In January 2020, two clients from the same family were treated by staff at the John H. and Marie Parrish Medical Clinic (Clinic). The two individuals returned the next day and were referred to a hospital where they tested positive for Ebola. Necessary precautions were taken, the clinic closed, and staff monitored for 21 days between January 17-Feburary 7. After the allotted time, the staff were screened and cleared, and the clinic re-opened on Feb. 7. As a result of this, stringent measures have been established to stop Ebola from reoccurring at the clinic, and Humanitarian Hands Charities (HHCharities) plan to join the campaign to eliminate Ebola from the population.

Besides Ebola, another virus threatened the area—the Coronavirus. In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), there were many cases. Staff are asking for prayers for the region because many of the Clinic's clients come from the DRC on business to Uganda. Clinic staff is trained to



John H. and Marie Parrish Medical Clinic, Fort Portal, Uganda. Opened May 17, 2016.

prevent transmission of Coronavirus and washing facilities have been set up at the clinic gate, but more are needed in each room. The Clinic is also running short on facial masks and sanitizers; however, they are still committed to providing quality health services to those who need it. As with Ebola, stringent measures were put in place to prevent the spread and protect clients.

Challenges—Lack of Clinic Equipment

Malaria has killed more people than HIV/AIDs in the area, but because of the Ebola threat, the number of malaria cases dropped in February from 42% to 6%. The most vulnerable to malaria are children under five and pregnant mothers. The challenge of managing malaria clients with severe anemia is caused by the lack of a diagnostic Complete Blood Count (CBC) machine to detect Hemoglobin (HB) levels, white blood cell count, red blood cell count and platelets. The Clinic is requesting a CBC Machine along with a refrigerator for keeping blood that is needed to transfuse blood to patients with severe anemia.

Cardiovascular conditions are highest among the elderly due to poor feeding habits and living in an oppressed lifestyle because of poverty. Those with more serious heart conditions are referred due to a lack of effective diagnostic equipment, such as an X-ray machine, Electrocardiography (ECG)

machine, CBC machine, cardiac beds, and digital Blood Pressure (BP) machines.

Because of the various campaigns on radio, in churches and village meetings for cervical cancer screening, the number of cases has declined. Those who were screened with positive results of cervical pre-cancerous lesions were referred for cryotherapy service; however, a cryotherapy machine and the accessories would allow clients to receive treatment at the Clinic rather than having to travel.

In addition to other needs of the Clinic, to service patients they need a cryotherapy machine and equipment for cervical cancer screening, post abortion care equipment, such as a gynecological set, vaginal speculums, sponge holding forceps, IUD insertion sets, scissors, uterine sounds, tenaculums, artery forceps, gall pots, kidney dishes, drums for sterile equipment and a well-equipped sterilization system.

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Easter for Children in Uganda

Our school sponsors are true angels for watching over children who have little hope for a better life.

Some sponsors and Humanitarian Hands Charities sent 79 children Easter Cards and other small items.

For children in Uganda, they know that escape from their situation, including poverty, is education. Unlike the United States where education is free through a public system, in Uganda, effective education is expensive. Your dollars give these children hope for a new life free of hunger, pain, and poverty.

Notice Address Change:

HHCharities

9353 Forest Lane

Suite 124

Dallas, TX 75243

With your donations, HHCharities can provide the Parrish Medical Clinic with much needed equipment to help clinic clients.

To donate funds for individual items: x-ray machine, ECG machine, CBC machine, cardiac beds, digital BP machines, cryotherapy machine and an ambulance go to www.hhcharities.com for more information on how and where to donate.

What You Can Do To Help

Three (3) academic terms/semesters in the

2020 Ugandan Public Schools:

Term I – February 3rd – May 6th (Funds due by January 22nd)

Term II – May 27th – August 26th (Funds due by May 15th)

Term III – September 16th – November 30th (Funds due by September 2nd)

Funds will be used as noted below:

Tuition

Uniform

Lunch Meals

School Supplies

Additional Meals/Clothes

ANNUAL TOTAL-----\$396

Credit Card Payments: via PayPal at www.hhcharities.org

Term Payments: \$132 per term

Monthly payments: \$33 per month (auto payments can be set up via PayPal auto system)

Payments accepted: Cash, Check or

Bank Automatic Draft Payments-personally

set up through your bank

*Use your Match Program at your place of

employment to maximize your giving. *

95% of your tuition payments are sent to Uganda for the children

92% if paying via credit card payments-3% for charge fees/5% for administrative costs