

Report on the installation of Medical Equipment at St Patrick's Hospital Gweru Zimbabwe

In August 2017, a team from Holroyd New Life Church travelled to Zimbabwe for the installation of obsolete but functional medical equipment donated by Nepean Hospital, Surgical Equipment Australia and Rotary Australia World Community Service via their Donations In Kind organisation.

The equipment included hospital beds, mattresses, operating tables, wheelchairs, medical devices, bandages, crutches and much more.

Most of the funding for this project came from a group of Anglican churches in Croydon, England. The Croydon Zimbabwe Link donated approximately \$AUD17,000 to cover the freight costs for transporting the 40Ft container from Sydney to St Patrick's Hospital. Additional funds were donated by members of Holroyd New Life Church and through a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser.



Loading the Container at Castle Hill on April 22nd

Rev Austin July helps unload the container in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe in June

All medical equipment arrived, mostly intact with only slight damage to a few items.



St Patrick's Hospital is located in a rural area of central Zimbabwe, approximately 40kms NE of Gweru

The installation of this equipment was completed over a two week period by-

- Peter Brown – Biomedical Engineer from Nepean Hospital and Team Leader
- David Moussa – Electronics Engineer

- Sango Sango – Local Biomedical Engineer

The team received troubleshooting advice from the Biomedical Engineering department at Nepean Hospital while on the ground at St Patricks' Hospital.

The following is a photographic summary of the equipment which has been installed into the newly built hospital:



Above: David helps local guys assemble hospital beds. Some of the 54 mechanical beds.



Above: Mechanical Operating Table

Sr. Shumba checks donated books (Shumba means "Lion")



Above: Resuscitation Room, in the older Clinic building, complete with newly installed patient monitoring, defibrillator, ventilator & infusion pump and Propaq transport monitor.



Left: GE Ultrasound machine assembled and checked

Right: Spacelab Patient monitors installed in High Dependency Unit. These monitors allow for continuous measurement of vital signs.



Above: GE Incubator, Steven, Peter & Sango, who will provide local support



Medical Air supply & Filter



Left: The locals. This man is taking the wildlife park's elephants for a walk, to greener pastures.

Right: The Team with local leaders and Rev Brian Rensford who was the original connection to St Patrick's.

From the Left: David Moussa, Sango, Fr. James, Rev Brian Rensford of Holroyd New Life Church, Peter Brown and Martin Dupwe, the financial auditor for the diocese.



A sincere thanks to everyone who made this project possible. This was truly a global project that incorporated assistance from the following organisations: Lifeline Southern Africa, Croydon Zimbabwe Link, Rotary Australia World Community Services, Nepean Hospital, The Anglican Diocese of Gweru, Surgical Equipment Australia, Holroyd New Life Church and Zim Transit. There were dozens of people who volunteered their time and effort to make this a reality. Thank you to each and every one of you!