

Uganda Trip Report

January 2024

The trip to Uganda was an overwhelming success with both service opportunities and significant partnership meetings related to the Kikandwa Health Center, the Rotary Club of Kampala South, and Rotary Club of Kampala Sunrise.

On Saturday, January 6 the RC Kampala South hosted a health clinic day at the Kikandwa Health Center. This was the first trip for our members to see the completed facility. Over 500 people were provided free services including over 80 expectant mothers who received ultra-sound scans. During Opening Ceremonies President Emily made remarks about the project and helped to present the medical equipment that was secured in our Maternal and Child Health RI Global Grant to Dr. Julius and the medical team at the HC. RCDMAM participated in the clinic day and provided just over \$7,000 of the international committee budget to fund the day including over \$5,000 in medicine. We also delivered dental equipment to support the new dental function that was previously initiated by the purchase of the dental chair unit through the Shining City Foundation. The clinic day ended with joint fellowship with RC Kampala South members.

On Sunday, January 7th we held a planning meeting with Dr. Julius to understand the vision and next step needs for the clinic. The most immediate equipment needs are for a CBC machine and 3 oxygen generators. Shining City Foundation made a commitment to fund these items in the amount of \$7,300 and a check from SCF to Rotary to cover these costs has been delivered for deposit. As the funds clear a wire will be sent.

Additional items of pressing need include a sonographer to utilize the new equipment on a full-time basis rather than once a week through the grant support. Dr. Julius has a plan to get a staff member trained (9 to 12 month process) with short term support of a sonographer at around \$500 a month need. With a formal plan the RCDMAM International Committee and SCF will review this request for action.

Another pressing need is permanent housing for staff. RC Kampala South architect, Ian, who developed the initial plans will meet with Dr. Julius to determine the needs and draft a plan for housing with a formal plan the RCDMAM International Committee and SCF will review this request for action.

On Monday, January 8th the travel group met with Mukono Diocese Bishop Enos regarding the formal partnership with the HC as the diocese owns the land the HC is located on and staffs the clinic. During COVID, the clinic staffing cost moved from the diocese to the clinic itself and they are working to reinstate diocese funding of staff as is agreed to in our written agreement. Bishop Enos is new in his role and adamantly supports the Kikandwa Clinic and stated that the clinic would operate on the diocese land 'until the second coming.'

The group then went to Mukono Hospital for a tour of the facility and meetings regarding their needs. We were able to see the anesthesia machine and suction unit that was purchased by RCDMAM and SCF after the 2018 trip. We met with the new diocese medical director, Dr. Joyce, who communicated her commitment to the clinic and the needs of the hospital that they will forward in writing for review.

President Emily co-led the RC Kampala South meeting on Monday, January 8 with RCKS President, Rita Tinka. Members of RCDMAM and SCF presented the program followed by fellowship and future planning discussions. These discussions included a focus on the submission of the RC Micro-finance Global Grant that will be submitted in the near future.

The work with RCKS and the Kikandwa Clinic received three days of national news coverage on both TV and newspaper.

On Tuesday, January 9 the group attended the RC Kampala Sunrise meeting for fellowship and planning discussions of engagements. President Emily made remarks regarding our partnerships. Following the meeting the group toured the Sure Prospects School that includes students with special needs that we have previously supported to identify needs of enhancement.

During the trip the group met with the artist that was part of President Emily's micro-finance initiative in 2012. His works are currently on permanent display at the National Art Center in Kampala. The artist, Godfrey, gifted a painting to President Emily for the RCDMAM.

The trip closed with a fellowship BBQ with members of the RCKS and the Ugandan National Cricket Team.

The travel party to Uganda included:

Emily Raecker Adreon – President, Rotary Club of Des Moines AM, Shining City Foundation Board Member

Jennifer Chittenden – RC DMAM member / past president and Assistant District Governor (District 6000)

Dante Chittenden – Student at University of Iowa – International Studies

Michael Dayton – RCDMAM member / past president

Scott Raecker – RC DMAM International Committee Chair, Shining City Foundation President

Steve Dinnen – RCDMAM, International Committee member

Deb Timmons – Shining City Foundation Board

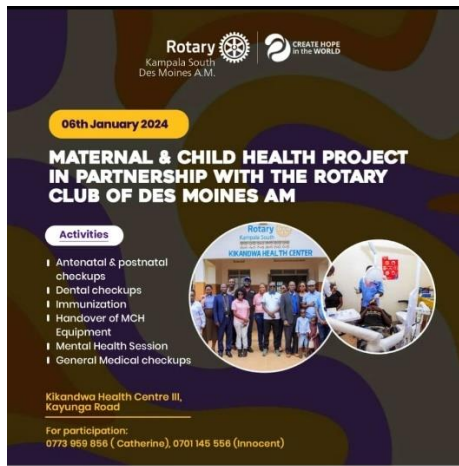
Dan Timmons – Shining City Foundation Board Chair



2012 Clinic Rendering



2024 Completed Health Center



Kikandwa Health Center Rotary Health Day and Global Grant Deployment



Emily with HC Director, Dr. Julius



Dental Chair provided by SCF



Clinic Tour – Reception / Intake Area





New Ultrasound machine provided through RCDMAM / RCKS / SCF / RI Global Grant (five clinics impacted)



Mama Kits



Reception Area to see the dentist.



RCDMAM funded water well provides water into all 3 Health Center buildings and a public well.



Meeting with HC Director Dr. Julius and Kikandwa HC Committee Chair, Mr, Galabuzi, on immediate needs



Drake student Emily Raecker, planning with micro-fiance loan recipient Godfrey Kalungi in 2013.



RCDMAM President, Emily Adreon, with Godfrey in 2024.



Godfrey's art has been on permanent display at the Kampala National Art Center since 2018.



Ledaship from RC Kampala South and RC DMAM with the original MOU signed in 2013 to facilitate building of the Kikandwa Health Center and other related projects.



RCKS President, Rita Tinka, and RCDMAM Presidnet, Emily Adreon, presiding over the Rotary Meeting.



Meeting with Mukono Diocese Bishop Enos reconfirming the written MOU that commits the Health Center to operate on Diocese land with staff and upstream medical services at the Mukono Hospital provided by the Mukono Diocese.



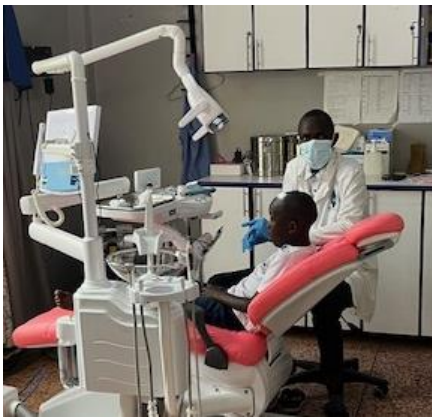
Fellowship and Worship at St. Mark Kikandwa Church of Uganda, Mukono Diocese.



Three national news stories cover the Kikandwa Health Center Rotary Health Day and the Maternal Health Global Grant.



Site Visit and planning session at Mukono Hospital.



Mukono Hospital dental equipment and anesthesia machine provided by RCDMAM and SCF following 2018 planning trip.



Rotary Clkb of Kampala Sunrise planning meeting.



Site visit at Sure Prospects School with RC Kampala Sunrise.



Meeting with Hon. Edward Katumba Wamala, Uganda Minister of Works and Transport.



Final fellowship with members of RC Kampala South and the Ugandan National Cricket Team.



President Emily Building Goodwill and Better Friendships after a day of Service Above Self.