

## Salisbury-Sudan Medical Link

### 1.6.10 Salisbury-Sudan Link Committee Meeting Report for mid-March to end-May '10

#### Activity

##### 1. Training

- Candidates from Wau Diocese for CHW training were being put forward for interview at the Across Community Based Health Care Training Centre at Adol in Rumbek.
- Daniel Badagbu (a youth leader visitor to Salisbury Diocese in 2005) had cleared his various second-year exams and had begun in mid-April the first term in year three of his medical studies.

##### 2. Medicines

- Instead of sending one-size-fits-all kits as in the past, Dioceses had been consulted as to their medicine requirements and the forthcoming consignment would be more 'bespoke'.
- The ordering process had been advanced this year to minimise delivery problems in the time leading up to the January 2011 referendum.

##### 3. ECS Health Commission

- It appeared that a co-ordinator candidate had been identified and her CV sent to Dr Katie Rhoads. Alice Manasseh had been approved by the Provincial Office as the new Community Health Coordinator and she was due to start around 19th April. An American source had, in addition to the Medical Link, also offered to help with her salary. Further information was awaited from Juba.

##### 4. Infrastructure

- Payments towards the construction of the Kozi clinic in Maridi Diocese, the replacement of the roof of a clinic in Malakal Diocese and the equipping of clinics in Ezo were imminent.

##### 5. Miscellaneous

- The Medical Link sub-Committee were due to meet on 9 June.
- The Bishop's Garden Party on Sunday, 13 June would be held shortly before +David's retirement. Sarah would be in gentle charge for the final time and a presentation to her was planned. Alison Pinkerton and Chris Dragonetti had kindly agreed to take care of 2011 and another couple were considering 2012 and thereafter. All, of course, would depend on +David's successor being willing to perpetuate the tradition.
- A fine Medical Link banner had been acquired and would be displayed at the Committee Meeting.
- Several talks had been given on the Medical Link; there seemed to be a burgeoning demand.

#### Finances

- A sizeable legacy of some £86k had been left to the Medical Link in the will of an erstwhile midwife from Poole. The use to which it would be put would be carefully considered at the forthcoming Medical Sub-Committee meeting on 9.6.10 but a substantial project was likely to be sought as a suitable memorial – perhaps involving midwifery training.
- This extraordinary item aside, income for the year was a little down on the past. To date, 2010 expenditure had been minimal but there would imminently be significant outgoings to meet the cost of the year's medicines & transportation, infrastructure and training.
- Care needed to be taken, notwithstanding the ample reserves, because sterling/dollar exchange rates were very poor.

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