

*Kibogora news*  
*October 2007*

*Dear All,*

*I have been "encouraged" to write brief news reports so here is number 1. I have been preparing a brief history of Kibogora hospital so will add that next time and maybe that will help some know a little more of the wider context of Kibogora hospital.*

*We were sorry to see the Fryman family leave very quickly last week. Kathy was found to have an ovarian mass which caused concern. Of course the hope is that is benign although she has been told it could be malignant. They are now home and she will probably have surgery early next week. Pray for the family as they go through this uncertain time and that the girls and Dave will be given what they need. Kathy wrote "we cannot worship and worry at the same time so we choose to worship".. Great testimony*

*This is a big loss for the hospital as Dave was responsible for the supervision and mentoring of our 3 newly graduated doctors and was proving to be a great teacher and resource person for the medical staff. If all goes well we hope they will be back early 2008 to finish their last 6 months with us.*

*This of course affects Mary Beth who came as the teacher for the girls. She now will need to plan her return to the US.*

*Julie Yerger arrived in Kigali on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept and will be with us at Kibogora next week so she will need special grace to adjust to this new phase of her life. She has been appointed as a career nurse and will be part of the nursing supervision team. In 2008 she will hopefully coordinate a nurse upgrade program.*

*One of our chaplains, Thamar, has started a two year training course in Kenya on Christian counselling. This has been a weak area and the post war emotional and psychological consequences seem to be increasing especially among the youth.*

*One of our longer term nurses will take Thamar's place, working alongside Pastor Wakana who heads up the chaplaincy. One of their aims is to ensure that each hospitalised patient hears at least one time the basic message of salvation.*

*The hospital management are facing a number of challenges and to address some, rethinking or confirming the mission of the hospital. With fewer of the older staff members and more coming to us with no idea of our history or raison d'être, we seem to be at a cross roads where choices need to be made. We either become more and more "another" govt hospital or keep our edge as a ministry to the population. Pray as we try to bring all to the same place of motivation and understanding.*

*We have in general a very hard working staff but of course we can be busy without accomplishing anything real or long-lasting*

*Once again thank you to those who have committed to support Kibogora hospital and community. If any of you have advice or suggestions on what would be of interest to you or helpful to know etc., please let me know.*

*As always*

*Sheila e*

*A special friend..*



*In as much as you do it unto one of these little ones.*