

Sunday 15 May - Update from YOTKOM

Dear friends and supporters of Yotkom,

I hope you find this update a valuable insight into some of the people being treated here at the clinic and progress we are making at the project.

### **Morgue Update**

The Yotkom Morgue is nearing completion with the cold room being installed this week. Everybody is very intrigued by this new concept never before witnessed in Kitgum - a room within a room!



### **Boy with anaemia due to severe malaria**



A young boy presented to the clinic with anaemia due to malaria. The soles of his feet were white due to blood loss and his haemoglobin was 2.3 (normal is 10). We had to get blood from another hospital as we didn't have the correct blood type for his transfusion. Being able to give life-saving blood has helped many children suffering from malaria and also to treat shock due to blood loss in pregnancy, childbirth and after trauma.

## Orthopaedic surgeries

This 85 year old lady was hit by a car and suffered a fracture of her femur. She underwent surgery and was able to have a rod inserted. Orthopaedic surgeries are frequent here and without the intervention many would have debilitating disabilities long term.



## Medical student Richard assisting in theatre

Our sponsored medical student Richard has been visiting Yotkom while I am here and he was able to assist one of our doctors in the operating theatre recently. Here he is helping to remove a large cyst from a patient's pelvis.





## New nurses being orientated



We have been interviewing and orientating some new nurses while I have been here. This is one of our new nurses: Jane ready for orientation.

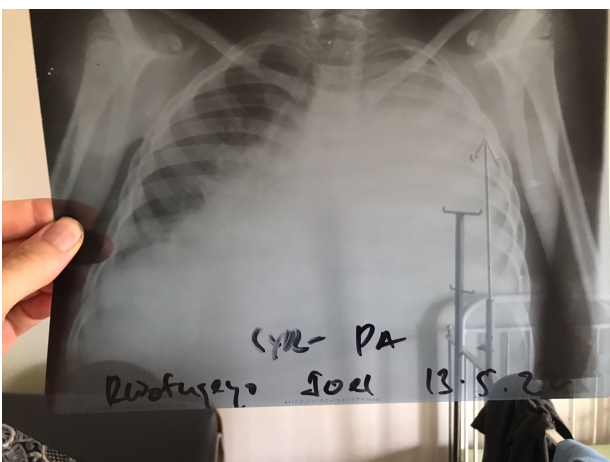
## Compassion story



This little 7 month old baby has been helped to travel for more sophisticated tests as the family could not afford the travel or medical costs.

We have many patients in this position who cannot afford their medical care/travel costs for further investigations. We would love to be able to help more of these very poor patients with our compassion fund. Many people come with orthopaedic injuries but can't afford curative surgery which means they will have long term disabilities.

## Please pray for Joel



Please pray for young Joel, the boy with the paraplegia from mango tree fall. He has come back with a serious chest infection and had 1.7 litres of infected fluid drained from his left chest cavity. He has lost a lot of weight. Pray for a good response to treatment and wisdom in ongoing care management plan for him.

### **Progress on paving**

New pavers have been laid in the compound beside all the hospital wards where patients can move around and sit with their carers.



### **Radiology department vision**

We have raised \$12 000 toward a new ultrasound machine which is fantastic. We need another \$6 000 toward this and then we hope to raise \$18 000 for digital X-ray conversion which is all part of our radiology department vision to improve diagnosis.

### **Photo of Andrew and our Yotkom doctors**



Thank you for praying for me here in Kitgum and for helping the work of Yotkom.

God bless  
From Andrew