

## RHODESIA HOSPITAL REPORT

Dear Highway Friends,

I would like to include in my letter this month a brief statistical summary for the year ending December, 1962, and make a few comments about our medical work as it has progressed this past year.

In every way 1962 has shown an increase over the previous years since the hospital's opening in January, 1960. In our outpatient clinics, we saw a total of 3,577 individual patients; multiplying this by the total number of times each of these patients were seen and treated in the Clinic, we arrive at a total treatment list of 12,213 or an average of over 3 treatments for each patient. The largest number of these patients were seen at the Hospital Clinic, but over 1,000 were treated at our Jambezi Clinic held weekly at a point farther into the Reserve and nearly 600 at the Government Road Construction Unit at Matetsie. One comment, the Road Construction Unit has been relocated as of the close of the year and these Matetsie clinics are no longer operating. This represents a considerable loss of income to the hospital as these clinics were heavily subsidized by the government.

Admissions to the hospital during 1962 totaled 1,748; multiplying our number of admissions by the number of days each patient was retained in the hospital, we arrive at 17,817 inpatient units or an average of slightly over 10 days of hospitalization for each patient. Of course, many were hospitalized for a much less time while others had a protracted hospitalization. Our average number of patients in the hospital per day was 49. There were 20 deaths. There were 157 maternity confinements as compared to 89 in 1961. Again a comment, with this large number of inpatients we have had many golden opportunities for personal evangelism and effective ministry of the Word

of God among them. This has been the first year that we have had a full time African worker at the hospital, and Preacher Nyoni has been doing a good work. Our tract ministry has been increased this year among those patients who are able to read. We have had a number of conversions among our patients, several outstanding instances of death bed repentances (several of which I have mentioned in previous writing). We seek your prayers for these converts made through our hospital and clinics, many of whom have returned to their villages where there is no strong Christian ministry or witness and where it is impossible with our present staff to render suitable follow-up.

Along the line of construction and equipment, we have added much needed laundry and drug store rooms, a diesel lighting plant, and an annex to our nurses' residence. With the acute water shortage early in the year, we were forced to drill a new bore hole which has been equipped with electric motors, pump, and reservoir tank.

I would like to make one further comment of appreciation for the many boxes of hospital supplies which we have received during the year. These have been of immense assistance to us. We never have enough of the home-made bandage rolls, women's night gowns, or men's pyjamas. Towels, wash cloths are always much in need, as are scribblers, safety pins, and other incidentals. I should caution you, however, to state as low a value on items as you conscientiously can, as the amount of duty which we pay on this end is frequently assessed upon your valuation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Storer Emmett.



Dr. Emmett, Miss Uta Chase, and African Nurse preparing a lacerated artery for stitching at Bethesda Hospital, Rhodesia.