



Medical Programs

Blessings Hospital

A 110-Bed Complex

The idea started in July 1999, as Dick and Suzi Stephens, from the U.S., visited Napoleon Dzombe, a Malawi businessman who had recently purchased land a short distance north of the capital. Suzi, a registered nurse in America, persuaded him to use some of the land for a much-needed hospital. The idea was instantly embraced, and construction started a few days after the meeting. The Stephens returned to the U.S. to seek funding, equipment, and supplies for the facility. The success on both sides of the ocean was just short of miraculous as contributors in the U.S. and Canada opened their hearts and pocketbooks to offer aid. International aid groups, churches, hospitals, medical supply companies, and even governments readily made supplies, equipment and construction funds available for the program. On the Malawi side the construction moved forward at an amazing rate.

On July 21, 2000 the first building was completed, and the Malawi Medical Council gave approval to begin offering outpatient services. Blessings Hospital was a reality. Over the next 6 years four more medical buildings were added to the complex, as Blessings quickly became a premier facility drawing national attention.



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By 2007 the complex contained two major buildings for patient care, including x-ray, ultra-sound, emergency care, and dental, as well as two large medical storage buildings capable of holding large shipments of supplies. These supplies filled the needs of Blessings Hospital, and also made vast stores of supplies and equipment available to over 400 government and private facilities free of charge. A fifth building, a stand-alone surgery center was rapidly moving toward completion.

The original plans called for Blessings to be a not-for-profit facility, and though this did not take place, the facility operates today as a private community outreach medical program.

In 2007 the Malawi Project moved its focus to a number of other medical facilities needing immediate attention, and increased its outreach in the next five years to over 700 facilities in the country. Blessings Hospital currently operates without additional assistance from the Project, and serves the community with a staff of Malawi medical personnel.

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