

Namikango HEALTH CENTER by Ben Hayes

The word is out!

Since its very beginning, Namikango Mission has wanted to help the people of Malawi, not to take advantage of them. We want to share the blessings of Christ and His message of salvation. But more than just teach, we want to look and act like Christ, who loved and helped the people He taught.

One way we have done this is by having a Maternity Clinic to help mothers have safer childbirths. Namikango has been a mission of passion, love, and grace - and the Maternity Clinic says that loud and clear.

We are outsiders in Malawi and too often outsiders develop a reputation for taking advantage of the people and treating them unfairly. That is not the case with Namikango; this became clear to all when we saw a need and filled that need by establishing the Maternity Clinic in 1974.

There are over 33,000 people living in our immediate area. Most of the women were giving birth without experienced helpers, often leading to serious complications and many fatalities.

Early on, we received commendations from the government allowing us to partner with CHAM (Christian Health Association of Malawi). In working with them, we provide the facilities and services to the mothers free of charge and the nurses' salaries are paid by CHAM.

The Clinic offers Deliveries; Childcare Services for children under age 5; Prenatal and Postnatal-care; Counseling; Testing for HIV, and AIDS services. These last items were added later due to the large HIV problems that have spread in Africa.

We currently have a team of 10 well-trained nurses and midwives who are assisted by six experienced patient attendants. In the early days, the Clinic had about 60 deliveries per month with a small fee incurred. When the services went to



Counseling for the Ladies

free services with the government connection, the number of deliveries went up to an average of 100 births per month.

Because of Namikango's excellent reputation, we have been asked over the years by the government to expand into a hospital. While not being able to make that large step, we have been working towards extending our services to other needs. The recently completed Out-Patient Clinic will allow us to do just that. We will be able to sell important medicines that are not available over the counter as well as testing for and treating Malaria and treating accidents and other sicknesses.

In 2018, our status with the government was upgraded by CHAM from "Maternity Clinic" to "Health Center," which gives us the freedom to expand. Over the last 1½ years we have been building the facilities to house the Outpatient Clinic.

Last month, we received certification from the Medical Council of Malawi, which means we are one step closer to being able to operate the new clinic. We expect to open in early 2020.

Admin Building Update

The Administration Building construction continues to move along. We're nearing the end of the project. The tiling of the floors is almost complete and painting on the walls and ceiling not far away.

Not the prettiest part of the project, but still very important, is the septic tank and it has just been dug. We are hoping to have the sewer system completed in the near future. We are very much looking forward to being able to occupy this building in the early part of 2020!



The Admin Building - Getting Ready for the future

Clinic Updates

Hello all,

My name is Moses Nsema. I have just finished a full year and a month since joining the wonderful team at Namikango Mission. I am so blessed to be part of this godly group. Everyone has accepted me and have willingly shared their skills and knowledge with me, helping me to fit in easily and to do a good job.

Working as a Clinic Administrator here at the Mission has been inspiring. Namikango Maternity Clinic has been here for several decades now. I have known some people who were born here and they praise God for the good results this facility has in the area.

Helping provide "Safe Motherhood" is one of our goals at the Clinic; this has made a huge impact on the community. We serve an area of over 33,000 people, and since I am the one entrusted to run this facility, it humbles me. I constantly hear the successful stories and praise from the community and from government officials. Namikango Maternity Clinic has brought huge smiles to many and we trust God is very happy with the work done here.

Looking forward, I cannot wait for us to venture into an Out Patient Department (O.P.D.) which the team has been working on for some years now. I am even more excited now as the preparations have mostly come to an end. We will soon be able



to serve an even larger range of illnesses and accidents. Lord willing, this will happen in the near future. I look forward to meeting the new challenges that the O.P.D. might bring. It will strengthen the reputation of Namikango and will also open the door of goodwill for those who carry God's message to the people. It will also allow us all to grow in God's grace and mercy.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the Directors of Namikango for their support and for mentoring me during my first year working with them. I am eagerly looking forward to the bright future of Namikango Mission. Thank you all.

Moses Nsema

Solar Backup is now in Use!

When members from the Eastside church visited earlier this year, they brought with them a complete solar system. While here, they helped install it for our Maternity Clinic.

It is now in operation. This is a major benefit for us, especially now, because we have entered the rainy season when power outages are frequent.

The continuous power provided by the backup system will allow us to serve our patients without interruption and keeps all our medical equipment up and running!

Ben Hayes



Solar Power for the Maternity Clinic

Merry Christmas!

It's been a great year, with many things to be thankful for and a few struggles as well. God has been good throughout it all and we're thankful to have been a part of what God is doing here.

We hope you all have had a good year as well and that you are able to enjoy special times with your family and friends this holiday season.

We anxiously look forward to see what God has planned for 2020!

Merry Christmas everyone and may God bless you!

The Hayes and Gephart families



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**We Review the
Maternity Ministry
This Month**

Anita Vaughn

My dear wife of 68 years passed away peacefully in her sleep and has joined our first-born Terry in the loving arms of Jesus.

Anita had a deep love for the Lord, for family, and for the church.

She enjoyed telling how she and I grew up and lived 700 miles apart in Roswell, NM, and Houston, TX, but that God brought us together in the middle when we met at the



Kernville Bible Training Work (now SHBI).

Anita loved the Namikango Mission Work and she encouraged me in it for my 45 years as Director. She made three trips to Malawi and thoroughly enjoyed them.

She assisted in proof-reading these newsletters for years, including last month's issue, two weeks before she passed.

She is missed.

Sidney

April 27, 1937 – December 5, 2019



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We appreciate all that you do.
God bless,
Jim & Kathy Albright

In loving honor of
Wade & Christi Aplin
Nelda Aplin

Balance Nov 1 st	\$1,504.00
Nov. Contributions.....	+ \$23,048.50
Projects/Reserve Funds	+ \$7,850
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Transfer of Add'l Reserve Funds	+ \$5,000
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Nov Expenses.....	- \$36,611.52
Mission Expenses & Pensions....	-\$22,642.84
Printing & Postage	-\$947
Operating Expenses	-\$3,500
PayPal Online Fees	-\$21.68
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In memory of **Anita** and in honor of **Sidney**.
We appreciate the many years of service and sacrifice on behalf of Namikango. **Larry & Reba Branum**

In memory of **Anita Vaughn**.
On behalf of **Fusion Academy**, Sugar Land, Texas.

We have loved your family for years and years.
Our love and prayers in the loss of **Anita**.
Truman & Mauriene Hayes

In memory of **Anita Vaughn**.
Our condolences and prayers to her family.
Love, the Heltons –
Jon & Connie, Rick & Sharolyn, Matt & Molly

In sweet, sweet memory of **Anita Vaughn**.
Emily Kessler

In loving memory of our sister/sister-in-law.
Larry & Gladys Mayes

In loving memory of **Mrs. Anita**. **Sylvia Najera**

In prayer and sympathy with so many precious memories of **Anita** from the time we first began to share sweet Christian fellowship over 50 years ago.
Robert & Louise Teague

In honor of my loving grandmother, **Anita Vaughn**, and her love and dedication to Namikango.
Adam & Nairn Vaughn