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Bo Children's Hospital Gets a New Bus!

On our visit to Bo in January we realised the problems faced with running a vehicle on the badly eroded roads which are mainly dirt. The old bus belonging to the hospital, continually broke down and needed much maintenance to keep it on the road. Once again our wonderful donors came to the rescue and helped purchase a 12 seater bus in time for the wet season. Many of the child patients and staff use the bus regularly to go to and from the hospital from the city of Bo which is located approx. 5 kilometres away.



New bus with old bus in the background



Front view of new bus

Young Girls Return to Thank Bo Children's Hospital

Two young girls returned to visit Bo Children's Hospital to remind them of their success story. They had frequently visited Bo Children's Hospital in the past as child patients with various medical illnesses including Malaria.



Floor tiles severely worn!

Bo Children's Hospital has now been in operation for 5 ½ years and it has come to a point that maintenance is very much needed. The most pressing of issues is that the floor tiles are severely worn and are becoming a safety and health issue. The main worn areas are the busy wards from constant 24 hour use. We have received quotes from tenders to replace the floor tiles and we need to raise AU\$4,500 to complete this work. We are appealing for donations to help pay for the replacement of the floor tiles.



Motor Bike for remote village vaccinations

Since Bo Children's Hospital opened its doors in June 2012 they have treated over 20,000 children.

This does not include the 50 plus children that are vaccinated at the hospital each week. On our visit to Bo Children's Hospital in January we became aware of the important need for a motor bike for staff to travel to remote villages in the district. Many children cannot get to the hospital to be vaccinated because of the remote location of their village. Motor bikes carrying staff and vaccinations can travel down walking tracks to get to the villages and enable immunization of the children to take place. Thanks to our wonderful donors we have purchased a motor bike for that purpose.



New motor bike for vaccinating remote villages



Vaccination line at BCH

Malnutrition Clinic at Bo Children's Hospital

Malnutrition continues to be a major ongoing problem with our child admissions. Bo Children's Hospital has set up a separate clinic to monitor the growth and development of these children. This program is part of the original vision when the hospital was founded to educate the parents and carers on proper nutrition and healthcare.



Malnutrition Clinic



Children writing at the Malnutrition Clinic



A Nurse monitors critically ill children on oxygen

Solar Panels and Generator provide much needed power to Bo Children's Hospital

The additional solar panels are installed and operational. **The new generator** has been installed as a back-up power supply when solar energy is not available. The generator has been located in the powerhouse alongside the current 20 KVA generator used by the Hospital. The constant power supply has made a big difference to Bo Children's Hospital, previously the power would constantly drop out and the staff on night shift had to wear light helmets to see the patients.

Thank you to our very generous donors who made this possible.