

Kalene Mission Hospital is a 170 bed mission hospital in the North West Province of Zambia. This is in a very underdeveloped rural area, and is providing a medical service to a large catchment area, which includes patients from Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The hospital includes a full range of services [Medicine, surgery, paediatrics, O&G, HIV medicine, Tuberculosis program etc], and in 2011 performed over 800 intermediate and major operations, 1000 minor procedures and over 900 deliveries.



Front of hospital

There has been an active upgrading of the facility, with infrastructure development in the areas of electricity, ablutions, workshop and theatre facilities. The hospital now has reliable 24 hour electricity. A new theatre block which includes three theatres, sterilization facilities, storage space, a seven bed intensive care unit and a hospital chapel/education centre will be completed in 2012.



Endoscopy being performed in theatre.



New theatre block under construction



Aerial view of Zengamina Hydroelectric Station

Kalene has a Nursing school training Zambia Enrolled nurses (ZEN). There are currently over 70 nursing students, three tutors and a clinical instructor. The hospital helps with the spiritual and educational program of the school. Also on site is the CMML Flight Service. The flight service has two pilots and two planes and assists with the transportation of hospital patients.



Classroom in nursing school



Patients about to be flown to see a visiting specialist at another hospital

The hospital has worked hard to develop its partnership with the Zambian government. As a result we have a good working relationship with the district (our district director of health has worked at the hospital) and the province. We have had two Zambian doctors working with us recently, and have a number of very good Zambian nursing staff. The government pay the salaries of a number of hospital staff, and also help with supply of medicines and the hospital's running costs (although mission input in these areas is still essential).

The spiritual work is central to the purpose and daily work of the hospital. A team of local Christians provide chaplaincy services, gospel services are run in the hospital and many tracts are distributed. There are many needs and opportunities for spiritual work both in the hospital and local church.



Hospital Chaplains

Dr John Woodfield, the medical team leader, is returning to NZ for family reasons in 2012. There is an urgent need for a mission doctor to continue the development of the hospital. Orientation and on site training is available while Dr Woodfield is still working at Kalene. General information about the hospital is available at www.kalenehospital.com