Vision: To be a model Christian referral and training center, providing excellent health care in the community to the glory of God.

Mission statement: Maua Methodist Hospital is a Christian organization committed to providing affordable, high quality services given by competent staff, in a friendly environment, to meet the health care needs of the community.

Mission Teams scheduled for 2016

Mark your calendar
Friends of Maua Meeting 2016
Houston, TX

Report from
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**Under the Jacaranda Trees**

I am sitting at my ranch in Colorado waiting for a snow storm that has been promised and for which we are prepared. My cup of hot Kenyan tea always takes me back to Maua even as I sit by the fire and watch the dark clouds descend on every creature living here. I know it is raining in Maua these days as it is now the rainy season, so I can imagine myself looking out the windows there watching similar dark clouds descending.

I don’t have Jacaranda trees in Colorado but the crab apple trees and lilacs are blooming and many of the wildflowers are beginning to come up in the pastures. However, I know the Jacaranda trees will welcome me when I return to Kenya in June and I am waiting to greet them like old friends.

Time speeds by whether I’m in Kenya or Colorado. I am one of those people who lives between two continents and always thinking about one while living in the other. I count myself extremely fortunate to have two such wonderful places to call home and the donor finances to make it all happen. With teams all through the summer and into September, I am anticipating a great mission season filled with good friends (old and new), objectives achieved, boundaries stretched and the love of our Lord Jesus descending on everyone alike. If you are one of the fortunate missioners preparing to journey to Maua, then you will be doubly blessed as this is definitely hallowed ground.

Kathie Mann

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**The Methodist Church in Kenya**

The Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK) was founded in 1862 by a group of Missionaries who were sent by the United Methodist Free Churches of Britain.

The Missionaries established their first Mission Station at Ribe, about 40 kilometers, north of Mombasa, at the East Coast of Kenya. It was from this Ribe Mission Station that the Methodist Church in Kenya then spread and expanded to the other parts of the country.

On January 7, 1967, the MCK became autonomous from the British Methodist Church. From those humble beginnings at the East Coast of Kenya, the MCK is now spread out across the country, and has Mission Churches in the neighboring countries of Tanzania and Uganda.

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**History of Maua Methodist Hospital, continued:**

The first Jacaranda trees were planted sometime in the late 1930’s. They are majestic as they stand sentinels for the Maua Methodist Hospital. Here is part 2 of the early history of the hospital as written by Sister Barbara Dickinson (recently retired from MMH): The Maua Methodist Hospital which has now stood tall in this northern area of Kenya for 86 years, is still a beacon of Christianity, outreach ministries and hope for healing.
The hospital made slow but steady progress. Dr. and Mrs. H.W. Gerrard came to the hospital in 1936. Dr. Gerrard was both a minister and a doctor. There was much progress during the tenure of the Garrard’s. The chapel, which today is the centerpiece of the hospital campus, was begun in 1938 and completed in 1940. Mrs. Gerrard planted the beautiful jacaranda trees that line the avenue as people enter M.M.H. The Gerrard family donated most of the funds for construction of the chapel, and the chapel was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Gerrard’s mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Gerrard. The dedication plaque remains in the chapel to this day.

In 1940 there were over 1,000 inpatients and 31,141 outpatients who had been treated at the Berresford Memorial Hospital (original name) at Maua. In addition to the main hospital at Maua there was medical work in dispensaries situated at strategic geographic locations.

Dr. Stanley Bell and his wife Margaret succeeded the Garrard’s and served from 1940 to 1950. There was much progress under the leadership of the Bells. A training program was begun and the nursing school established in 1942. Children’s and maternity wards were added and in 1947 a TB ward was opened. The first Caesarean section was performed at the hospital in 1942.

In 1951 Dr. Donald Morley Gambier (Don) left the UK with his wife Gwyneth to work at the mission hospital in Maua, Kenya. They returned to Bristol, UK in 1953. It is thought that Dr. Ware succeeded Dr. Bell as Medical Superintendent in the early fifties. He was succeeded by Dr. Paul Wakelin who made a major contribution by instituting a clean water supply that helped reduce the incidence of water borne diseases. Dr. Bates served from 1957 – 1961. During his tenure village visits began to train village women to be midwives. Sister Muriel Chalkley began as a midwife tutor in the 50s. She clearly remembers going out into the villages to encourage women to come to the hospital to deliver their babies. (Much of the history of the hospital is rather sketchy and readers of this account are encouraged to send in additions and corrections. Please email comments to Kathie.mann@hotmail.com)

**Mission Teams Welcome**

With mission teams in their final planning stages for 2016, the hospital will be as busy as ever. The first team served in February from Texas, followed by Illinois then North Carolina teams. There are 11 teams scheduled for 2016 ready to assist medical professionals, workshops, medical camps, construction, Chapel services and learn about the Kenyans and the places they live.

If you are interested in leading or joining a team in 2017, please contact Kathie Mann at kathie.mann@hotmail.com. You will be sent an information packet to help you make a good decision for your team and to make plans to be part of this incredible journey. Dates for 2017 are available now but fill up quickly. So don’t delay!
Friends of Maua – Second Annual Meeting

There were over 55 attending the second annual meeting of Friends of Maua (FOM) in Fort Worth, Texas last November. Guests included: Retired Missionaries Bill and Jerri Savuto, Jim Monroe and Sue Owen; plus, Mary and Stanley Gitari and Rev. Grace from Maua Methodist Hospital. Many topics were discussed including projects, fund raising for teams and the hospital and how FOM can become a 501c3. The outcome established an Executive Committee/board to conduct business during the year since many topics needed to be finalized and expanded before the 2016 meetings. This annual meeting is scheduled to be a time of reunion with team members, other teams and our Kenyan friends. This year we are planning an exciting schedule and lots of visiting required! More details coming. Please save the DATE!

Third Annual Meeting for “Friends of Maua”
October 20-22, 2016
Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas

Lakewood UMC, Houston, Texas by Jack Aulick

February 2016 – A team of 11 went to Maua Methodist Hospital (MMH) on mission this past February. The team had a wonderful mission; all the staff at MMH welcomed them warmly. The new CEO, Dr. Salvador, was not at MMH over the week that we were there, and Mrs. Chumo was acting as CEO for our visit. During our week at MMH we worked on converting an existing building into the new IT offices, painted a children’s mural on an exterior wall of the Children’s Ward, built an Aids Orphan’s home, led Chapel on Thursday, visited Clark ECD, and went with MMH nurses out to a ‘remote clinic’ at Kambene Primary School.

The staff were so very gracious all week long. Our stay at the Maua Basin Hotel was wonderful as always. The Annex courtyard has been freshly painted, Wi-Fi has been added and now available in the courtyard and most rooms. Pictures from our mission are shown below.

Mural outside Children's Ward  Remote Medical Clinic  Home dedication
Remember the Advance Specials

There is no other fund raiser that will impact the hospital more than donating to the Advance Specials. Please consider helping one of these Advance Specials at Maua Methodist Hospital!

1. Community Integrated AIDS Time-Initiative, Maua Methodist Hospital - Projects #140160 - Providing family planning and health outreach for people with HIV/AIDS, malaria and disabilities

2. AIDS Orphans Project, Maua Hospital - Projects #140161 - Providing food, tuition, uniforms, shoes and medical care for children orphaned by AIDS

3. Maua Hospital - Hospital Service Fund - Projects #09613A - Providing life-saving inpatient healthcare for the critically ill

4. Maternal and Child Health Program, Maua Hospital - Projects #140159 - Providing preventative and curative healthcare for pregnant women and young children

5. Maua Hospital, Operational Outreach - Projects #09610A - Implementing primary healthcare in remote villages, while increasing education and awareness

The extravagant generosity of people like you means that Kenyans will be healed, children will have the opportunity to an education, and mothers will be able to stay healthy so they can care for their families. These gifts will reach to the poorest families and give them a new level of life. Help us empower and protect the people we serve in Maua!

NOTE:
I am available to answer any questions or concerns you have about mission team preparation. I pray that God will put it on your heart to visit Maua or support the many projects through your prayers and donations. Please feel free to contact me at my home in Colorado or in Kenya!

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