

Collection for the Friends of St Anne's Hospital Liuli in Tanzania 2023

This year the Friends of St Anne's Hospital have started working on the refurbishment of the outpatients' department. The old plumbing in this department was powered by the diesel pump alone. Now a new set of pipes has been installed next to the old pipes. The new pipes are powered by the solar water pump, so that either pump can be used when appropriate. This is a great money saver.

The mother and baby clinic, the children's ward and the examination rooms have been refurbished, and with the leftover building materials it has been possible to build a small new toilet block for the use of HIV patients.

The roof, which is made of corrugated iron, is in need of repair in places, and this will be the next project. As soon as an estimate has been agreed, the work will proceed.

The government appears to be impressed by all the work that the Friends of St Anne's Hospital have done and Bishop Raphael, the new Bishop of the diocese, is much more helpful than his predecessor. This has led the government to provide, and pay for, four nurses and a doctor to work at St Anne's Hospital. The five medical students whom the Friends helped with their tuition fees last year are also still in their posts. In addition, the German group of the Friends of St Anne's Hospital, which has been dormant for a few years, has sprung to life again, and is helping to send German and British medical students to Liuli.

The area around Liuli is suffering from climate change. The rainfall pattern is now out of sync with the crop growing seasons. Rain is not falling reliably at the right times of the year, causing crop failure. As a result people are poorer than they were before Covid.

If you would like to help them, please put a donation in an orange charity envelope and put it into the collection bag, or into the box at the back of the church.

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