

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”

John 10:10



EBENEZER CLINIC CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

MME

In January 2022 Medical Missions Eswatini (MME) was formed under the directorship of Dr Jonathan Pons. One of its first priorities is, to offer support to Ebenezer clinic. MME's mission is, to collaborate with partner organisations to provide resilient, safe and sustainable improvements in health care. serving poor and remote communities in Eswatini and Southern Africa valuing all people, to ensure health care is effective and accessible to all. Ebenezer is a rural health clinic in the Lebombo area of Eswatini which serves a very rural population offering the patients both hope and health care, so fits in well with MME.

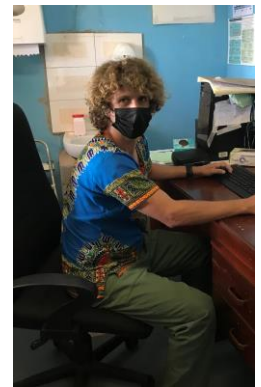
MME aims to help Ebenezer to plan for the future, fund raise, and to keep all the many people who support them, up to date with their activities.

THE CHALLENGES OF 2020/21

Like many health facilities Ebenezer has struggled with the pressures caused by COVID. However, COVID has also shown how much rural clinics like these are needed with people unable to travel to the towns. Just as some normality was restored, with COVID numbers falling, Eswatini was hit by civil unrest in June, July 2021 and again in October. This has put even more financial pressure on the clinic as they now have to employ a night watchman.

To deal with COVID they have two new structures. A Marquee where patients can be screened for symptoms and tested for COVID and an outside shelter where patients wait and have all their observations done. The Ebenezer clinic has continued to care for its community both at the clinic and by visiting those who can't travel to the clinic. Dr Grant is currently working with and supporting the clinic.

A donation by a student who had worked in Ebenezer has enabled outreach activities to continue, and Ebenezer to continue to support all patients with the care and compassion it's known and has been nationally recognised for.



If you would like to help Ebenezer, MME will ensure that any gift is used to benefit the patients they care for.

To make a donation please contact info@MME.partners or if you are in the UK visit the website <https://vula-amehlo.org.uk/>

For more information about Ebenezer and how you can help them serve their community, please contact info@MME.partners

MOST OF ALL MME AND THE STAFF OF EBENEZER CLINIC ASKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS.

LOOKING FORWARD

As Eswatini recovers from the 4th wave of COVID, like people all over the world Ebenezer looks forward to 2022. In the spring they will start to welcome medical students back-the last medical students visited in 2020 so they are very excited to be having them back again. In March we have a diabetic awareness day booked where patients can have their eyes and feet screened, find out more about living with diabetes and a healthy lifestyle and hopefully some fun. We will keep you informed in the next newsletter.

JANUARY 2022 – REFLECTIONS OF A VISITING STUDENT

My experience at the Ebenezer clinic can only be described as inspirational and humbling. It exposed me to the world of rural healthcare and has changed my perspective on what medicine can be and what it can do for a community. The clinic not only provides healthcare but manages to bring the community together all whilst having limited resources. The nurses at Ebenezer run the clinic with compassion and care, they make sure to take care of not only the physical health of a patient but their mental health and general well-being too.

During my visit to Ebenezer, I was privileged to be allowed to go with their mobile care unit to visit those patients who cannot make the trip to the clinic due to their circumstances. It was an experience that I will forever remember, the gratitude from the patients and the care from the team was overwhelming with one 'Gogo' exclaiming that she could dance she was so happy to see the team. It truly was a very special experience and it reminded me that all around the world there are people who need the type of care that Ebenezer provides and it showed me what an impact the clinic makes to the people who they care for.



The clinic provides care for all ages, from newborns to the elderly. This makes it a place where whole families can come and receive the care that they need.

Returning home, I have reflected on the resources we have available in our modern urban environment. We have a choice of many advanced and well-equipped hospitals at our disposal. It is not the building or the equipment that comforts patients but the care, commitment and compassion of those who tend to them. At Ebenezer Clinic I witnessed how much a passion for healing can impact the care that is provided to patients. Ebenezer listens to what their patients need and adjust their plan of care accordingly. It is a very special place and I am grateful for the experience. *Julia*



THE FINAL WORD FROM PRECIOUS

The Ebenezer clinic has truly benefited the community of Mphungwane during this covid 19 season. Most people tested positive and they were treated. We only lost one patient. All the praises to God who in that period brought Dr Grant. He is the one who initiated the covid 19 testing at the clinic. All staff- nurses and support were trained by Dr Grant. He was truly sent by God.

The challenge of not having enough space nearly grounded the operations of the facility as most of the nurses got infected with COVID19.

We are looking forward to 2022 and the opportunities it brings.

To God be the glory.

