

Dear Matt – and all members of McLean Presbyterian Church,

Many greetings from Musoma, and after a long time, a very, very big THANK YOU to you for the support and for your generous giving towards the construction of the surgical unit at our Health Center in Musoma (Bweri).

We are very grateful that the Health Center is doing well. Currently, about 50 patients get daily services at the OPD section, and an average of 12 patients are admitted to the wards daily. We have started a physiotherapy section, as well as a clinic for children. We continue to receive pregnant women and conduct deliveries for them.

Beside the fact that the surgical unit is a requirement due to new regulations from the government and the danger of losing the status of “health center” without that theatre, we are very much looking forward to being able to complete the building. We very often have to transfer pregnant women to the government hospital due to risk factors or dangerous signs. Of course, the ambulance you purchased for us is therefore extremely important—literally saving lives—but if we would have a theatre, mothers could be helped much quicker and without being transported to another facility, where often the service is not very friendly, and where we saw mothers losing their child due to the carelessness of nurses.

So we are very, very grateful for your support of roughly 18 million TSH towards the construction of this surgical unit.

The rain season and the character of the soil have made it difficult to start the building process, which has led to a delay in starting the work. But finally, the first phase of the foundation has been completed. The foundation is still not quite finalized, as a second phase is needed to ensure a strong foundation, as the soil is very difficult!

Again, we are very, very grateful for your support! The attached final report shows the sources of income for the project. Each staff member of our facilities contributed towards the construction, as well as the leadership of the Diocese and some other staff members, and internal fundraising is ongoing. We have now reached the end of our finances, and we are hoping and praying that God will continue to provide the needed funds.

In order to complete the second phase of the foundation, another 15 million TSH is needed. For the construction of the building up to the ring beam, the budget needed is 23 million TSH.

I have attached some pictures of the work done and also the financial report of the construction. Again, we do thank you very, very much for your support and greatly appreciate your prayers!

May God continue to bless you! We pray for you all as well,

Peter for Maïke on behalf of the whole Health Department Team