

# Nazarene Hospital Foundation Newsletter Spring 2015

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## Hope, Healing and Heaven

At 16, your whole life should be in front of you. Your thoughts should be on your hopes and dreams for the future. Perhaps thinking of what school to attend to become a pilot, teacher, or engineer; or maybe thinking of your wedding day and the dress you will wear; of being a wife and a mother, perhaps it is both. Those dreams and hopes are for most kids at 16, but they aren't for Stella. Stella is a beautiful young girl from the remote part of the Jimi Valley, a place not easily accessed and even further from good health care. For a number of months she had been having swelling of her stomach and back. losing weight, unable to walk to sit up by herself or to go the bathroom by herself because she is so weak. After a number of months of being sick, her family finally made their way to Kudjip Nazarene Hospital to seek treatment. The admitting doctor told me about this young girl whom he feared had cancer. Once I located her bed on the ward I noticed this huge head of hair and the enormous smile that radiated from her face. I was instantly drawn in. The guard protecting my heart was off as I sat down to find out more about her. As we talked and I examined her, I realized that it was too late to help her. The swelling was cancer and has taken over her whole abdomen, causing swelling on her back and spine, which has caused some paralysis. Due to her immobility, she has developed bedsores. Our cancer options are limited and I knew I couldn't cure her. But looking at her, I desperately wanted to offer her hope. She was so young, so beautiful. She should have her whole life in front of her, and yet, I couldn't keep her from succumbing to this cancer. I managed to tell her we didn't have anything to fix her and could only offer her medicine to help with the pain, which she seemed to understand. I pulled up my guard and told them the best thing for them to do was to go home and to be near family until the end. They smiled, polite as can be, and said, "Okay doctor." We prayed and I went onto the next patient. The next day, as I got to the ward there was Stella. Her smile hit me before I even got to her bed. Once again, the guard around my heart was down. I sat down and talked with her, asking about school and if they went to church. In a combination of English and Pidgin, we talked. I asked them if they wanted to go home, "No." was the answer. I knew I couldn't ask again. So now each day I talk to Stella, making sure her pain is managed. I brought her books to read to pass the time, which is mostly spent turning from side to back, side to stomach, to sitting up every few hours to try to help the sores heal and prevent new ones from coming. I am not sure when Stella will go home, either to the Jimi Valley or to heaven. Everyday I pray that God might heal her, but then I am somewhat stuck, because He doesn't heal everyone, and how do I communicate with this 16 year old girl...the reality of today...of her cancer... of tomorrow?

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## Hope, Healing and Heaven (continued)

At this Easter Season I am reminded that today is not the end, that there is Hope of another life after this one. Thankfully, Stella knows the one who died for her that we remembered on Good Friday. Pray that she too, may be filled with joy, even as she is afraid of what is to come, just as the women at the tomb were when the angel spoke to them. "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. . So the women hurried away from the tomb, **afraid yet filled with joy** and ran to tell his disciples." **Matt 28:5-8**

### Chemotherapy for kids:

Chemotherapy is provided at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital and often the cost is more than the patients family can pay. We have a charity fund to help in this situation. Can you help to support this effort? Write a check or donate online at [nazarenehospitalfoundation.org](http://nazarenehospitalfoundation.org) Please note that your donation is for "Chemo for kids".

### First Aid for Kudjip:

**How about getting your Missionary Group together to put together First Aid Kits for Nazarene Hospital!**

Gallon ziplock bag-fill with Tylenol 500 mg bottle, 4x4 gauze, bacitracin (or Neosporin) and digital thermometer.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### What if your \$10 donation to NHF could purchase \$1500 in medicines?

The numbers are in and it is true that your \$10 donation can purchase approximately \$1500 in critically needed medicines. Send your donations to NHF c/o Dr Todd Winter. Partnering with Heart to Heart allows NHF to purchase deeply discounted medicines.

### What if your purchases from Amazon would automatically send a donation to NHF?

Bookmark the link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-2985223>. You can set up your account which enables Amazon to donate .05% to NHF every time you purchase.

### What if your travel plans would raise money for NHF?

Log into: [www.mytravelsmap.com](http://www.mytravelsmap.com). Set up your account and identify Nazarene Hospital Foundation as your charity. Book your trip accommodations and mytravelsmap will donate 50% of the booking fee to NHF.

Together we can make a huge difference for Kudjip Nazarene Hospital

NHF exists to support the ongoing work of Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea through the collections of medicine, medical supplies, equipment, and cash donations. **100% of the supplies and cash collected are used for this purpose. Donations can be conveniently made on line at: [nazarenehospitalfoundation.org](http://nazarenehospitalfoundation.org)**

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