

His House of Hope - Bet Eman – Hospital for Women & Children

3 Miles Maridi Road, Yei, South Sudan

Ministry Overview:

His House of Hope – Bet Eman is a ministry of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, operated by Harvesters Reaching the Nations. It is a 25 bed hospital and clinic dedicated to the medical and spiritual care of women and children and to the training and empowerment of medical professionals in South Sudan.

Health Care Services offered include:

- Outpatient care for men, women, and children
- Antenatal care
- Immunisations and preventive health visits
- Voluntary counseling and testing for HIV
- Inpatient care for women and children (men admitted as space allows)
- Delivery care with Caesarean section capability
- Operating Theatre-- selected Gynecological and General Surgical cases
- X-Ray
- Ultrasound (obstetrical and gynecological)
- Laboratory including hematology and chemistry
- Blood bank / transfusions

Mission:

***To share the gospel of Jesus Christ
through healthcare to women and children in South Sudan.***

Goals:

1. Reduce maternal mortality
2. Reduce infant and child mortality

Objectives:

1. Provide direct patient care
2. Train and disciple staff
3. Community health education
4. Professional training
5. Advocate for system improvement
6. Research targeted at the unique health needs of South Sudan

Provide direct patient care:

- Antenatal care according to Ministry of Health (MOH) guidelines
- Early ultrasound to establish accurate due date and guide decisions about timing of delivery

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- Surveillance of at-risk pregnancies nearing delivery
- Monitor for fetal distress and obstructed labour
- Obstetrical intervention for difficult labour or delivery when indicated:
 - Artificial rupture of membranes
 - Oxytocin infusion
 - Operative vaginal delivery (vacuum/forceps)
 - Caesarean section
- Provide appropriate newborn and premature infant care (beginning at approximately 32 weeks estimated gestational age) using sustainable methods and protocols for the setting of South Sudan:
 - Nasal CPAP (using nasal cannula bubble CPAP)
 - Kangaroo care method of maintaining body temperature
 - Nasogastric tube feeding using EBM or formula
 - Lactation education
 - Careful weight and vital sign monitoring
 - Antibiotic treatment when needed
- Prompt evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of medical illnesses and injuries
 - Night and on-call staff to provide continuous coverage and services

Training and disciple staff:

- Encourage behavior that glorifies God: integrity, work ethic, compassion
- Weekly educational sessions with staff
- Practical clinical teaching daily by supervising expatriate medical staff

Community Health Education:

- Group antenatal education
- Voluntary Counseling & Testing for HIV/AIDS
- General topics of health appropriate for community

Professional Training:

- Clinical rotations for South Sudanese clinical officer, midwife, and nursing students
- Obtain MOH status as Internship Site for Clinical Officers
- Host expatriate medical students, residents, and consultants for rotations/short terms of service (with hope of increasing future interest in medical work in South Sudan)
- Contribute to ongoing medical education for medical personnel in the surrounding area

Advocate for System Improvement:



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- Partner with the MOH at the county, state, and national levels, and with other clinics and Christian health ministries to seek ways of improving health care delivery in Yei River County, Central Equatoria State, and South Sudan

Research targeted at the unique health needs of South Sudan:

- Identify key health questions that are unique to South Sudan
- Develop practical research projects to address those questions
- Conduct health care research in order to better care for patients and share information with other professionals in South Sudan