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Subject: COBES January work in Mifumi

Dear Julia

Welcome back and I trust your new year will be fruitful.

Below are some notes I have put together regarding the visits and refers to your previous email. Sorry about the capitals but the bold letters don't seem to translate into Webmail!

with best wishes,

Glyn

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Notes on COBES visit - January 2008.

Participants: In addition to William and Nixon, it is hoped that Nelson Igaba (who visited with Nixon in October), Thomas (who came with the students last month), and one other student will be able to participate.

So there may be a total of 5 students.

PLEASE CONFIRM THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND THEIR SEX.

WE HAVE TWO FLATS AVAILABLE. THE FLATS HAVE BEDS AND MATTRESSES.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN BED SHEETS.

STUDENTS SHOULD ORGANIZE TO BRING THEIR FOOD AND ANY OTHER SUPPLIES THEY WILL REQUIRE.

Dates: Approximately 3 weeks. Leave Kampala around January 9 and return at end of month.

PLEASE CONFIRM THE DATES.

MedlinePlus African Tutorial - implementation of this malaria teaching tool in booklet, poster, audio, and digital formats:

- * Distribution to health center, youth center, women's center, legal center, trading center, schools, etc.
- * At health center, play audio for waiting mothers and pass out booklets

WILL STUDENTS BRING A AUDIO PLAYER? IF NOT, WHAT FORMAT IS BEING USED?

- * Carry out focus groups with booklets
- * Make home visits with booklets
- * Play audio on local radio

SIMON / CATE TO LIAISE WITH ROCK MAMBO. IF THEY REQUIRE PAYMENT, WILL COBES MEET THIS?

- * Give talks at schools and meet with students

DURING JANUARY, MOST STUDENTS WILL BE ON HOLIDAY. SHOULD WE ARRANGE FOR PUPILS TO BE ROUNDED UP? WHAT AGE RANGE?

- * Provide computer training, so folks can access the tutorial online

INTERNET SPEEDS THROUGH DIAL-UP ARE NOTORIOUSLY SLOW. ARE CDS AVAILABLE (OFF LINE)?

Clinical work at health center

Work with nurse sister. On days when doctor is not there, provide care to patients - the students have been on all rotations. If Anthony is there and does surgeries, they can assist. They can also do lab work.

ANTHONY TO CONFIRM HIS AVAILABILITY

Work with Bernard. Help with setting up a village health team. Also explore the CAT model (member of the village assists residents with taking medicine on proper schedule, etc.)

Meetings

- * Talk with Mifumi Project team about Mifumi becoming a COBES

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site.

* Meet again with District Director and discuss how COBES program and malaria outreach can support his work.

SHALL WE TRY TO SET THIS UP DURING THE WEEK OF 21ST? WHAT DATE EXACTLY? DR OKOTH WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM WED 23RD.

* Spend time talking with Bernard to get feedback on the students' visit in November.

* Talk with Simon about eHMIS and see how the system is working at Tororo Hospital.

SIMON TO ARRANGE

Publicity for Mifumi Project and COBES collaboration

While the students are in residence, a journalist from New Vision could write an article. What would be the best way to arrange?

SIMON / CATE TO LIAISE

More visitors:

Julia would like to visit during the week of the 21st. Perhaps Dr. Andrew Mwanika, director of the COBES program and keen to visit, can come with her (and others - OJ?, Anthony?) at that time.

WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THIS. PROF. JULIA TO CONFIRM EXACT DATES>

Provisions:

* Can Mifumi Project provide Kampala-Mifumi transport and local transport again?

REGRETTABLY, WE HAVE NO BUDGET FOR THIS. HOWEVER, ONCE THE STUDENTS / VISITORS ARE IN TORORO, LOCAL TRANSPORT TO / FROM VILLAGE CAN BE ARRANGED.

* Can the Health Center provide accommodation as well as a cook (which I will find the funds for)?

YES - 2 FLATS AVAILABLE.

COOK IS AVAILABLE.

FOOD ETC. WILL NEED TO BE BOUGHT AND BROUGHT BY STUDENTS.

* We are also looking for a digital camera, so the students can document the residency.

OK. CAMERA AVAILABLE IN VILLAGE

Regards,

Glyn Turner

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Hello everyone and happy new year!

I just got back to Kampala and wanted to touch base re the medical students' plan to volunteer for three weeks in Mifumi village. They look forward to working in the clinic and to rolling out the malaria posters, booklets, and audio.

Glyn and Atuki - can the van fetch them this Friday? I will provide money for food and the cook if you can secure the cook. I would like to come to Mifumi sometime during the week of January 21. Is this convenient for you? I think perhaps Drs. Okoth and Mwanika also wanted to visit.

The results of the baseline survey carried out in November will be available by the end of this week and should be interesting as we move forward..

I understand from OJ that the COBES meeting with the Faculty of Medicine will be held in early February after the students return.

While in my village in the US, I met Zelda Grant, a very interesting African American textile artist who works in communities. My thought is that an information intervention via art might be an interesting and economically promising route to pursue vis a vis OJ's proposal. We can discuss further later this month.

I look forward to seeing you soon as we all work together for better health in Mifumi village. My big thanks to the students for their commitment and ongoing support.

*All best,
Julia*