

# GPHL QUARTERLY

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## HIV Clinic Data October - Dec. 2018

Patient Re-attendances: **607**  
 New Patients Enrolled on Anti  
 Retroviral Therapy (ART): **08**  
 Mother/Baby Pair Re-  
 attendance: **78**  
 New Mother/Baby Pairs  
 Enrolled: **00**  
 Viral Loads Done: **80**  
 Baseline CD4 Done: **05**  
 Patients who received Social  
 Support: **42**

Major Challenges: CD4  
 machine cartridges out of  
 stock, inconsistent power.

## Assembly Line



Pictured Above: The assembly line of doll parts as they were being decorated with yarn, ribbons and bows. The completed dolls will travel by air in a suitcase to bless hundreds of girls living with HIV in rural Uganda.



## Dolls on a Mission

The spirit of Thanksgiving filled the air as a group of women gathered at the home of Donna Leadmon on a bright November morning, combining their skills and talents to create what would become symbols of love and hope for young Ugandan girls living with HIV. As they lovingly stitched, stuffed arms and legs, and hot glued hair; a unique identity emerged for each doll as a group of sisters from Bay Area Community Church co-labored to complete the 200+ dolls. Each one was tagged with a unique name then headed out on mission to Uganda. It was a beautiful picture of how our Father lovingly knit each one of us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). Likewise, the Father knew the innermost being of each donor who pledged \$100 to sponsor a doll to be delivered, along with precious goods and supplies, to a young girl affected by HIV. He also knew the innermost being of each precious girl who would receive a doll knowing that someone loved and cared for her from all the way across the world. What began as a last minute idea before a short term mission trip in 2017 became a blossoming reality as the dolls were unveiled at the First Annual Dolls on a Mission held at Bay Area Community Church on November 11, 2018. This annual event will

## Client Spotlight



**Rosemary Namarome** is a 31 year old mother of three children ages 8, 10, and 13. She has been living with HIV for over 13 years. She joined the Precious Souls Ministry in 2008 because she was looking for psychosocial support given the great amount of stigma that existed in the community at that time. At first, she went alone. Her partner, Edward, was also living with HIV. He later understood that he could also join to not only support his wife but listen to the HIV health education and Bible Study messages as well. Soon, they were both convicted that they needed to bless their union in church with support from the ministry. On their wedding day just before Christmas 2016, Rosemary put on a beautiful white gown provided by BACC and Edward looked ‘smart’ in his suit. When BACC Senior Pastor Greg St Cyr and Pastor Casely Essamuah came to visit in January 2017, their children joyfully and proudly pored over the wedding pictures with them in the glow of the kerosene lantern.

be held to increase awareness about the hundreds of precious souls affected by HIV in Manafwa, Uganda and to raise support for their essential needs.

## Family Day Celebration

On December 12th 2018, a flurry of activity ensued as Precious Souls Ministry volunteers prepared the Christmas packages, mattresses, lanterns, and blankets to be distributed to the crowd of Precious Souls who gathered, expectantly waiting to receive a blessing. The event began with prayer and a message of encouragement from Dr. Emma Gahima, In Charge of Bugobero Health Center and Supervisor of the HIV Clinic supported by GPHL. By the end of the day, over 277 clients and volunteers had received a Christmas Package consisting of vaseline, laundry soap, bathing soap, match boxes, salt, sugar and tea leaves.

Through the “Dolls on a Mission” fundraising efforts back at Bay Area Community Church, 100 mattresses, 100 blankets and 100 lanterns were purchased in Uganda for distribution among the Precious Souls. Eighty one mattresses were distributed on Family Day, and later in the month the remaining mattresses were presented to 15 PSM volunteers and four members of the PSM building crew. One hundred blankets were given out to 100 Precious Souls on Family Day along with 82 lanterns, the balance of which were later distributed to others who were unable to attend the celebration.

The highlight of the day was the sight of the line of girls, single file, ready to hug their new “dollay”, a simple thing they had never owned before, but would always cherish as a symbol of love and hope for a future, despite their diagnosis.



Left: Dr. Gahima with one of the recipients of her brand new mattress, something that will improve her quality of life and give her a sense of dignity in her household.