

GPHL QUARTERLY

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HIV Clinic Data July - Sept. 2019

Patient Re-attendances: **647**
 New Patients Enrolled on Anti
 Retroviral Therapy (ART): **08**
 Mother/Baby Pair Re-
 attendance: **145**
 New Mother/Baby Pairs
 Enrolled: **07**
 Viral Load Samples Done: **65**
 Baseline CD4 Done: **02**
 Patients who received Social
 Support: **54**

Major Challenges: Drug Stock
 outs, CD 4 machine still not
 working, clients failure to keep
 appointments.

Club Updates

Angel Club Membership: 58
 (Pediatric HIV Clients)

Wakanda Club: 26
 (Adolescent HIV Clients)

Activities: Meeting held in July
 with Parkway Church (Virginia)
 visitors. Participated in drama,
 music, art and dancing.
 Received school books and
 pencils.

It Began With A “Home Visit”

In 2006, with the dream of starting a non-profit to help her family devastated by HIV back home in Uganda weighing heavily on her heart, Dr. Angela Wakhweya Essamuah shared with four members of her home church in Maryland, Bay Area Community Church, the plight of her family and community continuing to reel from the enormous impact of HIV/AIDS. After sharing her family’s struggles in a personal and touching way, two members, both Social Workers, felt the call in Acts 1:8 to go on mission “to the ends of the earth.” They boarded a plane with six others and Dr. Angela to Uganda, with a heart to help bring the light of



Jesus’ love to this community. Dr. Angela’s mother, Maa Christine Wakhweya led this first BACC short term mission team into the heart of the villages, into the homes where you come face to face with the real issues impacting the families and can begin to truly understand their daily struggles. Thus the “home visit” concept of the Precious Souls Ministry was born. With each home visit, Leanne Lane had a special gift of remembering the full name of each member! Because she never forgot a name, it impressed upon Dr. Angela that so many of her family and community who were stigmatized, ostracized and forgotten because of their HIV status were not forgotten by the Lord Most High and indeed He had sent this team from Annapolis to Butiru to let them know that they are “Precious Souls!” The Lord knows each of them by name and we need to know them by name too,



Volunteer Highlight

Scovia Nabuloli is 26 years old who hails from Bunabwana Village. She completed her Primary Education at Busumbu Primary School and her Secondary Education (O and A Levels) at Butiru Christian Comprehensive Secondary School. She is a 2017 graduate of Uganda Christian University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and Management. She lives with her partner of 3 years, Vincent Wangota. Together they have a beautiful 11-month-old daughter, Elizabeth Destiny. Scovia has been volunteering with the Precious Souls Ministry as Administrative Manager since October 2017. She supports the filing of client information at the HIV Clinic as well as the member client files of all Precious Souls Ministry members who number over 426 to date and growing. She prepares the itinerary and accommodation for short term missionaries and sensitizes the community to the programs and benefits of Manafwa Family Support Initiative. Scovia's smile and positive attitude are a great asset to the organization!

to let them know they are precious and not forgotten. That is how the Precious Souls Ministry began. By using an endearing term for the members of the Ministry, it is a reminder to all the volunteers serving and visiting them and the entire village, that they are actually "Precious Souls unto the Lord".

Manafwa Family Support Initiative

The second Short Term Mission Team of 2019 (16th since 2006) from Bay Area Community Church arrived in August at Century Descendant's Guest House in Butiru to a lively welcoming ceremony of singing, dancing, and celebration. This team of young men and women included another special member, Mrs. Angela Wakhweya Essamuah, founder of Precious Souls Ministry. For the past 13 years, Dr. Angela, her husband Rev. Dr. Casely Essamuah, and other dedicated board members and supporters have passionately and lovingly nurtured this ministry into the vibrant source of pride that it is for Manafwa District today. Due to a growing number of members, volunteers, staff, and needs in the community, the Precious Souls Ministry registered in Manafwa District as Manafwa Family Support Initiative (MFSI) Community Based Organization. As the first visiting team since the official launch of MFSI, this energetic group made over 12 home visits, and observed activities at the HIV Clinic at Bugobero Health Center IV. They attended Family Day celebrations at Busumbu Parish where over 150 families were gifted with mattresses, blankets, basins and food baskets. Team co-leader Riley has visited Butiru three times and admits that he learns something new every time he comes. Team co-leader Randy was visiting for the first time and was struck by hospitality. Other team members Samantha and Erin could hardly contain their excitement as they discussed plans to come back again and to raise funds for the ministry. What God began as a small family led support program has expanded over the years into a robust initiative that is striving to improve the lives of HIV clients and those living in extreme poverty in a remote, rural village.

