



NEWS FROM OUR CLINIC AT NYOFELLH

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The clinic is now functioning well, it is opened from 9am to 5pm and the villagers have to be encouraged to attend during these sessions.

Sarjo our nurse is keeping clear records and this gives us up to date information.

This was a happy occasion as we were able to tell the villagers we had some money to spend.

We had been invited to a simple village celebration, a little dancing and music. A new village committee had been elected so we were formally introduced to them. The trekking team from Gunjur had been invited to meet us, so we were able to talk at length to the nurse/midwife.

This man impressed us very much with his professional manner and he assured us that the clinic was developing in a positive way and he could see in the future that the health department would eventually take over the running of the clinic.

We were able to buy the following goods:-

- 1) 2 single divan beds (to my embarrassment these were placed on top of our taxi- nothing is delivered in The Gambia)
- 2) Fridge/Freezer---gas + two canisters
- 3) Plastic tables and 6 chairs
- 4) Scales
- 5) Cot +2 sets of bedding
- 6) Bed sheets + pillows cases ---4 sets
- 7) 4 pillows +water proof covers for beds and cot
- 8) Cleaning materials-buckets mops brushes
- 9) 3 Wash hand basins 1 flush toilet +fittings
- 10) Medicines ----£250.00 this gave a good supply to start the rainy season with.
- 11) Uniform for Sarjo our nurse

A meeting was arranged between the 2 committees, held in the back of Kebba's compound. We were interrupted many times, first with the donkey having a dust bath then the sheep jumping on some corrugate lying near by.

We arranged to give a pay increase to the teacher's aids, nurse, and the security and general maintenance man, and we will not review the salary's again till next year.

Money was given to the villagers to complete the laying pipes for the water supply to the clinic.

Plans were made to build a wall enclosing the clinic and shelter for waiting patients and we asked the villagers to prepare an estimate for us.

When we left the village we all felt that we had left the villagers in a strong position to meet this years rainy season----of course it wasn't enough, but much better than they are used to !

Thank you very much for all your help