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### *2015 In Review...*

#### **Renovations**

MCH was blessed this year when Airtel Communications offered to cover renovation expenses for a few hospital buildings. The improvements were badly needed, as evidenced in the photos.



#### **Internet Comes to MCH**

En We are very happy to announce that, following several months of work, MCH is finally connected to the outside world again! A complete setup of one dozen workstations connected to a central server and high speed Internet have been installed.

This allows for file and information sharing, which are vital components to the smooth functioning of our medical infrastructure. Rainy season is particularly hard on these installations, and we hope that this one will last a long time.



#### **Child Sponsorship Update**

After more than one year of complete closure due to the Ebola emergency, schools have finally reopened. While schools were closed over the past year, students listened to a curriculum broadcast over the radio by the government. A census of school-aged children was taken and we are waiting for results. In order to make up for lost time, the government has decided that school will continue through the summer, with no vacation time. The Ebola crisis created many orphans, and life remains precarious for them, as no relatives are willing to take them out of fearfulness. In response, SSLDF will soon start construction of an orphanage that will include a school, with the capacity to accommodate approximately 120 orphans when completed.



## Famine

Following the Ebola crisis, famine is a countrywide specter. Thanks to special donations from donors around the globe, SSLDF was able to make several food distributions to some of the most vulnerable individuals, including our sponsored school children.

We thank everyone who donated to make this badly needed aid possible in such a difficult time.



## New Surgeon Joins MCH Staff

MCH recently welcomed the arrival of a new expatriate surgeon. We are happy to be able to increase our medical staff in order to be able to better serve the overwhelming medical needs of the huge population in the region, and are always on the lookout for experienced medical professionals.

## Anniversary !

This coming January MCH will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Festivities are planned to commemorate this milestone, with the inclusion of members of government and some visitors who will make a special trip from Switzerland! We here at MCH look forward to celebrating God's many blessings that we have witnessed over our first decade.



*With sincere gratitude and thanks for your support, we send our best wishes and hopes for a new year filled with peace, happiness and health in 2016!*