

ACTION ON HIV

Ian and Shelagh Parkinson in Zambia

USPG Mission Companion

In their own words

'I really thank Dr Parkinson for the encouragement that she's been giving me throughout. She's my mother – she's played a big part in improving my quality of life.' Edina, nurse and patient at St Francis' Hospital



Zambia factfile

Capital: Lusaka
Languages: English(Official), Bemba, Lozi, Nyanja, Tonga
Religion: Religion, indigenous beliefs, Hinduism, Islam
Export: copper, minerals, tobacco
Further reading:
<http://www.zambia.co.zm/>
<http://saintfrancishospital.net/>

USPG in Zambia

The Universities' Mission to Central Africa (UMCA – now part of USPG) began to consider work in Zambia (then called Northern Rhodesia) in 1907. Today the church is a vibrant and dynamic member of the Anglican Communion, with its own vision to which USPG responds

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With one in five adults HIV positive, life expectancy in Zambia today is now thought to average as low as 33 years.

As well as dealing with the effects of HIV, the tuberculosis ward at St Francis' Hospital is regularly filled to capacity, and malaria is the major local cause of death for children aged under five years. Hospital administrator Ian and Dr Shelagh Parkinson are USPG Mission Companions working at St Francis' Hospital. With its network of 14 rural clinics, the hospital is working hard to combat these diseases with a wide range of initiatives.

The hospital contains about 360 beds and cots. However this total is never a limit to the number of in-patients, as space on the floor can always be found and it is a common occurrence for patients to be found sleeping on the floors of the hospital wards.

It has been estimated that the hospital runs on a budget of £1.50 per patient per day – compared with £125 per patient per day in British hospitals.

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