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Last month we promised to report about our visit to the local Government Hospital here in Lubumbashi. We were warned that the visit may be distressing & were thankful for the Pastor who visits regularly to give moral and spiritual support. Fran had knitted these were happily received, bringing some happiness where there is mainly hardship & pain. We again thank those of you who've blessed us so that we may be a blessing to others.



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A week ago, Sunday morning, we had a mob on our doorstep, 60+ people shouting & threatening, demanding that we increase their electricity capacity. The Mission has a transformer & has allowed the electricity provider to use a portion of the capacity, free of charge, for the supply of electricity to the surrounding community. Unfortunately, those who are connected do not respect the capacity levels, which means that the fuse trips resulting in loss of power. With the help of colleagues who acted as able interpreters, a great team effort, Nick dealt with the situation very well, refusing to speak to a mob & insisting that he would only speak with 5 of their representatives. He then explained to the remaining 5 the logic of electricity & capacity (good job he knows exactly what he's talking about!) & also reminded them of the goodwill of the mission. They seemed to understand & left amicably - situation diffused!

Working together with the guys here, Nick successfully designed & built to order a good-looking & very effective BBQ (we've tasted the results!) The workshop is now constantly being used to create something or other. The roof trusses for the house are coming along nicely, 5 are up already & the rest are in the process of being constructed. Power cuts are frustrating as work can't continue, especially when using the welding machine. However, progress is being made & Nick hopes to have the roof done by the time we leave for UK on 10 May.



From the photo above you will see that the land is being prepared for the Windmill Project drip feed experiment. Nick will work with local people to compare crops grown by them in the fields with the same crops grown in the drip-feed beds. He has engineered a fine piping system and is looking forward to trying out his creation. In the meantime, the present vegetable garden and orchard are benefiting greatly from water pumped from the former windmill well.

From time to time we try to take some time out to leave the Centre in order to recharge our batteries, this is essential when there are so many demands for our time. This month we visited one of Lubumbashi's rare tourist attractions - the Safari Park. Believe it or not, wild animals are scarce in this country & so it was a treat and very therapeutic to see so many of God's creatures so close.

As we end this newsletter, we're working hard to ensure that all is in order here before our trip home. We look forward to seeing some of you in UK, but to all of you who take the time to read our newsletters, we send our love and thanks. May God bless you.

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