

## Return from Kibosho

On 8th December Adolf Rudolf and I returned from our assignment in Kibosho. We are happy that we achieved the planned objectives.



Following our work on the project in January/February of this year, we had largely completed the shell of the building and were able to close the roof. The donation from our Rotary Club and the generous donations from individual Rotarians were a valuable support during this time. Following the current work, the two operating theatres will soon have a preparation room, a recovery room and an intensive care room (after completion of the terrazzo flooring and technical equipment).

In order to achieve the ambitious goals of this assignment, between 40 and 70 Tanzanian workers had to be regularly trained and supervised. The materials were obtained exclusively from local sources. The construction conditions were complicated. Time was limited, all work had to be completed before our departure. The integration of old and new buildings was a challenge that Adolf Rudolf had to master.



All the work was carried out while the operating suite was still running. While people were working in one of the two operating theatres, the demolition hammers were pounding 10 metres away - an unimaginable situation in Germany. For the local doctors, the hope for better working conditions prevailed.

In addition to our scheduled work, we were able to pave large parts of the access road to the emergency room and for the driveway up to the next floor we built a retaining wall using available natural stone materials.



After all the rooms had been plastered with gypsum, the internal appearance of the building started to give a clear indication of its future use.



The new sliding doors with German rolling mechanism and Tanzanian doors completed the task.



In all this work, the local technical infrastructure and the substantial donations of Aktionskreis Ostafrika are enabling us to provide services of enormous importance for the region.



With this new building, we are providing 900 square meters of additional hospital space for the modernisation of the surgical wing and for an emergency room. The building which houses the

eye clinic and the dental clinic, which had earlier been built under the management of Adolf Rudolf and Rolf Böhrend, is now a permanent fixture in the region, enabling thousands of people to receive eye and dental care for the first time. The medical equipment collected in German hospitals for emergency rooms and operating theatres is now in Traunstein ready for transport to Tanzania.

After one of our workers had an accident on a defective bridge, we decided shortly before the end of our assignment to provide material from leftover timber for the bridge repair. On Sundays too, many villagers walk along this dangerous road.



Given the poverty in the region, even the relatively low cost of such a repair is a huge challenge.



For the next deployment there remains the construction of a 20 metre long bridge to the upper floor and a roof covering for the entrance to the emergency room.

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