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> Subject: HGH
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> Dear friends,
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> Greetings from HGH.
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> Even after about three weeks now after the earthquake and tsunami, some people in Munda are still sleeping under
tents at night at their camps up in hills. Most of the people still living/sleeping under tents are those whose houses were
affected by the earthquake/tsunami and also those who still have the fear of another earthquake/tsunami!
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> We experienced sea-level rise here at Munda. At the time of the earthquake, the sea came in from the market/canoe
shed side to reach the road running to Lodumaho village and Kokeqolo. The sea also came through under the female
student nurses' hostel and Chris' house to reach the foot path between Chris house and Job/James houses. Although
> no houses fell down there were damage caused by the earthquake to the female students' hostel and our Chaplain's
house in the compound and our only photocopy machine in the office fell from its stand and was damaged. The extent
of the house damages were small but it will need some work to repair the damage. The sea also left debris under the
> houses and along the roads/foot paths. A new water tank fell off its stand and was damaged outside the theatre
building.
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> Relief supplies came in so quickly from various sources, ie. both medical, food, tents, etc. Distribution of the supplies is
coordinated by the Red Cross/Ausaid staff/SIG staff. I believe that all disaster areas were reached in the Western
/Choiseul Province and we are going towards the end of the emergency stage and will be going into the reconstruction
stage soon.
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> Work at HGH
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> Dr. Dina & Dr. Zotei and their children are in Indonesia to attend a CWM workers conference. They left Honiara on the
14th April, 2007 and will be back next week. Dr. Andrew Soma (Government doctor) is looking after the hospital, assisted
by two doctors from the National Referral Hospital. We also have four nurses from Honiara sent by the ministry of health
who are helping out in the wards. Today, a team of about 30 nurses also from Honiara arrived to carry out an
immunisation campaign in the province. They will be joined by another team of about the same number very soon.
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> The hospital is quiet busy with patients coming in from Gizo and other islands and also organising distribution of
needed medical supplies to the clinics not only within our area but also to other islands in the province.
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> In the midst of all the problems and anxiety, HGH is blessed with good things starting to happen. This week, a new
Well is being dug and pipes will be connected to the hospital as soon as the trench is done. Jeff Kite from the Uniting
Church in Australia is here to organise the work. He bought needed materials from Honiara on his way to HGH. Peter
> Boyers' office at Munda provided the Excavator to do the digging. The pressure of the Lambete water to the hospital is
very low after the earthquake probably due to some problem with the underground pipeline to HGH. We are positive that
setting up the new Well will solve our water problem to a great extent. Also a vehicle has arrived at Noro sent by the
government for HGH. We are promised needed medical equipments for the medical / xray and other departments and
also manpower. All these are done to equip HGH to become the referral hospital for the Western Province while work is
done on the Gizo Hospital. To accommodate the additional inpatients, we have pulled up a temporary extension at the
front of the General Ward veranda using tarp provided by the Red Cross. When Dr. Dina comes back we will have
> to discuss about some medium term measures for rooms for additional inpatients in all the Wards.
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> A new electric water pump was sent by Oxfam Australia (Honiara) last week and we have installed it to pump water up
to an overhead tank that supply to all the wards. This is working now but only depending on rain water until the new
Well is connected.
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> Not only is the nursing rota affected but also other areas of work. We have recruited about six (6) casual workers to
help in the Kitchen, Laundry, Cleaning and Maintenance because of the increased work load. This may be for as long as
HGH is a referral hospital in the province. Additional nursing staff is a must. Our Nursing Director, Chris Leve, is
organising getting assistance from Honiara with regards to nursing staff.

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> Finance
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> The government (SI) hopefully will inject additional grant into HGH's account to meet the additional costs involved in the relief operation after the April 2 episode. I am sure that Dr. Dina will take this up with the Ministry when he returns from the conference. Not only grants for the relief operation but for the ongoing operations until Gizo Hospital is up and running again.
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> Prime Minister's visit
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> The PM and his delegate visited Munda yesterday (18/4/07). A public gathering was held at the Lambete market after the visit and speeches were made. Talking with the Chief of Staff of the PM's office, he indicated that HGH is in a position to be receiving additional assistance from the government in terms of equipment, finance, manpower, etc since it is now considered the province's referral hospital.
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> Thank you for all your concerns and prayers and for the plans you have placed to assist the people badly affected by the April 2 earthquake/tsunami. I know that individuals, organisations out there are willing to assist where possible and I know very well that individuals, communities here needed that assistance. Please keep in touch.
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> Kindest regards.
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> Eddie Pratt
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Trevor Cumberland
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> Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 9:53 AM
> Subject: EDDIE
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> Eddie,,
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> Please let us know how you are getting on,, and the situation at HGH,,
> We here are all pushing our Rotary clubs for backing to help you & Munda.....
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> Kind regards
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