

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

It is around 30°C in the shade and I'm not feeling particularly in the mood for Christmas, I'm more in the mood for swimming and messing about in the sun. It really is a strange feeling to be away from home at Christmas, normally Christmas is a very busy time. Between family and friends I hardly ever have a day or night where I'm not out and about.

At Besaniya we have some 7 boys left who don't have any family that we know of to go to at Christmas and also 10 patients at Cherub who just can't go home because of their wounds which need cleaned and dressed every day. The remaining staff are Rev. Festo, Joyce the nurse and myself. Tomorrow which is Christmas day is not unlike my own at home. We go to church in the morning and afterwards the boys Festo and myself will do the cooking and have chicken, matokee and rice. Table Tennis will be on the cards and a film or two in the evening.

Up on the hill here at Besaniya it is ! quite secluded and quiet, the local town, Mukono is alive with people buying food and presents at hiked prices and in the capital the streets are jam packed with people and cars. But it is nice to be up here away from the hustle and bustle. This Christmas is somehow more real, more felt but less mentioned.

I have to honest and although I don't normally have the time to miss home or all of you I will miss the gatherings the family parties at respective uncles and aunts and the nights out, oh and the turkey and the stuffing mum.

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