Blood bank running dry

By Florence Mtswhepa

MANZINI — The current supply of blood in the country’s blood bank is not enough to meet demand. This is according to Chief Lab Technologist at the Swaziland National Blood Transfusion Services, Gugu Maphalala. She added that cancer had been found to be the number one disease causing the demand for blood to be higher than its supply.

The disease comprises of a number of cancers which include leukemia, cancer of the blood, skin and lung cancer among others. Patients who suffer from this disease find that they need to undergo blood transfusions during treatment. The disease, in the demand for blood, is followed by injuries from car accidents, falling and other accidents that may lead to blood loss and operations.

On 21st June, Swaziland National Blood Transfusion Services held the World Blood Drive, themed ‘Don’t wait until disaster strikes, What can you do? Give blood, Give now, Give often’. The Blood Drive, in fact is the ‘Magensi of the World Health organisation, raised awareness for voluntary, regular blood donation to maintain the sufficient stock of blood.

Maphalala said sufficient stock was what the blood reserve bank needed, as the demand for blood had gone up over the years. Maphalala said they observed that blood went out of the reserve more than it went in and as such, they have had to make sure that the bank was able to share blood that had been available with hospitals and clinics, as the National Blood Transfusion Service was the only supplier of blood in the country.

“We do not have a specific amount of blood that is currently needed by the blood bank because our aim is not to collect and keep blood on fax; if it is in demand, we have to meet the demand from hospitals and clinics. Further, blood has an expiry date, so we cannot stock it for too long, we have to ensure that when it is available, it reaches the people who need it,” explained Maphalala.

She did, however, add that the blood bank had regular donors and times they would readily donate each time the blood bank requested.

She explained that school goers who were eligible to donate blood were from the ages of 16, she added that even so, it depended on the size of their bodies.

Maphalala shared that the blood bank could have 100 units of blood and a certain clinic or hospital would need 20 of them, the bank would have to ensure that the next clinic also had enough.

She clarifed that there were no numerals of dimensions that could cause the lack of or little supply of blood. She said blood had different types and each patient had to receive their correct or exact blood type during blood transfusion.

“You might find that we have a fridge full of units, but do those units consist of all the types? When the blood bank is ordering a certain type of blood, it is said there is no blood available. In fact it is a particular type that is unavailable, or, it could be that the supply is really low and so forth.”

She further encouraged the public to familiarise themselves with blood donation and also make a habit of donating.

2 Waterford students win E56 000 for project

By Theophile Mfumvu

MBARANE — Waterford Kamhlaba students continue to find ways to empower pupils in other schools around the country.

This comes after two of them were a prize worth about E35 000 (US$40 000) in Armenia, which they will use towards hosting a bi-annual camp run on Waterford Kamhlaba’s campus with the aim of empowering young women.

On the weekend of May 26 to 27 2017, the second-year B students travelled to Yerevan, Armenia to make their submission for the Aurora Humanitarian Prize for the United World College (UWC).

Established by Aurora organisation, the prize seeks to promote the Armenian genocide by encouraging modern acts of humanitarianism.

The students were chosen to represent their project from a large pool of projects presented by the other 16 UWC institutions around the world.

The idea

The student co-founders of the BraveGirl organisation, Ella Pang and Ike Njorge, presented their idea, entitled ‘BraveGirl Camp’ to an extended panel of judges including Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Leymah Gbowee and the former Governmental representative of Mexico Ernesto Zedillo.

After all their hard work, the students achieved their goal when they were presented with E35 000 to fund their project.

This year, the camp will take place from August 13-19 and has chosen its first 50 participants from impressive applications from SOS Hermas Geimer High School, Woodlands, St Francis, KASOY and St Anne’s High School.

Efficiency

To maximise efficiency, the project combines a pre-camp training for teachers and counsellors from each school.

BraveGirl camp also provides unique and valuable experiences for its participants, as each grade will have the opportunity to job shadow professionals in their desired field of work.

‘From job shadowing, the camp takes part in a holistic approach to personal empowerment, starting with a look at personal representation in health and social media environments. While Ella and Ike represented the team in Armenia, the large organising team is extremely vital to the project’s success and includes Anna Corriere (IB2), Ella Rockert (TB1), Juana Hope (IB1), Shannon Burr (IB1), Pindu Xu (IB1), Simon Lowry (IB1), Nomonde Nyathi (IB1), Vuyo Kozakwa (IB1) and Deputy Principal of Waterford Kamhlaba Kate Doyle.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SWAZILAND

KAMHLABA CASE NO. 132/2017

IN THE MATTER OF
SWAZILAND DEPLOYMENT FORCE CORPORATION

AND

AGA ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED
PRETORIA

MPHOLIENI B J G OBERANG
LUSITANIA OPUS

OPEN ARMS FOR LIFE

BIDEFOY OMODZINGA

NOTICE OF SUIT

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to s.4 of the Act of Execution Bonded in the above matter and unrecorded property will be sold by Public Auction at the Court Building, Saturday 11th September 2011, commencing at 10h00.

MEASUREMENTS: 1 350 One Storey House with

LAND: 1 560 Two Storey House with

RESERVE PRICE: E5 000 000.00

CONDITIONS: Vacant land

The suit is for the recovery of the property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Act.

Pastor Bakhe changes daughter’s diapers

By Njabulo Dlamini

MANZINI — Pastor Bakhe Dlamini continues to share marriage tips to couples, as this week he posted pictures of himself changing his daughter’s diapers.

His Facebook post read, “Changing our daughter, Obubhazile’s, diaper. Priceless look on her face. Whenever our children need a diaper change, I don’t look at my wife, I get to business and change the diaper. She does the same if she’s detected a need.”

“We partners in crime, do everything together. Changing diapers is not a woman’s job. Men also have this responsibility. In cases that you may not be able to change the baby’s diapers any day, it’s the baby’s job, it’s a taboo if a man handles diapers. No, that’s what we do. On the day you maintain the stereotype thinking, of refusing to touch a diaper means, you’re not a partner.”

Pastor Bakhe further states on the post that the men who do not want to get involved in the changing of diapers were missing out on the priceless opportunities of bonding with their children, as they needed more than food, toys and school fees, the gentle touch and also quality time.

When interviewed yesterday, Pastor Bakhe said if people would positively, most marriages would work and as many would be saved.

“Many men write to me and tell me that their wives stare them down. I always tell them that the key to a woman’s heart is knowing the key to a woman’s heart. If you’re a man, doing things like the one I demonstrated, acts that would touch your wife’s heart, a man being sexed down, it’s a thing of the past.”

“An exhausted, neglected woman shuts down, only to lose her family comes first, often we have pushed work or ministry church before the family which has resulted in many divorces. As a leader, I have to lead my flock to make a family first and being a good father.” Pastor Bakhe said to this effect.

A few months ago, Pastor Bakhe set tongues wagging when he posted pictures of himself carrying his three-year-old daughter on his back after his wife arrived home.

WHAT FACEBOOKERS HAD TO SAY

Facebook user one: “With this post I see most ladies waiting to marry pastors.”

Bakhe Dlamini: “As in many ladies, I want to marry pastors.”

Ewu, at times pastors are the very ones that beat up their wives, neglect their home whilst always having time for the Bible and congregations, cheat. I’m trying to say, it takes more than being a Christian or being clergy. It takes a really transformed mind. Jesus that has really reached the heart. Know many pastor’s wives who want to divorce; some who have already divorced. Often, we miss it as pastors, but ministry ahead of family. To a lady, I’ll always say: Don’t be fooled by Bibles. He may carry Bibles, but be a devil. We need to be a person well, before we say, ‘I do’.


Facebook User four: “Hlwaye ngende ngumkhutho ukusa Noxene... Eleni kuyabha mani kuncano kumuntu ukuyakufuna makhwazi ukubaluleka ukuthi yama amlwali nako amlwali.”

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