

# EDITORIAL

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**Mission**

**Africa**

**Malawi**

- The average life expectancy in Malawi is just 39 years
- Hospitals are poorly funded, equipped and staffed
- Only 20 percent of the African population has access to cancer care
- The continent is in medical crisis....

Today, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde announces its partnership with the Clinton and Hunter Foundations and pledges to send medical equipment and staff to help ease the suffering.

*Ref. Health News, June/July 2007*

In this issue John Lwanda gives a personal view of the health issues and medical services in Malawi. I visited Malawi, a beautiful country, two years ago and witnessed a lot of what John Lwanda writes in his article. It was described to me by a friend as a 'do gooders' paradise. Unfortunately a lot of the 'good' received never reaches where it is intended. Glasgow

University Medical School library donated a large number of medical textbooks which were crated out by the good services of Johnson and Johnson. Two years later these have never arrived where they were intended to go. These were possibly stuck in a warehouse or a wharf or even used for other purposes. On this frustrating note, I urge you to read this article.