



SPEECH BY THE MAYOR

OF

MAKHUDUTHAMAGA MUNICIPALITY

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DURING

COMMEMORATION OF Dr. H Davis

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**OLD JANE FURSE MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL**

19 September 2009



- **Magoshi**
- **The Management of the hospital**
- **Retired nurses**
- **Nurses and Doctors**
- **Government Officials**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Ladies and gentleman**



I thank you programme director for giving me this valuable opportunity to stand in front of the respective audience to deliver the message of support in commemoration of Dr. Davis.

On behalf of the executive committee, the council and the administration of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, would like to indicate that the 25 that this great man has spent assisting the people of Sekhukhune worth many praises. In fact he was a brave lion, a hero, and a saviour who spent lot of time assisting those who needs assistance most.

Ladies and gentlemen before I go deep into details, I would also like take the advantage of the time allocated to remind this house that today's event happen at an important month during which the Department of Health and Social Development will be sending matriculants to Cuba to study medicine in order to close the gap of shortage of health professionals in our country.

The step taken by our government indicates that we really see the need of having more Dr. Davises in Sekhukhune. Lot of things has been said about Dr. Davis but I would like to mention the point that we must follow his footsteps. It is



time for Doctors and Nurses gathering here today to make Sekhukhune, especially Jane Furse hospital as your main preference for practising your medical profession. Believe

me when I say it is a shame to realise that the majority of Doctors and nurses who are working in cities and towns are from Sekhukhune and they feel ashamed to work at home.

I am sure you can realise that Dr Davis came to Jane Furse before this area was not even declared a nodal point. His will to assist impoverished community under harsh circumstances saved lots of lives and we should also do the same. In other words, we must also spend a period of 25 years or more serving the people of Sekhukhune without complaining of the conditions.

I admit that Jane Furse is dusty and poverty stricken. But that should not be the reason for relocation of nurses and Doctors. As Doctors you must vow to adhere to the principle of Batho pele and service the people with pride as Dr. Davis did. In actual sense, the principle of Batho pele is should not be something taught but something inherent. Meaning that, we must take into account that we are all working to improve the lives of the people.

In conclusion, I would like to indicate that being a doctor or a nurse should be taken as a call. Bear in mind that God has



created you with the purpose of saving valuable lives of the people and therefore you must service even the poor of the poorest. Personally I was a nurse before and I feel proud to mention that heroes such as Dr. Davis, Jane Furse and St. Ritas missionaries has inspired us. Now that the

government is giving our kids to study in countries such as Cuba, we must assist by motivating these youth to work here at home after completion of their medical qualifications. If Dr. Davis managed to endure the harsh conditions of Sekhukhune why can't we?

Ladies and gentlemen with these few words I Thank you.