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Unbelievable but true.... A case of Osteomyelitis healed by Ledum

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This most remarkable case is from Malawi, Africa, Eva Demaya Clinic, where we have been working since 2004, voluntarily once to twice a year, as homoeopaths.

A girl, Mwawi (DOB Nov. 2004) was brought to our clinic on 8th January 2007. She was very weak and her left arm and leg were very swollen. It was impossible to touch or examine her due to the pain she was experiencing. She was also very fearful and I could not get too close to her.

She was diagnosed with Osteomyelitis (July 2006) and since then, she received numerous courses of antibiotics, oral and iv (Amoxicillin, Chloramphenicol, Erythromycin), as well as, pain killers. They gave no relief of the symptoms.

It was very difficult to elicit the symptoms, as the mother could not tell us the type of pain Mwawi was experiencing. She also did not know, if warmth or cold ameliorated or aggravated the symptoms.

The swelling started on the left ankle and spread upwards towards the whole left leg. Afterwards the whole left arm was swollen.

Mwawi stopped walking and speaking due to the pain she was experiencing.

It was very difficult for me to choose a remedy under these circumstances, i.e. very few symptoms and a very serious pathology.

I concentrated on the diagnosis, the swelling and the fact that the infection spread from below upwards. And decided to prescribe Ledum 30CH as a plussing solution (succussed 5-times in water), and given twice daily.

I urged the mother to bring Mwawi latest in 3 days for a review. 5 days passed and they still did not return for a review. I was worried and asked my translator to send a message to the mother to please return for the review. My translator then told me that she saw the mother with the child at the market and Mwawi was doing very well. I could almost not believe this news.

Finally, 7 days later, Mwawi came with her mother for the review.

She could move her legs and stand on her own. She was walking with the support of the mother. No swelling of the leg. The left arm was still swollen but much better. It was also

painful on touch and pressure but she started moving her left arm cautiously by herself. The mother noticed that she was > for cold application. Mwawi also started speaking again!

No further prescription.

Report on 23.03.2007 (2 ½ months later) by a colleague : *“This little girl is doing well. There is no swelling in either the arm or the leg – both are normal sized. She is very clingy with her mother. I did not observe her as a ‘smiling’ child. She seemed in someway introverted. No prescription apart from food parcel.”*

I saw Mwawi again on 31st March 2008. Both her arms and legs were strong. She could walk, play, run without any problem. She was a happy child, laughing and smiling. There was slight swelling of the right leg but no pain. She was not fearful anymore and I could examine her without a problem.

Rx: Ledum 30CH, 2 doses

3rd April 2008 (3 days later): no swelling anymore. No prescription.

24th April 2009: the right hand was swollen since 5 days, painful on touch. Otherwise fine.

Rx: Ledum 30CH, 1 dose for 2 days.

30th April 2009 (3 days later): right hand was fine. No prescription.

Mwawi received Ledum 30CH again in March 2010 for ringworm, itching > cold application. 3 days later, all the symptoms were gone.

In April 2015, due to malaria and anaemia, she received Ledum 30CH, as a plussing solution, for 3 days. 4 days later she was fine.

I saw Mwawi at least once a year when I worked at the clinic. The last time was in March 2017.

She is a healthy and happy young girl.

This case never fails to astonish me! Such a serious diagnosis, and this especially in Malawi, where this diagnosis is usually fatal, and healed by one single remedy, Ledum, in a 30CH!

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