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HARPUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Currently, PAACS has only one training site for all of northern Africa: Harpur Memorial Hospital, in Menouf, Egypt, which also reaches the Middle East. According to the Joshua Project, the 19 countries in this region host a population that exceeds 385 million people, 67% of whom are unreached. Clearly, this program is strategic to the future of Christian hospitals and their important role in reaching Muslims with the love and message of Jesus.

The PAACS Program at Harpur Memorial Hospital is currently in its 8th year. Dr. Paul Lim is the current Program Director and Dr. Shady Fayik, the program's first graduate, is the Assistant Program Director. Dr. Nayer Naiem, also a graduate, is serving as a third faculty surgeon (to be approved at the upcoming PAACS Board meeting.) For a variety of reasons (some of them tragic) since its inception in 2014, Harpur's program has graduated just three surgeons. Previous Program Directors include Dr. Sherif Hanna, now retired in Canada, and Dr. David Thompson, retired and living in Redding, CA.

Harpur's program currently has five residents. This does not include Dr. Armia Samuel, a fourth-year resident who, after a three-month rotation at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, decided to transfer to Mbingo for broader surgical training over the next two years. This is so Dr. Armia and his wife can serve more effectively in the future as international workers in sub-Saharan Africa.

In order, from left to right below, Harpur's five residents are:

- Dr. Georges Shoukry 2nd year
- Dr. Joseph Samy 3rd year
- Dr. Mena Rasmy Armanyous Luka 3rd year
- Dr. Amgad Nashat 5th year
- Dr. Armia Samuel (transferred to Mbingo)
- Dr. Shady Onsi 1st year (Shown with his wife below)

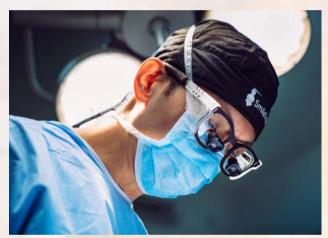


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Reaching Africa and the Middle East





Harpur's General Surgery training program is facing two significant challenges:

- Too few surgical cases to meet PAACS' minimum requirements for its residents. To help resolve this issue, Dr. Lim is hoping to establish one or two satellite surgical clinics near Menouf. Such an effort will require a decision by the hospital's board, which is scheduled to meet in a few weeks.
- An urgent need for an additional, broadly trained general surgeon from the outside. Several surgeons have expressed an interest in joining Harpur's faculty, but have chosen other hospitals.

Currently, Harpur is adding three additional floors to the nursing school building to house faculty for the nursing school and PAACS residents.

Let's keep the PAACS program at Harpur in our prayers and ask God to move on their behalf.



