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# PAACS Alumni Newsletter

## Dear PAACS Family

Welcome to the latest addition of the PAACS Alumni Newsletter. In this issue, we highlight the work of two PAACS graduates who are now in leadership positions at two different PAACS training programs. **Dr. Shady Fayik** is the Assistant Program Director at the Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt and **Dr. Moses Kasumba Kaggya** is the Assistant Program Director at the Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi. In this edition, they share stories of how God has shaped them and brought them to the PAACS leadership positions in which they serve. Enjoy and please continue to pray for all our PAACS graduates as God uses them to change the continent of Africa for his glory. **Could you also please prayerfully consider supporting PAACS so we can continue to train surgeons for Africa like Drs. Kasumba and Fayik?**

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## THE TRANSFORMING BEAUTY of **LOVE LIVED OUT!**

by Rev. Ed Scarce

*"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor..."*

~Romans 12: 9-10

In the last two editions of the alumni newsletter we have explored key thoughts from Romans 12 based on the transforming grace and mercy of God. We continue along that theme is this letter.

When we think of the beauty of a person it is typically in the context of how they physically look. There are numerous "beauty contests" held each year around the world which prove the point. Consequently, one's perception of love is often incased in feelings generated by sight or emotions of like or dislike. However that is not an accurate definition. Yes, love is accompanied by emotion but emotion is only a product of the decision to love. Love is a determination of the mind to act in a particular manner towards another person.

This is exactly what Romans 12:9-10 is talking about. Here is what we are told about the decision to love. Notice it is not based on feeling or circumstances.

**O**ur love is to be genuine. The word in the New Testament actually means without pretense or hypocrisy. You could say we are not to mask our true feelings towards another with an artificial display of love. No, this is not a license to be hurtful!

If we're going to be genuine in our expression of love, then we must never act it out. In other words, it cannot be faked. That would be hypocritical and that would be sin. Paul feels so strongly about genuine love that he states what the opposite of genuine love is. It is evil. And so he says to us "abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good"

Abhor is not a word that we commonly use. So, let me give you a few synonyms. It means to hate, dislike, despise, to be repulsed by. In other words, we ought to be so repulsed by artificial love that we would never be guilty of expressing a hypocritical love.

Now this presents a problem doesn't it. You say, what if I don't love this person, then what am I to do? I would suggest you ask God to give you the heart of Christ, i.e. the love Christ would express towards this person. We know Christ died for the ungodly, which includes every one of us before salvation. This kind of genuine love requires the renewing of the mind found in verse two of Romans 12. This renewing is being done by God in us and not something we conjure up ourselves. So I need God to put into my heart and mind the same love that Christ has for every individual.

However, we are not completely passive in the process. Verse one tells us to "present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice". We take this to mean "here I am God, use me for the praise of your glory".

**When that happens we become the aroma of Christ to all who are nearby. To do otherwise would be to conform to the ways of the world.**

## I PROMISED GOD...

Dr. Moses Kasumba grew up with five siblings in Uganda in a poor home with unfinished walls and a dug pit for a toilet. His dad was a minister with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. While his dad was still in seminary, food, clothing and drinking water were scarce. His mom unfortunately suffered a pulmonary embolism during the birth of Moses' sister and was hospitalized in Kampala for over six months. Moses recalls the strength of his father through it all, praying for their family each day. School was difficult to complete since they were often moving from one place to another and they did not have the money to pay for school fees. When his parents started a small poultry farm, their financial outlook improved but now the children were needed to work the garden and take care of the animals. Through it all, Moses stated, **"Our faith and trust in God never lagged. We loved hearing mom and dad's Bible stories."** Moses was baptized at age 12 after accepting Christ as his personal Savior and always felt **"the strong, unwavering hand of God upon their family"** during those challenging years.



**"I promised God – if it is your will that I become a surgeon, my priority will be to serve you."** God finally answered his prayer when he received a letter from PAACS asking Moses to complete an application. **"God taught me various lessons. He humbled me and moderated my thoughts and he saw my honest efforts seeking a Christ centered training that I would later use for his glory."** Dr. Kasumba states that the whole situation called for **"extreme dependence on God."**

Due to his poor academic performance in Uganda, attending medical school in his home country was not an option. While his father thought he should repeat high school, Moses felt God would **"perform a miracle"**. He dreamed of possibly going to Loma Linda University in the U.S.A. to become a Christian doctor but he had no way of coming up with the funding. Several years later, he saw an advertisement in the local newspaper for a Ukrainian medical school offering training in English. He along with 15 of his countrymen signed up and a week later he was saying good bye to his parents. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a scam. No one spoke English and there was no medical school for them – the businessman who arranged everything disappeared. Moses and two others decided to stay in Ukraine and eventually applied for medical school on their own. With **"God directing the process,"** Moses was accepted and 6 years later he graduated with his MD degree.

His arduous journey was not over however! After accepting employment at Ishaka Adventist Hospital in Uganda for his internship, his zeal and unquenchable appetite to do surgery landed him in trouble with his superiors at the hospital. They were not willing to train him so he decided to head back to the Ukraine with his family to start his surgical dream there. However, an American friend who had given him money to go to Ukraine went bankrupt and his Ukrainian surgical dream was also finished. He headed back to Uganda and started working at a district hospital in Uganda.

Dr. Kasumba was matched with the Mbingo training program in Cameroon. Moses' fondest memories of those five years were "the great brotherly fellowships and retreats we had which refreshed our spirits." He saw his attendings honor and fear God, prayerfully asking for wisdom, and marveled at how they interacted with each other. His training not only gave him the surgical experience he needed but also the interpersonal relationships needed in a cross-cultural setting to help him succeed in the role he finds himself today as assistant program director at Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi. The Lord has led Dr. Kasumba to meet the unmet surgical needs of the people of Malawi by developing the surgeons of tomorrow at Malamulo Adventist Hospital. He marvels as he and other PAACS graduates are able to share their stories with their younger colleagues, encouraging them that they too can become surgical leaders in PAACS someday. He dreams of the day PAACS opens a program in his home country in Uganda.

Dr. Kasumba's wife and daughter still live in Ukraine as his daughter is completing her schooling there since there are no good options in Malawi.

**Please pray for Malamulo Adventist Hospital to get funding so that a mission school can be built for all of the children who need a quality education at Malamulo such as Dr. Kasumba's daughter.**



## DEPENDING ON THE GRACE OF GOD

**“Being a Christian surgeon in Egypt is a real challenge and privilege at the same time,”** says Dr. Shady Fayik, the first Egyptian graduate of the PAACS training program at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt. **“It is also a privilege to show the Christian way of living and offer patients a model of life that loves them despite our differences and treats them with loving care because we are all created in the image of God.”**

Shady grew up in a Christian family in Assiut, Egypt. He had two brothers and two sisters and four of the siblings would grow up to become physicians. Shady accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior after attending a spiritual conference as a young child. As he got older, he learned to put his complete trust in Jesus and not lean on his own efforts to ensure his salvation. Shady went to medical school in Assiut before embarking on his master's degree in surgery. Initially, he entered this traditional Egyptian training program for surgeons. Dr. Fayik rotated through many hospitals trying to pick things up from the various physicians he was assigned to. He found that it was difficult to learn in this environment and often he was taught contradictory techniques. He had a strong desire for a better system to train in. He heard PAACS founder, Dr. David Thompson, speak at a conference about a new surgical training program he was starting at Harpur Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Fayik was thrilled to find out that his dream surgical training program was opening

up in his home country. He talked with his wife, Rania, and they both decided that he should pursue this PAACS program even though it would mean leaving his family and friends for several years. **“With my wife and the Lord at my side, I realized that I could handle additional years of training and studying”.** Heading off to Harpur as the first PAACS resident in Egypt was quite the challenge. **“I was afraid of joining PAACS, and then not getting the standard of surgical education that I was searching for, knowing that all new programs have many challenges.”** Shady prayed and felt that God was directing his steps to join PAACS despite all of these struggles. **“I confess that I never regretted my decision,”** he stated.

His most valuable experiences during residency were learning from Dr. Thompson and Dr. Sherif Hanna. He marveled at their teaching and how they treated their patients with loving care and an excellent attitude. In the beginning of his training, Dr. Fayik thought of finishing his residency and heading off to another Egyptian hospital to practice. However, when Dr. Hanna and Dr. Thompson encouraged him to stay on as faculty, he realized how important it was for him to be an Egyptian surgeon on staff treating Egyptian patients and to be the future of the program. **“It was a great privilege to stay on and be part of the PAACS family. I learned to depend on the grace of God to give me wisdom and His mercy to keep me humble.”**

Dr. Fayik's long term goal is to keep the Harpur program running well and involve more Christian hospitals in Egypt. He and his wife also have the joy of raising two girls, Sandra (age 5) and Sarah (age 5 months).

**A**s many in the PAACS community are aware, Dr. Fayik's brother, John, also a resident at Harpur, tragically passed away while he was on an away rotation at Mbingo Hospital in Cameroon last year. The responsibility fell on Shady to arrange for his brother's remains to be brought back to Egypt.

**“John's passing was a great loss to me as I considered John not only a brother, but also a friend, a partner and future colleague that I was planning to work with as a team. He was a very talented surgeon.”** Despite this unexpected tragedy, Shady's faith in the Lord has remained strong. **“I believe God is so good and John is now in the best place he could ever be. John's journey on this earth finished with a great testimony of what God has done with him and through him. I am proud that he is my brother and I want to continue what he started.”**

Please pray for Dr. Fayik and his family and the entire team at Harpur Memorial Hospital - that the Lord will continue to bless their ministry and improve surgical training in Egypt for His glory.



## Please Pray for Our PAACS Graduates

### PAACS Graduates' Locations

Map updated as of  
May 2019

**ANGOLA**  
Paulo Baltazar Buaki

**BURUNDI**  
Nkeshya Gisita  
Alliance Niyukuri

**CAMEROON**  
Domain Fuku  
Steve Kyota  
Benjamin Malikidogo  
Henry Ndasi  
Anthony Nesoah  
George Ngock  
Evaristus Njume

**DEM. REP. of CONGO**  
Jean Claude Bataneni  
Hubert Kakalo  
Samuel Lemery Nigo

**EGYPT**  
Amgad Amir  
Shady Fayik  
Nayer Naiem Wahba

**ETHIOPIA**  
Frehun Ayele  
Segni Bekele  
Mesele Bogale  
Dejene Desalegn  
Solomon Endrias  
Ebenezer Gezahegn  
Daniel Gidabo  
Surafel Mulatu  
Haileyesus Tesfaye  
Efeson Thomas  
Gezahegn Tilahun

**GABON**  
Anatole Nzanzu  
Simplice Tchoba

**GHANA**  
Ighohwo Etuh

**GUINEA**  
Jean Faya Bomde Yaradouno  
Ruffin Loua

**KENYA**  
Jack Barasa  
Elijah Mwaura Chege  
John Kanyi  
Arega Leta Fekadu  
Justus Lando  
Amos Chege Macharia  
Beryl Akinyi Mawe  
Damaris Mbalu  
Valentine Mbithi  
Yves Mpongo  
Wairimu Mugambi  
Ken Muma  
Shelmith Muthee  
Elizabeth Mwachiro  
Michael Mwachiro  
Mark Mwangi  
Elsie Kamene Mwanzia  
Tony Mwenemali  
Agneta Odera  
Jack Okumu  
Mark Oolo  
Philip Blasto Ooko  
Yali Bin Ramazani  
Ivan Seno  
Victor Sovai Alubokho  
Fasto Ladu Yugusuk

**LESOTHO**  
Degaulle Mifila

**LIBERIA**  
Jerry Brown  
Gerald Ekwen  
Juvenal Musavuli Maghuta

**MADAGASCAR**  
Marco Faniriko  
Heuric Rakotomalala  
Fabruce Ramaherimamonjy  
Elson Randrianantenaina  
Hanson Kasammanana  
Roseline Razanamampionona

**MALAWI**  
Jacques Ebhele  
Moses Kasumba Kaggya

**MALI**  
Philadelphie Dembele

**NIGERIA**  
Chukwudi Okorie

**RWANDA**  
Edmond Ntaganda  
Ronald Tubasiime

**SIERRA LEONE**  
Aiah Lebbie  
Juana Kabba

**TANZANIA**  
Emmanuel Dawson Lema  
Catherine Mung'ong'o  
Henry Rotimi Ine  
Tewodros Tamiru

**UGANDA**  
Martin Situma



±Martin Salia - deceased