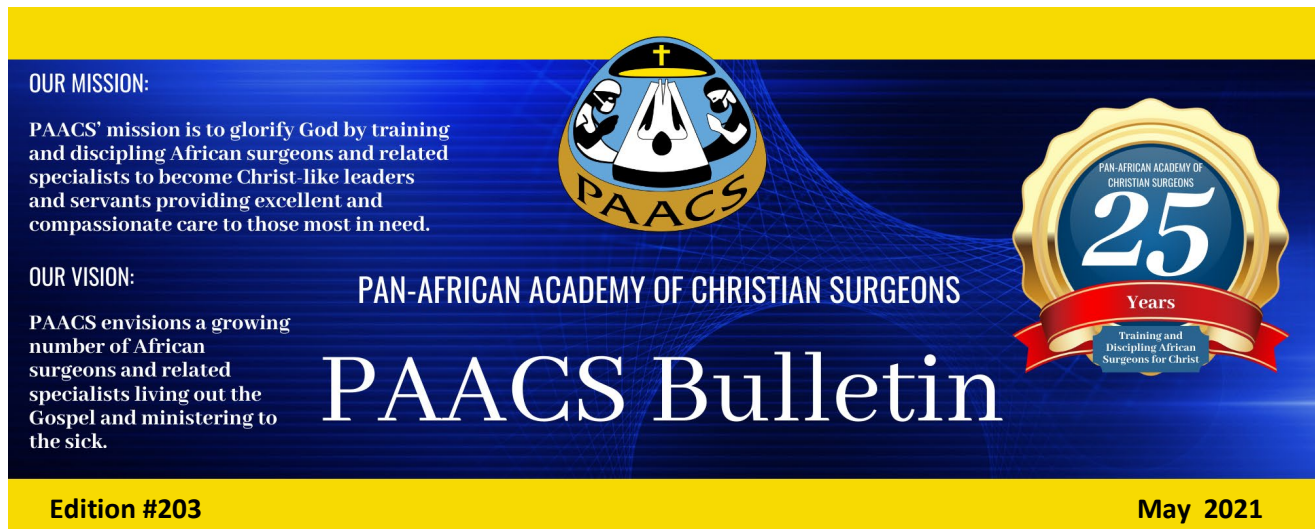


Dear Friends of PAACS:

The Covid-19 pandemic has severely tested the resilience of the missionaries running the PAACS programs and the systems within which they work. As life is slowly returning to normal in much of the US (thanks to the vaccination programs), the return to normal is much slower in Africa. We need God's men and women to resume service as short-term missionaries – World Medical Mission is eager to help you negotiate the latest changes. Would you consider coming to teach and serve?

The residents will soon be taking their annual in-service exam. Please pray for them – that God will bring to mind all that they have studied.

The Editor



OUR MISSION:
PAACS' mission is to glorify God by training and disciplining African surgeons and related specialists to become Christ-like leaders and servants providing excellent and compassionate care to those most in need.

OUR VISION:
PAACS envisions a growing number of African surgeons and related specialists living out the Gospel and ministering to the sick.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

Dear PAACS Family:

PAACS is dependent on the grace and kindness of volunteers for its success. Our volunteers serve as leaders on the Board of Directors, Committees, Councils, and Task Forces. We are dependent on their expertise, wisdom, talents, and skills. They help shape and move this ministry forward. Currently, we have over 180 volunteers who serve in various positions of leadership in this ministry. There are also others who serve as prayer warriors who seek the face of God on behalf of PAACS and some who provide their technical services to our organization. I am grateful to each of them for their time and service. We could not do all that we do without each one of them.

PAACS is also dependent on volunteer short-term surgical missionaries to serve at our various programs. These volunteers help to train and disciple our surgical residents. Unfortunately, the global pandemic made it almost impossible for most short-term missionaries to assist at our programs for the past year. We went from having over 200 short-term missionary surgeons volunteering annually at PAACS sites to less than a handful. PAACS needs more missionary surgeons to help train at our programs! Several of our faculty are due for much desired furloughs. They need rest for their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. This summer, three of our programs with the greatest needs are in Cameroon, Malawi, and Gabon. There is a great necessity for short-term faculty who can help relieve these faculty members and assist with teaching and discipling of the residents.

I recently saw something written by Elizabeth Andrew that stated, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." I realize that most of you who volunteer and serve do not have the time. You are all busy men and women, but you have the heart of service to God and the people of Africa. Let me assure you that you are making a difference and helping to change the physical and spiritual landscape of this continent through your service to PAACS. If you are interested in volunteering with the PAACS ministry in its leadership or would like more information about serving as a short-term missionary at one of our programs, please contact me at susan.koshy@paacs.net. Thank you one again for your support and service to PAACS.

Blessings,

Susan Koshy, JD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer
Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS)

PAACS TENWEK GENERAL SURGERY GRAD FINDS A PLACE OF SERVICE

By Keir Thelander

Dr. Fridah Bosire graduated from the Tenwek Hospital General Surgery PAACS program earlier this year. Throughout her training, she performed exceptionally well academically and clinically while also growing spiritually. Dr. Bosire's surgical training performance culminated when she scored the highest for a General Surgeon on the COSECSA exams, earning the O'Sullivan medal. Congratulations, Dr. Bosire, on a job well done!

Recently, Dr. Bosire spontaneously reached out to PAACS to express her thoughts about her training and discipleship. Dr. Bosire wrote, "I would like to pass my gratitude to PAACS for all they have done for me, for training me to be a surgeon, and for teaching me about Christ." Keeping with the vision of PAACS, Dr. Bosire accepted employment at a hospital serving some of the most disadvantaged people in Kenya.

She reported, "I started work at St Mary's Mission hospital, Langata, Nairobi. It is a large mission hospital that caters mostly to people from the Kibera slums. I have been covering the surgery department of the hospital alone for the month of April, sometimes doing 10 cases a day, in addition to running endoscopy (120 EGDs in April alone)." Regarding her work, Dr. Bosire says, "It has been quite challenging but very rewarding. I have loved the transition from my theatre staff staring at me like I am crazy when I prayed for patients, to now having them voluntarily join me as we pray together for patients. God has been gracious and faithful!"

Finally, she again expressed her appreciation for PAACS and her training at Tenwek Hospital, "I wouldn't have done this without PAACS. May God continue to bless you and all the work you are doing in Africa. Please pass my gratitude to all the people behind the scenes in my training through PAACS."

We thank the Lord for the work He is doing in and through Dr. Bosire. Please pray for her and the work she is tasked with at St. Mary's Mission Hospital. Dr. Bosire, we are proud of you.

EVENTS IN NE DRC – THE REDEEMING AND HEALING HAND OF GOD

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)

By Jacques Ebhele

As many of you might already know, the Democratic Republic of Congo has been going through decades of political tension, with many armed militia groups in the eastern part of the country. Most of the militia groups have no real political agenda but rather are involved in mineral trafficking. The illicit exploitation of natural resources continues to be a root cause and driver of conflict in the east of the country, according to the UN. Unfortunately, both national and foreign armed groups promote violence against civilians and this has persisted for decades in the northeastern territories (Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu).

The modus operandi of these rebels against civilians is atypical and unpredictable. The populations are killed with guns, knives, and machetes without ever holding the perpetrators of atrocities accountable. This has resulted in a massive displacement of the population who are trying to find shelter in urban areas. This movement causes many challenges both to the population and to the local government on every aspect of life including the health services. Many hospitals in Bunia receive casualties of any kind, especially people wounded from various sites of fighting.

The last 3 weeks has been a nightmare for Dr. Lemery Nigo Samuel, a PAACS graduate, who was super busy dealing with gunshot and slaughtered patients. I received a call from Dr. Nigo, the surgeon at Centre Medical Evangelique de Bunia, CME asking me to come and assist him with a young man with a severe open wound of his neck. He had been the only survivor in an attack during which other people were



slaughtered. We do not fully understand how this young man with his large and deep neck wounds communicating with the trachea and the mouth survived the one day prior to being seen by Dr. Nigo. What we can surely say is that God saved his life in a miraculous way for a purpose. He was quickly worked up and resuscitated, prepared for an emergency exploration and explored in the operative theater.

This young man was able to witness the redeeming and healing hand of God. We shared with him the love of Christ and made sure he believed in Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

Many other critical cases of gunshot patients have been seen in two raw and intense weeks of fighting. It was exhausting to us but encouraging to see how God had used us as a channel to save lives in the midst of a turmoil. We have lost some of patients due to the severity of their injuries and also because of lack of appropriate supportive tools and equipment. Even if the hospital is run by motivated and dedicated staff, the lack of adequate equipment to handle a very critical patients especially postoperatively can be as fatal as doing nothing.

While we celebrate the life of this young man and several others, we are seeking prayers for DR Congo to recover from decades of political unrest and war. We are also seeking for anyone who would help us better equip our hospital to be able deliver excellent care in this torn part of the planet for the glory of Jesus.

[Editor's note: Dr. Philip and Nancy Wood began their missionary efforts in this region in 1973. They were originally stationed at Nyankunde. The hospital, founded in 1949, was overrun by rebels in the late 1990s, almost completely destroyed in 2002 and was re-opened in 2005. The Woods eventually helped found CME hospitals in Bunia (2007), CME Beni and CME Sose. Samaritan's Purse has helped with providing buildings and services at the hospital over the past few years. Last month, Nyankunde hospital (Centre Medical Evangelique de Nyankunde) was again overrun by rebels and again suffered much destruction. The village and a neighboring village evacuated over 30,000 men, women and children in a matter of few days, as the refugees carried what they could on foot, spending nights in the jungle for safety. Warren (general surgeon) and Lindsey (pediatrician) Cooper and their son were evacuated as were post-residents Drs. Peter (general surgery) and Rebekah (ob-gyn) Stafford and their two young children. The Coopers will return to the US soon and the Staffords went to Hôpital Baptist Biblique in Togo where they had previously served. Patrick (meds-peds) and Anna (nurse) LaRoche and their children were in the US on home assignment). Please pray for the future for the hospital and for these medical missionaries.]

NEW PAACS SURGICAL FACULTY MEMBERS

By Keir Thelander

PAACS welcomes with excitement quite a few new surgeons as part of teaching our residents. Tenwek Hospital in Kenya has welcomed PAACS graduates Dr. Arega Fekadu (CT), Dr. Marvin Wekesa (Ortho), Dr. Sinkeet Ranketi (GS), and Dr. Sylvester Kimutai (GS), while welcoming expatriate faculty of Dr. Meghan Steen (Ob/gyn), and Dr. Moselle Stark (Ob/gyn). At Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, we welcome PAACS graduate Dr. Elyse Nkuzimana (GS). Dr. Paul Lim (PRS) has been welcomed at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt. Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia welcomes Dr. Tadesse Esayas to the Orthopedic consultant team. Dr. Greg Sund (Anesth) at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya has joined the teaching team at Kijabe. Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi will soon celebrate the arrival of Dr. Brent Sherwin (GS). CURE Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, welcomes Dr. Stefano Bolongaro (Ortho). We are thankful to be expanding the teaching and discipling capacity through these surgical consultants and look forward to their impact on the current and future PAACS trainees. May the Lord's hand guide and direct them as they train and disciple Christian surgeons.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce Dr. Paul Lim, who has filled the gap left by Dr. Sherif Hanna, as the Program Director of the Harpur Memorial Hospital General Surgery program. Dr. Lim comes to the PAACS program with experience in Africa doing clinical and administrative work at the CURE Hospital in Addis Ababa while also having practiced in the USA. Dr. Michael Mwachiro has moved into the role of General Surgery

Program Director at Tenwek Hospital taking over from another PAACS graduate, Dr. Elizabeth Okemwa Mwachiro. Their new leadership promises to be directed by the Lord as they move these programs to the next steps. May the Lord guide them each day in their work of discipling and training.

Sadly, Dr. Peter Bird, general surgeon at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, has announced that he and his family will be staying in Australia for the foreseeable future. He will be returning for a brief time later in the year to tie up loose ends and to move their belongings. He has served two decades at Kijabe and his service to PAACS and the people of Kenya have been deeply appreciated.

SEVEN YEARS AT HARPUR COMES TO AN END

By Sherif Hanna

“I (Paul) planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow”. (1 Cor 3:6-7 NIV).

In January 2014, after a 34-year career as a surgeon at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, my wife Mary-Lou and I left Toronto for Egypt and joined David & Becki Thompson to start a new PAACS program at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf. Seven years later; on May 6, 2021, this chapter of our life ended as we said goodbye to our dear colleagues there and returned to Canada.

Over these seven years, I was privileged to work with Dr. David Thompson for the first four years (January 2014 to December 2017) as the Assistant Program Director of PAACS-Harpur. I learned a great deal from Dave. He was a veteran missionary surgeon & the founder of PAACS with a very broad surgical expertise; I was a novice missionary doctor with a narrow field of expertise as a surgical oncologist & liver surgeon. For the last three years of our stint (January 2018-March 2021), I served as the Program Director of PAACS-Harpur.



Front row (L to R) – Dr. Shady Fayik, Mrs. Mary-Lou and Dr. Sherif Hanna, Dr. Paul Lim and his wife, Dr. Susan Lim.
Back row (L to R) - Dr. Mena Rasmy (PGY 3), Dr. Amgad Nashat (PGY 4), Dr. Armia Samuel (PGY 4), Dr. George Shoukry (PGY 1), Dr. Joseph Samy (PGY 2)

In looking back over these seven years, I am grateful & humbled by what the Lord has accomplished through David & me. I must hasten to point out that I stood on the shoulder of three giants: Bishop Mouneer Hanna Anis, the Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Egypt; Dr. Samir Rizkalla, the Director of Harpur Hospital; & Dr. David Thompson. By God's grace, the Lord has accomplished much in & through us together. The following are some of the highlights:

- Construction of a new hospital building, housing an excellent new PAACS clinic, a new ER & many other clinics.
- Construction of new housing for four of our five PAACS residents
- New housing for two expat surgeons
- Development of a very comfortable PAACS Guesthouse
- Building a new 2 bed surgical ICU
- Construction of a new endoscopy unit
- The purchase & operation of a new CT scanner
- Acquisition of multiple pieces of new OR equipment

In addition to the above, and in my view, much more importantly, we have graduated three fine PAACS-qualified general surgeons: Dr. Shady Fayik in 2016; who was hired at Harpur Menouf as our first Egyptian PAACS faculty member, and Dr. Nayer Naiem and Dr. Amgad Amir in 2018, both of whom were hired as the first two full-time surgeons at the Department of Surgery at Harpur-Sadat.

On March 15, 2021, I was delighted to pass on the leadership of the PAACS-Harpur program to Dr. Paul Lim, a Pediatric Plastic Surgeon from Minneapolis, Minnesota. I believe the Lord will use him to bless & grow the program tremendously over the coming years.

Allow me to share just a couple of the many lessons I have learned during those seven years:

- Culture Wars: It is extremely difficult to change the culture of a hospital in another country. Within the culture of Harpur Hospital, punctuality is not valued, whereas as a westerner (Canadian, eh?), punctuality is highly valued. Hence, starting the OR on time was a constant struggle. Though I was born in Egypt & spoke Arabic fluently, I thought as a Canadian, so I still had trouble bridging the cultural gap. Over time, I understood the reasons behind the issues but I did not have sufficient influence to change the OR culture of not starting on time.
- Hidden work: Slowly and gradually, the Holy Spirit began to work inside me to demolish the stereotypes I had in my mind and heart about the patients belonging to the society I was working in, who predominantly belonged to another faith. I began to love these people and understand them more deeply. In fact, I found them to "never forget a kindness". We sowed many seeds for the gospel but only the Lord knows which ones will grow. Ironically, my biggest problems were with some of the people I least expected to have problems with! The Lord was teaching me not to stereotype people.

To God be the glory, great things HE has done.

NEWS SHORTS

- **Congo Volcano Erupts Near Goma, DRC:** Jacques Bake, a Soddo general surgery resident, waited with bated breath for news of his wife, Olga, who was home visiting family along with their daughter. The Mount Nyiragongo volcano, located north of the city of Goma in the Congo, erupted on May 22 for first time in years, sparking panic among the city's residents and sending people fleeing from this major city.

The volcano in central Africa's Virunga Mountains last swamped the city of Goma with lava in January 2002, leaving more than 100,000 people homeless and hundreds of dead by some counts. Well over one million people live near the active crater by the Rwandan border, with Goma just a dozen miles south. Fortunately, the lava did not head this time toward the population hub. Still, over 8,000 sought refuge in nearby Rwanda and hundred of children have gone missing during the chaos.

An e-mail from Jacques on May 26 read “- Volcano lava has stopped, but earthquakes are increasing every day in intensity and frequency, reaching 5.1 as recorded by the monitor at Gisenyi (the neighboring city, in Rwanda). Even while talking with Olga this evening, there were 3 earth tremors in less than 20 minutes. Buildings are being destroyed, there have been gas explosions in some areas, and ash clouds the atmosphere of Goma. Security in surrounding cities/villages is an issue. All these facts lead us to think how Olga may come back as soon as possible with Gwen.”

Fortunately, Jacques' family was safe during this time although the Goma airport is closed and she has not yet returned to Ethiopia.

Goma is also the location of the Heal Africa general surgery training program, a program also training Christians to be surgeons similarly to PAACS.

- **PAACS Annual Exams:** In preparation for the PAACS general surgery annual in-service exams to be held June 4-6 (varying by location), the development of 200 item multiple choice exams for the junior and senior levels is nearing completion. In order to ensure validity of the exam, they are constructed to a carefully designed blueprint and questions are selected and vetted by a team of examiners. This year, Carl Haisch, Steve Doane, Bruce Steffes and Keir Thelander are working on the exams, with reviews from past PAACS faculty and other short-term missionaries. PAACS anticipates having 34 senior residents and 50 junior residents sitting for their respective exams. The 50 junior-level examinees is the greatest number of residents sitting the junior exam and reflects the expanding nature of PAACS.

A remediation exam is scheduled for July 23 – 25 for those who do not successfully score high enough. The specialty programs have their own annual in-service exams and the orthopedic residents have recently completed theirs.

Your prayers for the general surgery residents would be appreciated as they study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Global Day of Prayer for PAACS:** We are inviting the entire PAACS family from around the globe to join together in prayer to ask for God's protection, blessings, and provision over our PAACS residents, faculty, graduates, supporters, hospitals, partner organizations, and the PAACS ministry. We will be holding this day of prayer on Monday, June 14.

We will be holding two prayer gatherings on Zoom at two different times on Monday, June 14th. One of the Zoom calls will be midday in N. America, and the other is in the evening in N. America. We want to give as many people from around the globe the opportunity to join together to pray. Please [Click Here to Register](#) for the gathering of your choice. You can download the prayer points by [Clicking Here for Prayer Points](#).

PRAYER GATHERING #1:

US and Canada:

Eastern Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm ET

Central Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 12:00 noon CT
Mountain Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 11:00 am MT
Pacific Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 am PT

Africa:

Eastern Africa Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 8:00 pm EAT
Central Africa Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm CAT
West Africa Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm WAT

PRAYER GATHERING #2:

US and Canada:

Eastern Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 8:00 pm ET
Central Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm CT
Mountain Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm MT
Pacific Time - Mon, June 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm PT

Africa:

Eastern Africa Time - Tue, June 15, 2021 at 3:00 am EAT
Central Africa Time - Tue, June 15, 2021 at 2:00 am CAT
West Africa Time - Tue, June 15, 2021 at 1:00 am WAT

- **May PAACS Live Webinar**, which took place on May 20, 2021 showcased Dr. Keir Thelander, PAACS Executive Vice President, interviewing Dr. Bill Wood (Academic Dean) and Dr. Ed Searce (Spiritual Dean). If you missed the webinar or would like to watch it again, the recording can be viewed online using the link below: <https://vimeo.com/554398471>
- **Anesthesia & Surgical Help Needed at Malamulo Adventist Hospital:** Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi has lost anesthesia services and is down to one provider. If any anesthesia professionals (including CRNAs) can assist on a short- or long-term basis, they would much appreciate the help. Please contact Dr. Kasumba Moses at mkasumba78@gmail.com. Additionally, the Program Director at **Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi** is a 2017 PAACS graduate needing a vacation from June 15 to early August., and the hospital needs additional hands to train **(7) General Surgery residents** during his break.
- **Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon** has (8) General Surgery residents and (1) Head & Neck fellow. Currently, there is a conflict occurring in Cameroon but people have started returning to the area. They greatly need short-term and long-term assistance. Contact Dr. Jim Brown at jimbrownjab@gmail.com.
- **Short-term and Long-term Surgeons Needed at SIM-Galmi:** Beginning in April when Katherine Shafer goes on home assignment, there will be a critical need for general surgeons at SIM-Galmi. The faculty there will consist only of Yakoubou Sanoussi (GS) and Nathan Peterson (ENT, Head and Neck). Please contact World Medical Mission or Yakoubou Sanoussi at Yakoubou.Sanoussi@sim.org

- **Short-term and Long-term Surgeons Needed at Bongolo:** The Bongolo Hospital general surgery residency program (6 general surgery residents) needs a general surgeon who is able to serve under a sending agency for at least 2 years starting in 2021. Please contact bongolopd@gmail.com if you are interested and able to serve in that time frame.
- **Short-term and Long-term Surgeons Needed at Harpur:** The PAACS program at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf, Egypt needs a General Surgeon for long term (preferably) or short term (several months) service starting now. For further information please contact Dr. Paul Lim via email at lifenlim@pm.me
- **25th Anniversary PAACS Logo-wear Available:** If you would like to commemorate the 25th anniversary of PAACS this year, you can find a variety of apparel available for purchase in our online store. <https://merch.undergroundshirts.com/collections/paacs-25th-birthday>

Here, you can find polo shirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts, and long sleeve shirts with a special 25th anniversary logo. All are a unisex cut and available in multiple colors and sizes S – 3XL. They are priced from \$17 – \$30 plus S/H. You can order at any time and your items will be ready to ship directly to you approximately 48 hours after placing your order.

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- **Mark Your Calendar**
 - **PAACS In-service Exams:** Depending on the training program, the junior and senior written exams will be given June 4-6.
 - **WACS Conference in June:** The West African College of Surgeons plans to hold their 61st Annual Scientific Conference in Cotonou, Benin Republic. June 14 - June 17. The venue will be the Palais de Congres in Cotonou. Please see website for updates: <https://www.wacsoac.org/>
 - **COSECSA Written exams:** The written exams for both the MCS and FCS level will be administered on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.
 - **Prescription for Renewal:** The PFR conference sponsored by Samaritan's Purse/World Medical Mission will be held at Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Sept. 16-19, 2021, in Orlando, Florida. Registration will open soon. Please cto check samaritanspurse.org/pfr.

- **Fall 2021 Board of Directors Meeting** will be held as an in-person meeting on October 15-16, 2021, in Chicago. We plan to hold the preliminary council and committee meetings on Zoom ahead of time.
- **PAACS Basic Science Conference** is tentatively scheduled October 18 (Monday) – 29 (Friday), 2021 at the Brackenhurst International Conference Center in Limuru, Kenya. It is primarily designed for attendance by first- and second-year residents and some program faculty. Details will be forthcoming and requests for speakers will soon be e-mailed.
- **CMDA-CMDE conferences:** The Continued Medical and Dental Education Commission of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations is planning to have a virtual continuing medical education session on October 23, 2021 and an in-person conference to be held in Marathon Greece April 4 – 14, 2022. The 2020 and 2021 in-person conferences were cancelled because of the pandemic. Only candidates for CME, their spouses and children over 16 years of age will be invited to attend the Greece conference, but they must be able to prove a full vaccination against Covid. Further information will be forthcoming.
- **PAACS Faculty Development** – the date in June 2022 have not been definitely set. It is hoped that it will be held at Brackenhurst International Conference Centre.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the residents as they study for the PAACS in-service exam to be given the first weekend of June.
- Please pray for the ongoing selection process (interviews, application reviews and final decisions) for new residents to start in January of 2022.
- Peace and stability in the PAACS countries. Pray especially for the ongoing tribal unrest in Ethiopia and the recurrent civil unrest in Cameroon.
- Pray for peace for the northeastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray also for the citizens near Goma who are caught in the disruption caused by the volcanic eruption.
- Pray for the Hannas as they reintegrate into life in Canada having now retired and recently been allowed out of quarantine. Pray for Dr. Paul Lim and the rest of the Harpur-PAACS programs as they make the transition.
- Pray for the continued rollout of the Saline Process throughout all the PAACS training sites.
- Pray for those programs who have seen a rise in Covid cases lately, including Soddo, the Kenya programs, Arusha, Harpur and others.
- Pray that PAACS will glorify God and be used to impact Africa for His Kingdom. Plead that many lives will be saved through surgery and many people will come to know the love of Jesus.
- Pray that God will bring His chosen long and short-term missionary and national surgeons to help train African residents in the PAACS training programs.
- Pray for wisdom regarding the planning and preparation for the possible Brackenhurst PAACS Basic Science Course the last 2 weeks of October. Additionally, for a possible Brackenhurst PAACS Basic Science Course next year (2022) transitioning to an all 1st year conference.

- Pray for the new program in neurosurgery which has started at Tenwek. Pray for Dr. Copeland and for the new trainees.
- Pray for PAACS graduates that are serving God's people. Pray for God's grace, protection, provision, strength, and blessings to cover the PAACS graduates.
- Pray for approval from the government of Kenya for the anesthesia, plastics, ob/gyn, and surgical endoscopy programs.
- Pray for wisdom and removal of barriers to begin general surgery training in Burundi, Malawi, Madagascar and Togo.
- Pray that God will make it possible soon for the short-term missionaries to return to service in the mission hospitals.
- Pray for Dr. Brent Sherwin as he awaits paperwork for his transition to full time service at Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi.
- Pray for all the PAACS faculty members and the hospitals – for personal health and safety and for financial viability of the charity hospitals in this tough time.
- Pray for Galmi Hospital which has an immense need for General Surgery help now and for the next 3-6 months. Pray also for the needs at Bongolo Hospital (June, July, and August), Harpur (now through 2022) and Kijabe Hospital. Please pray for the anesthesia needs at Malamulo Adventist Hospital.
- Pray for the Tenwek Orthopedic training program which has a great need for additional faculty members to sustain this vital program.
- Pray for those faculty members on home assignment – the Loves - for their rest, for the times of medical work and for the meeting with their supporters and raising funds. Pray for the faculty members that must cover their absence.
- Thank God for the service to Kijabe Hospital given by the Peter Byrd family and pray that they will bring things successfully to a close over the next few months.
- Pray for the Ganey family who have returned to the US to handle some health issues. Pray for healing.
- Pray for those surgeons who are planning to join PAACS in the next few years – as they complete their residencies or fellowships, as they find a sending agency, as they raise the necessary money and as they prepare for the major cultural shifts.

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