

PAACS RESIDENT TESTIMONY



PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS



I was born and raised in a nation which is populated with over 90% Muslims. In as much as I knew Christ since high school days, I didn't know my role in helping others know Christ. I had worked for over six years as an intern and a medical officer, yet I can't confidently and proudly say I had even once sincerely and meaningfully prayed for, or with a patient going for surgery.

The family of PAACS has taught me to treat the patient as a whole, not leaving the spiritual aspect even an inch behind. I will live with and practice what I learned when I graduate as a consultant. I have seen and felt how touched and hopeful patients get when you sincerely pray for or with them as their doctor.

PAACS impact on my academic life is a dream come true. After undergraduate and internship, I prayed earnestly for an opportunity for postgraduate training. Every time I did, it wouldn't only be about getting a school, but also a scholarship. Because no part of my academic life was financially taken care of by my parents (not as if they didn't want and wish to), so I knew they wouldn't be able to do it now, and there was no hope that the government would be supportive. Thus, the coming of PAACS and its scholarship had so much impact in my life than cannot be expressed in writing.

Having practiced in Liberia for three years, I had learnt how to "cut open, fix and close an abdomen", "how to cut off a bad leg and close the wound", "how to remove an abnormal lump" (regardless of what the lump really is - an accurate diagnosis), and I called it all "surgery". This was more than sufficient and appreciated by a community where there was absolutely no formally trained surgeon.

Within this short period so far, PAACS, through its faculty have made me realise that there is more to surgery than just cutting and closing. They have humbled me to realise that there is a lot more to know and that the people of God (the people of that community) deserve and require a lot more than just cutting.

PAACS have made a great impact in my life, and one day, by the grace of God, I will make an even greater impact on the lives of the people I shall serve, as a formally trained consultant surgeon, through the health/healing ministry.

May the Lord provide for you (PAACS family) in ways of blessings, God's goodness, and wisdom, that you may continue to provide for His people directly and indirectly.

God bless you.

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