



Dear PAACS Family

In this Alumni Newsletter, we are blessed to feature two of our PAACS graduates: Dr. Enock Mupepe and Dr. Sam Fabiano.

Dr. Mupepe is a graduate from the PAACS program at Galmi Hospital in Niger. He and his wife are preparing to serve the Lord in the mission field.

Dr. Fabiano graduated from the PAACS program at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon and is now serving as a General Surgeon at CEML Hospital in Lubango, Angola.

As you read this 16th edition, may you be strengthened by their stories. I hope it will be a source of inspiration as we continue serving and sharing the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All PAACS alumni are strongly encouraged and invited to submit articles for the Spring issue. We appreciate hearing from you and what God is doing through you since you graduated. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email below.

Yours in Christ,

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In All This, I Was Helped by the Word of the Lord

DR. ENOCK MUPEPE

I was born in 1985 in Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I was raised in a very rural area. After high school, I really wanted to study mathematics at the university, but my father told me that he promised the Lord that his first son would become a doctor. In the beginning, this was very difficult for me. But day by day, I really started to like it. Sadly, my father died before my graduation. I really wanted him to see how the Lord impacted my life through that great decision of going to medical school that he made for me.

After my graduation from medical school, I was working in Liberia. There, my friend from medical school, Dr. Lemfuka, told me about PAACS and encouraged me to apply. Two years later, I was chosen for the PAACS SIM Galmi residency program.

My five years of residency was both a very difficult and blessed time. It was difficult because of the new environment and hard work (sometimes without rest). **But in all this, I was helped by the word of the Lord (Roman 8:28)** and also supported by the Galmi PAACS family. Through all that, I really improved in my patient care, I grew in my spiritual life by assisting in conferences and bible studies, and I worked under wonderful, hardworking teachers and dedicated program directors: Dr. Starke, Dr. Sanoussi, and others. I graduated from PAACS in December 2021. I met my wife, Elda Mupepe, in 2018 at Galmi hospital. We got married in January. Her presence in my life is a great blessing and she has been an incredible support during the last years of my residency.

PAACS really impacted my life by giving me surgical skills and spiritual teaching. God willing, my wife and I are getting ready to go and serve our Lord in Africa by working at a mission hospital and preaching the gospel. We want to teach others what we have received through PACCS as it is written in 2 Timothy 2:2: "The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."



The Mupepe Family



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Not Us, But God

A Patient Testimony from Dr. Enock Mupepe

During my rotation for pediatric surgery at Koutiala in Mali, I met a baby who was admitted a few weeks before my arrival after ingesting caustic fluid. The baby was given a feeding tube. We performed a transhiatal esophagectomy a few weeks later and it was amazing to see her drinking milk again for the first time since her incident.

The baby's parents were so grateful to the surgical team because of the care and love we provided. After the surgical rounds, we took the opportunity to talk to them in our office. We explained to them that it was not us, but **God used our hands**. We were showing the love that we received through Jesus. The baby's parents were really open to hear more about Jesus and stories from the Bible.

Seeing people open up for the Lord's word through my surgical work is really what motivates me again and again. This is what my heart is beating for.



Dr. Fabiano with a patient

Entrusted to Us

DR. SAM FABIANO

I was born in Angola, on the southwest coast of Africa. I grew up in many places and eventually my parents moved to a mission station in rural Angola. When people asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would usually say a pilot or a doctor. I never made it to pilot school, but the Lord provided me with the opportunity to pursue my medical studies. In 2011, I received my medical degree and moved back to Angola. My preference was to work with people who really needed help. A few contacts were made and eventually I ended up at CEML Hospital in Lubango, Angola.

There, I had the privilege to work with a surgeon with PAACS experience. I was encouraged to apply to the PAACS program, and I started my general surgery residency in January of 2015 at Bongolo hospital in Gabon. Gabon is a very beautiful country with lots of jungle, but it was also very hot! I was constantly drinking water to stay hydrated and not end up in the ER myself.

PAACS is a great program as it meshes surgical skills, spiritual growth, and community involvement. As a resident, I attended a church in a village about eight miles from the hospital. The people in the village were very happy to see us come every Sunday and spend time with them, pray with them, and learn from them. It was very common for us to visit a house after church when someone was ill. On our last Sunday at church, we visited a young lady who had been very ill for a month. She was in serious pain. I examined her and sent her straight to the hospital for a surgical consult. She underwent her surgery just in time, and at the same time she was exposed to the gospel while with us in the hospital.



Dr. Fabiano

Following completion of my surgical residency training, I moved back to Angola. I currently work as a general surgeon at CEML in Lubango, where we hope to start a PAACS general surgery program one day, which would be the first in Portuguese-speaking Africa. As I work every day, I am reminded of how PAACS provided us with the tools to navigate the surgical world in resource-limited environments. We trust that God will continue to use us as we apply that which was entrusted to us.



The Fabiano Family

Based on our 2022 Alumni Survey, we estimate that in one year, one PAACS Graduate will:

see approximately
1,178 patients,

perform approximately
505 procedures,

and share the Good News with approximately
115 people!

20 Countries with PAACS Graduates

