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It is a great pleasure to share with you the 2019 edition of “PAACS: Caring for Africa”. This magazine contains the true accounts and testimonies of PAACS faculty, residents and graduates. These are stories of hope, answers to prayer and transformation of lives. I hope you enjoy reading these stories about the sacrificial work of these men and women serving those in need in Africa and bringing the hope of Christ.

Blessings,

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MISSION

PAACS exists to train and disciple African surgeons to glorify God and to provide excellent, compassionate care to those most in need.

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We envision African surgeons living the gospel and ministering to the sick.

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From **CANADA TO EGYPT** **TO SERVE GOD** Dr. Sherif and Mary-Lou Hanna



Sherif's parents were refugees who escaped Turkey and fled to Egypt around the time of World War I. He was born in Cairo, Egypt and was raised in a Christian home. At the age of 18, he made a sincere and personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Across the world, Mary-Lou was growing up in a farming community north of Toronto in Canada. Her dedication to Christ came at age nine, when she gave her life to Jesus during an evangelist's sermon at church.

Their worlds didn't collide until 1973. Sherif had immigrated to Canada in 1970 after he finished his medical studies at Cairo University. He was continuing his post-graduate training in general surgery at the University of Toronto when he met Mary-Lou, who had just earned her teaching certificate. They were married in 1976, and that's when their journey of serving the Lord together began.

In 2010, after many years of training, raising a family and working in healthcare, the Lord began prompting and nudging Sherif to move away from his comfortable position as the Head of Cancer Surgery at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. Two years later, he heard about PAACS through a friend, Dr. Peter Chu, and how Dr. David Thompson was starting a new residency program in Egypt.

"While Peter and I were on a medical mission trip to Galmi Hospital in Niger, Peter began to talk to me about the possibility of me joining Dr. David Thompson in Egypt in view of the fact that I was born in Egypt and spoke Arabic," said Sherif. "Peter also began to send me the PAACS Bulletins, which I swiftly forwarded to my wife without actually reading them! She felt that serving with PAACS was well suited to me. We began to pray about it and seek God's direction."

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What could the son of Turkish refugees
and a farm girl from Canada possibly
have in common?

For Dr. Sherif and Mary-Lou Hanna,
their drastically different backgrounds
growing up were, in fact, the
instruments that brought them
together and led them to serving with
PAACS IN EGYPT
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They planned to go to Egypt for an exploratory visit on February, 2013. However, a popular revolution was being led against then-President of Egypt, Mohammed Morsi. It was an extremely dark time in Egypt's history, and Sherif's extended Egyptian family and friends advised him not to go to Egypt at that time.

"I had been away from Egypt by then for about 43 years and they said, 'This is NOT the time for you to go back,'" Sherif remembers. "Six days before our planned departure, while I was reading my Bible, this verse, which I was NOT reading, popped into my head, '...I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut...' (Revelation 3:8). I asked Mary-Lou what she thought this might mean, and she quickly said, 'It means we should go to Egypt.' So we went."

Today, Sherif is the PAACS Program Director at Harpur Memorial Hospital. It is located in the town of Menouf, within the province of Menoufia in the Delta region of Egypt, and it serves a population of about half a million people. The hospital sees about 150,000 outpatients per year, and about 99 percent of those patients are Muslim. Within the Department of Surgery, there are four PAACS general surgeons and three non-PAACS general surgeons, as well as a few other surgeons belonging to other specialties. This PAACS program is the only PAACS program in Egypt, North Africa or the Middle East.

The PAACS program has created a culture of excellence and accountability at the hospital. Several of the physicians at the hospital have even approached PAACS about starting a similar program for other physicians. Plus, it has attracted outside funds that have resulted in a new hospital building and many technical and infrastructure improvements within the hospital. In addition, a new nursing school was established and opened in December 2019. *"If PAACS hadn't come, there wouldn't be a nursing school here today,"* he said.

And the impact of PAACS doesn't stop with the walls of the hospital. The gospel of Jesus' love is reaching out into the community through PAACS and the nursing school. Some patients are hearing the name of Jesus for the first time when they go to surgery. *"Word is spreading that there are excellent surgeons here at Harpur now, and the acronym, PAACS, is becoming known here in Menouf and all over Egypt,"* said Sherif.

Seeing patients healed in the name of Jesus Christ is the most rewarding part of their work with PAACS. In most cases, the Muslim patients will allow the PAACS faculty and residents to pray for them before their surgery, and their surgeon is an instrument in the hands of Almighty God. So far, the program at Harpur has graduated three Egyptian PAACS surgeons. And God continues to work mightily through the PAACS program at Harpur. In Sherif's own words, the impact is immeasurable:



"Where we are located among this Muslim population, a God who loves them is not known or understood. Compassionate ministries among these people is one of the best ways to show them the love so many of them desire. Some of them comment that they find love and peace here at our hospital. We have heard of people who just walk onto the grounds to enjoy the peaceful environment. There is something here that they don't fully understand. Here in this country, a Christian hospital is the only Christian place they will enter. It is the only place where the Jesus Film can be shown in the waiting rooms and portions of the Bible visible on shelves. Our experience here at Harpur Memorial Hospital has been the best thing that has ever happened to us. We wouldn't have passed up this opportunity in a million years. To know that God has been at work in and through us these five years has grown us immeasurably in our faith in our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit."



I am Andrew John, and I was born in a rural area in Burundi in 1983. My father is a businessman, and my mother is a farmer. My father and mother didn't stay together, so I grew up with my grandmother who was a witchdoctor. I started my primary school in Burundi, but during the civil war we moved to Tanzania and I continued my Studies up to high school.

Growing in My Faith and Training

Andrew John

When I was in Tanzania studying economics and mathematics, I dreamed of becoming an economist, work in a bank and earn a lot of money. I had a friend and classmate called Samson who was a great servant of God. Samson always called me "Doctor", and he never called me by my name. I didn't understand why, and neither did he. I thought he wished me to become a doctor in economics. Once in the middle of the night, Samson was praying while I was reading and doing homework. After one hour, Samson called me to join him in prayer. After some minutes together, he asked me if I could see what God was showing him, and I said, "No". He asked me several times, "Andrew, can you see what I see?" But my response was still no. Samson started to cry and asked God to open my eyes, but I couldn't see what God was showing him about my life. Then, Samson decided to tell me what God showed him about my life. He told me many things, but two of them were that God was going to save my family through me and He would heal the sick by using my right hand. Neither of us could understand how this was going to happen.

After finishing my high school, God closed all the doors and I could not continue my studies in Tanzania as I had dreamed. When I arrived back in Burundi, my father told me he wanted me to study medicine and become a doctor in the future instead of studying economics. When my father told me this, I heard a voice in my heart reminding me about Samson and the way he used to call me Doctor instead of Andrew. I also remembered what God showed to Samson that night about using my right hand to heal patients. God filled me with joy and took out all the confusion and dilemmas I had about my future. I started medical school at Hope Africa University.

My dream to become a surgeon arose when I was doing an internship and rotation at Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi. There, I met some missionary surgeons, such as Dr. Patricia who had a compassionate heart and deep love for her patients. She was a hard worker and always aimed for excellence in managing her patients. She always prayed and shared Jesus' love with the patients. She was totally different from other surgeons I met before.

The great need of surgeons in my country, especially in rural areas, became a big burden for me. One day when I was at Kibuye, we received a 13-year-old boy who was involved in a bicycle accident. He was complaining of left upper quadrant pain and was stable on admission. We started monitoring him and his blood pressure started dropping slowly. After some hours he became severely hypotensive and died. This child died from intra-abdominal bleeding, probably due to splenic rupture which could have been easily fixed if there was a surgeon.

Another day we received a 10-year-old boy who needed emergency surgery for a bowel obstruction, but since there was no surgeon at that time we decided to transfer him to a regional hospital, which was about a 45-minute drive away. We reached the regional hospital at 8 p.m., but there was no surgeon to take care of him. We waited for two hours and no surgeon came to see him. I left at 10 p.m., and when I called the next morning to find out what happened to him, they told me he died at 3 a.m. while still waiting for a surgeon to see him.

When I started work as a medical officer in my home rural area, I saw many patients who needed surgery but died due to lack of surgeons. I was only able to do a caesarian section, and I always felt unsafe since I didn't have enough training. All this pushed me more and more to find a surgical residency, and PAACS was the answer to my dream.

I first heard about PAACS when I met a missionary doctor who is a gynecologist at Kibuye. When I told her that I wished to be a surgeon, she told me about PAACS. When I applied to PAACS, I had much faith about being selected, and I was selected on the first application. My time in the PAACS program has been difficult and challenging, but it's also been full of many opportunities to grow in all areas of my life.

I remember bad times of failures and many challenges in my first and second years, but God used these opportunities to teach me to totally rely on Him in all situations. He built my faith in Him more and more. He taught me how thanksgiving, praise and worship open doors and break the chains binding people's lives. I am now in my fourth year, and my medical knowledge has grown a hundred times, my surgical skills have improved and I am very comfortable when I am managing difficult surgical cases. PAACS is teaching me to totally sacrifice my life for God's work, my patients and those who are in need. My dream is coming true.


As I serve God in this residency, I have seen PAACS impacting Africa in many ways. PAACS has improved the care of the patients in all their training hospitals. For example, at Galmi Hospital, we take care of all patients, including those with no money to pay. I remember a 10-year-old girl who was admitted with major burns. We tried all we could to save her life, but she died three weeks later. After her death, her father came to me and said, "Even though my daughter died, I will not forget Galmi Hospital. The love I found here I have never found in any other hospital in Niger. I will keep Galmi Hospital in my heart."

Most importantly, PAACS teaches us how to share the gospel with those who don't know Christ. One of my patients, who was in the hospital after being involved in a car accident, told me after I spent 45 minutes sharing the love of Jesus with him,

**"I have been living with Christians and missionaries for six years, but no one took time to tell me about Jesus the way you did it today.
Thank you very much."**



Facing Difficulties with Trust



“When we face uncertainty,
when we face difficulties,
when we face lack of equipment,
we need to trust God.”

Dr. Marco Bien Aimé Faniriko

He didn't start learning English until 2008. But that wasn't going to stop him from trusting God and following God's purpose for his life. And now, 11 years later, Dr. Marco Faniriko is officially a graduate of the PAACS Residency Program at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon and the PAACS Head and Neck Fellowship at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon.

Originally from Madagascar, Marco grew up in a Christian family and went to church every Sunday, but he didn't know Jesus on a personal level. When he was 15 years old, he began developing a hunger to know Jesus. He later accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at a camp when he was in high school. He then committed his life to serving Christ and sharing His love with others.

Marco started dreaming of being a doctor way back in secondary school because he wanted to help people who were suffering, and that dream came true when he received his medical degree in 2007. He then attended medical school in Mahajanga.

He first heard about PAACS that same year at a meeting for Christian doctors where he met Dr. Roseline, a former resident at the PAACS program at Bongolo Hospital. She gave wonderful testimony about what God is doing through PAACS in Gabon and throughout Africa, and he was inspired to learn more. However, he did not speak English, which is a requirement in the application process. So in 2008, he began learning English. And a year later, he was accepted into the program at Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia. However, he was forced to return home six months later when his visa wasn't renewed.

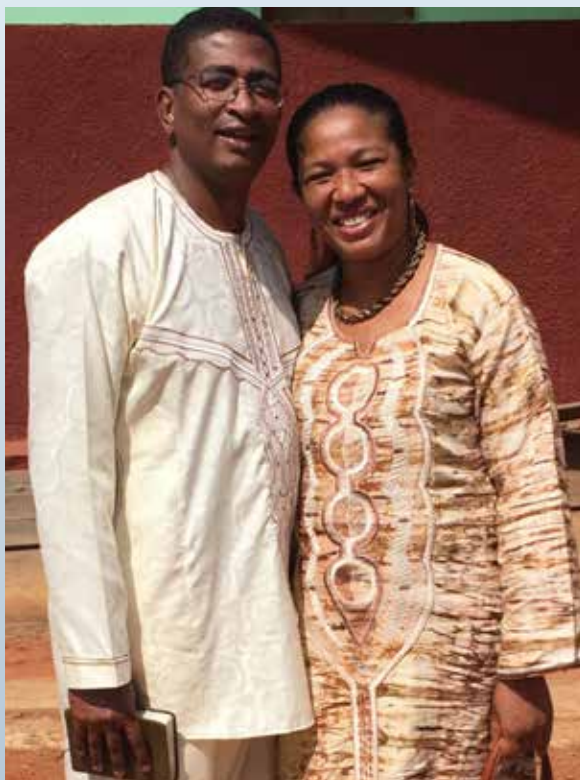
His trust in God never wavered despite the setback. He continued to pray to God to open a door to become a surgeon and maintained the hope of rejoining PAACS. In 2012, he was accepted into the PAACS program at Bongolo. Marco and his wife, Marguerite, moved to Bongolo in 2012, and he spent the next five years completing his surgical training.

Following his graduation, they moved to Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon to begin a one-year Head and Neck Fellowship, which he just recently completed.

Today, he has returned to his home country and is working at Lutheran Mission Hospital in Ambohibao, Madagascar as a general, head and neck surgeon. *“PAACS is the first and unique surgical training program in Africa,”* Marco said, *“because we learned medicine and we also learned the Bible.”*

During his one year long fellowship in Cameroon, they faced a big challenge as a result of the country’s unrest. And yet, his faith never wavered. *“Faith has always impacted our lives and my career,”* he said. *“Faith helps us to remember God’s protection and provision every day!”* Marco is so thankful for the countless faculty members and short-term missionaries, as well as his fellow residents, who invested in his life through PAACS. *“God uses lots of people to bless us,”* he said. *“It is such a blessing for me and my wife to interact with so many wonderful people through PAACS.”*

Today, God is doing amazing things working through Marco as he sees patients on a daily basis. He is grateful to PAACS for the high quality of training he received, as well as the exposure to the vast variety of medical needs. The weekly



Marco and Marguerite at Bongolo Hospital



Marco receiving the Head and Neck Fellowship diploma from Dr. Wayne Koch

Bible study he would attend with the attendings and his fellow residents made the biggest imprint on his life. *“Seeing the examples of my attendings changed me to have compassion for my patients, it changed me to be humble and it changed me to depend on God, not on my knowledge,”* he said.

In Marco’s eyes, PAACS is impacting Africa on an international level, as more people come to Africa to help bring surgical skills and the love of Christ to the continent. The number of patients being seen and healed by God through PAACS’ hospitals continues to grow, just as the number of PAACS graduates serving in different hospitals throughout Africa continues to grow.

“Many patients get to know Christ through PAACS,” Marco said. *“Many patients find healing, and those healed people continue to produce and impact the economies of their areas.”*

PAACS’ vision is to see African surgeons living the gospel and ministering to the sick.

That’s exactly what Marco spends his days doing now as he seeks to heal in Christ’s name. Now that he has graduated from the PAACS program, that vision takes on a whole new, personal meaning. *“I imitate Jesus Christ by living according to His words and taking care of others,”* he said.

He is Changing Me

Chukwuemeka Nwegbu



These song lyrics help keep Dr. Nwegbu from being discouraged as he perseveres through his years of residency training at the PAACS Residency Program at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. And they also remind him on a daily basis of the mission he has to serve Christ and show the love of God to his people, his country and his continent.

Far before his journey with PAACS began, Chukwuemeka Nwegbu was born in Enugu State, Nigeria. His name, which is a common name for firstborn sons, means “God has done a lot”. He was born into a Roman Catholic family, but he lost faith in God during his teenage years and viewed Christianity with much skepticism. A teacher in secondary school helped bring him to Christ.

Dr. Chukwuemeka decided to study medicine. Years later, toward the end of his internship at ECWA Hospital in Nigeria, Director of Training Dr. Musa Dankyau encouraged Chukwuemeka to join PAACS. Dr. Dankyau knew PAACS would provide him with top-notch surgical training in the context of being a missionary doctor.

“Aside from PAACS coming highly recommended by seniors whom I have great respect for, as a program that was just right for someone like me. I had always wanted to be in a community of believers where I could get some form of close mentorship,” he said. “I also recognize that general surgery is a skill that would be very critical to my success as a medical missionary.”

*From glory to glory, He's changing me
Changing me, changing me.
His likeness and image to perfect in me
The love of God shown to the world*

*For He's changing, changing me
From earthly things into heavenly
His likeness and image to perfect in me
The love of God shown to the world*

However, several years passed before he began actively applying for the residency. “My journey to getting accepted into PAACS was not a straight journey at all,” he remembered. “About three years after PAACS was recommended to me, I came to Lagos, Nigeria and worked on a neonatal jaundice study. Dr. Tina Slusher again recommended that I join PAACS. I even started writing an application. It was at this time that I met my wife, Deborah. At that time it seemed better for me to get some experience in Christian work in my home country before going abroad. So I decided to move to Northern Nigeria closer to those suffering persecution.

I joined a congregation that was full of faith and loved God even in the midst of the persecution. After a year in Zaria, Nigeria, while on a visit to Kaduna, I was invited to spend some time at a Christian ministry in Kaduna, so I volunteered there for about a year before going back to Lagos. By then I had a sense of the completion of my stay in Nigeria. Together, with my wife, we felt it was time to apply for PAACS.”

After all his years of looking forward to joining the program, their faith was rewarded when he was accepted as a PAACS resident. He had great joy that God had rewarded his faith. *“By the end of my first few days of work in Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, I became keenly aware of how little I knew and how much I was about to learn,”* he said. He has spent years learning, and he is now on track to graduate in 2022. *“When I graduate...we trust God will show us our next step. For now, we feel we may return to Nigeria or maybe we finally will get to go to South Sudan. Our guiding principle is Oswald Chambers’ saying, ‘To serve where the line is thinnest,’”* he said.



Faith has always impacted Chukwuemeka’s career, and that faith has been a constant guide even when the journey has been tough. Currently, the Mbingo program in Cameroon is suspended because of conflict in the region. Dr. Chukwuemeka is awaiting either the re-opening of the Mbingo program if the violence subsides or being transferred to another PAACS site. And he is relying on his faith in God and depending on Him to show him the next steps in his journey to be a PAACS surgeon. *“I have been stretched, so stretched that I was not sure I would make it,”* he said. *“To be sincere, I have had times when I became discouraged by the situations and even people around me, but my joy is in the fact that as long as I don’t stop gazing at the hope of Christ, all things will work out for good.”*



Despite his current circumstances, Dr. Nwegbu feels blessed to be involved with PAACS and serve patients through this ministry. *“PAACS is doing a lot for Africa. Its mere presence is a statement of faith in Christ Jesus. It’s an inspiration to everyone who comes into contact with PAACS. In Cameroon, I have noticed that most of the Christian hospitals around are staffed and run by PAACS graduates, and sometimes they are the only surgeons in the hospital. That is in Cameroon alone, so imagine all the other countries where we have PAACS graduates,”* he said.



“The very essence of PAACS is an inspiration to me,” he said. *“That doctors from another continent would allow the love of Christ to push them to try to change the medical and spiritual landscape of another continent.”*



Q & A

WITH A PAACS RESIDENT

Dr. Mehret Desalegn
Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia

PAACS: To get us started, tell us about your background (school, training, personal life, family, etc.)

Dr. Mehret Desalegn: I was born and raised in a small town called Awassa in Ethiopia. I went to school in the same town and finished high school there. Then I moved to Addis Ababa for my medical training and moved to Soddo to serve at Soddo Christian Hospital as a general practitioner. I met my now husband as a young girl and, long story short, we married after 14 years of friendship. I joined PAACS while working at Soddo Christian Hospital, and I am a second-year resident now.

PAACS: What drew you into medicine?

Mehret: As a young adult, I had this great passion in me to help people in treating their physical needs as well as minister to their spiritual needs. I started asking God to show me the best way to do this. While I was finishing high school, God started leading me to join medicine.

PAACS: How did you first hear about PAACS?

Mehret: I first heard about PAACS while I was in medical school when the program was starting at Soddo. After I came to work at Soddo, I had the opportunity to observe the training and the trainees closely, and my interest for PAACS grew.

PAACS: And what was your journey like to get accepted into the program?

Mehret: I had a strong desire to study pediatric surgery, but once I joined medical school and continued training, I leaned more to the pediatric side of it and started to think surgery may not be for me. After I came to Soddo, I started observing the PAACS training and the trainees firsthand and had some unforgettable experiences which guided my interest back to surgery and, more importantly, to PAACS. I was able to see the beautiful combination of discipleship and the best surgical training with an opportunity to share the gospel with patients every day.



PAACS: Why were you motivated to join the residency?

Mehret: PAACS, I believe, is the best surgical training program in the country in many ways. It's an organized, well-structured and strong training program. The most special part of the training to me is being a disciple and growing spiritually as you train. We are fully trained to be not just surgeons but Christian surgeons. I had the privilege of knowing and working with some of the PAACS trainees here and I have seen such a big transformation in all aspects of their lives.

PAACS: Tell us about your time in the PAACS program.

Mehret: Once I joined PAACS, I started appreciating the quality of it and how blessed I am to be part of this amazing experience. God also continued to confirm to me that I was on the right path of following His will. Every day is full of new learning experiences and opportunities to connect with patients, pray for them and share the Good News.

PAACS: How have you learned to incorporate your faith into your practice?

Mehret: Through medical school and my time with PAACS, I have learned that a patient's illness has both physical and spiritual components that tend to affect one another. To minister for their spiritual needs as a physician is sometimes challenging, but a patient can observe our strong faith in our communication. It makes it easier for both the patient and me to connect and share the gospel.

PAACS: How has your life changed since becoming a PAACS resident?

Mehret: I am learning so much from my faculty, fellow residents and patients every day, both in surgery and my walk with God. I am learning to be more intentional about my communication with my patients to share the gospel.

PAACS: What would you say is the biggest way PAACS has impacted your life?

Mehret: I was given a rare opportunity to be a part of the best training program, which I would never have been able to afford financially, had it not been for PAACS. I have a big hope inside and I am looking at getting all the best tools to become a surgeon who can minister to the whole patient.

PAACS: How do you see PAACS impacting Africa today as you serve Him in the residency?

Mehret: Providing the rare opportunity for Africans to be trained by Western faculty and also be equipped to spiritually treat the patient is a special model of training. Going through the residency with this model will create a dedicated army of well-equipped Christian surgeons who have the capacity to serve in Africa in a position of leadership and decision-making, as well as serving people with their capacity in surgical skill.

PAACS: What's the biggest way PAACS and its faculty continue to make a difference in your life?

Mehret: The faculty are our inspiration, and they practically show us how to be better in every aspect of our life. The fact that we are trained by well-trained Western surgeons and dedicated Christians is such a blessing to us.

PAACS: What type of results are you seeing in Africa through PAACS—in your patients, your personal life, your co-workers, etc.?

Mehret: Going through the training ignites a unique passion to serve patients in the best possible way and minister to them in sharing and living the gospel. Nurses and other staff are also a big part in achieving this goal. The training has a positive effect on them, and it creates a conducive environment for everyone to be involved in

taking care of our patients as a team. One person may be a sower and the other a reaper of the gospel seed in our patients.

PAACS: What's the best advice you can give to others about how to get involved transforming the world for Christ?

Mehret: I believe anything God equips us with in terms of training, finance, talent, etc. is for us to further the kingdom of God and share the gospel. God only needs our willingness and sacrifice to be available for Him to use us. So whatever we have, wherever we are and whatever we are capable of doing, God is ready to use it to build His kingdom.



A story of **TRANSFORMATION**

Dr. Juvenal Musavuli Maghuta



GOD Uses PAACS Resident to Transform a Life

It was a typical night for the doctors and staff at Galmi Hospital with a seemingly never ending stream of patients, all desperate for healing. While that night was typical for the doctors and staff, it was anything but typical for the family who brought in a young man critically injured by a gunshot. Most patients waiting that night were concerned with physical healing but Dr. Juvenal Musavuli realized this family was focused on revenge. Dr. Musavuli prayed that God would use him to not only heal the young man's physical wounds but also heal the hate seeping into the young man's and his family's hearts. Dr. Musavuli knew that without God's intervention, this family would seek to kill the person who shot their family member.

God answered Dr. Musavuli's prayers and used him to heal the man's injuries through surgery.

He also had an opportunity to share about Christ and the blessings and peace that comes from forgiving our enemies. Dr. Musavuli prayed with the young man and his family, giving God the glory and praying that forgiveness would begin to take root in their hearts. By the grace of God, the young man not only lived, but accepted Christ and began sharing the Good News of God's forgiveness and salvation with others.

This young man traded death for life both physically and spiritually during his encounters with Dr. Musavuli, at the time a PAACS resident at Galmi Hospital in Niger. Since graduating from PAACS, God continues to use Dr. Musavuli at ELWA Hospital in Liberia. God is at work every day changing lives physically and spiritually through surgeons who are training or have graduated from PAACS programs.



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PAACS FACTS

PAACS OVERVIEW:

56 million people in Africa are in need of surgical care. In some areas there is only 1 surgeon for 250,000 people. In other places, it is worse - 1 surgeon for 2.5 million people. The Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) is a strategic response to the need for surgeons in Africa. PAACS trains African physicians as surgeons to care for the poor and the sick. PAACS also discipless these surgeons to share the love of Christ with their patients to bring hope to those who are suffering.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

- 11 General Surgery Programs (as of January 2020)
- 3 Orthopaedic Surgery Programs
- 1 Pediatric Surgery Program
- 1 Head & Neck Surgery Fellowship
- 1 Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
- 1 Plastic Surgery Program (as of January 2020)

PAACS Programs Locations: (as of January 2020)

9 Countries (Burundi, Cameroon, Gabon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Tanzania)

Length of the Training:

PAACS is a five-year surgical and spiritual training program.

Number of Graduates:

98 Graduate Certificates will be Issued as of December 2019
20 more Graduates by the end of 2020

Cost of Training a PAACS Surgeon:

\$25,000 per year per resident OR
\$125,000 over 5 years per resident

PAACS Alumni Locations: 21 Countries - see map

Impact of PAACS Graduates:

- 58 % of PAACS graduates saw 2500+ patients in clinic per year
- 60 % performed 500 or more operations / procedures per year
- 72 % intentionally train residents, medical students and other healthcare professionals each week
- The impact for God's Kingdom is immeasurable



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ALUMNI work in 21 countries throughout the continent of Africa (Map updated September 2019)

PAACS PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Harpur Memorial Hospital
Menouf, Egypt

SIM Galmi Hospital
Galmi, Niger

Soddo Christian Hospital
Soddo, Ethiopia

Mbingo Baptist Hospital
Bamenda, Cameroon

AIC Litein Hospital
Litein, Kenya (as of January 2020)

Kijabe Hospital & Bethany Kids
Kijabe, Kenya

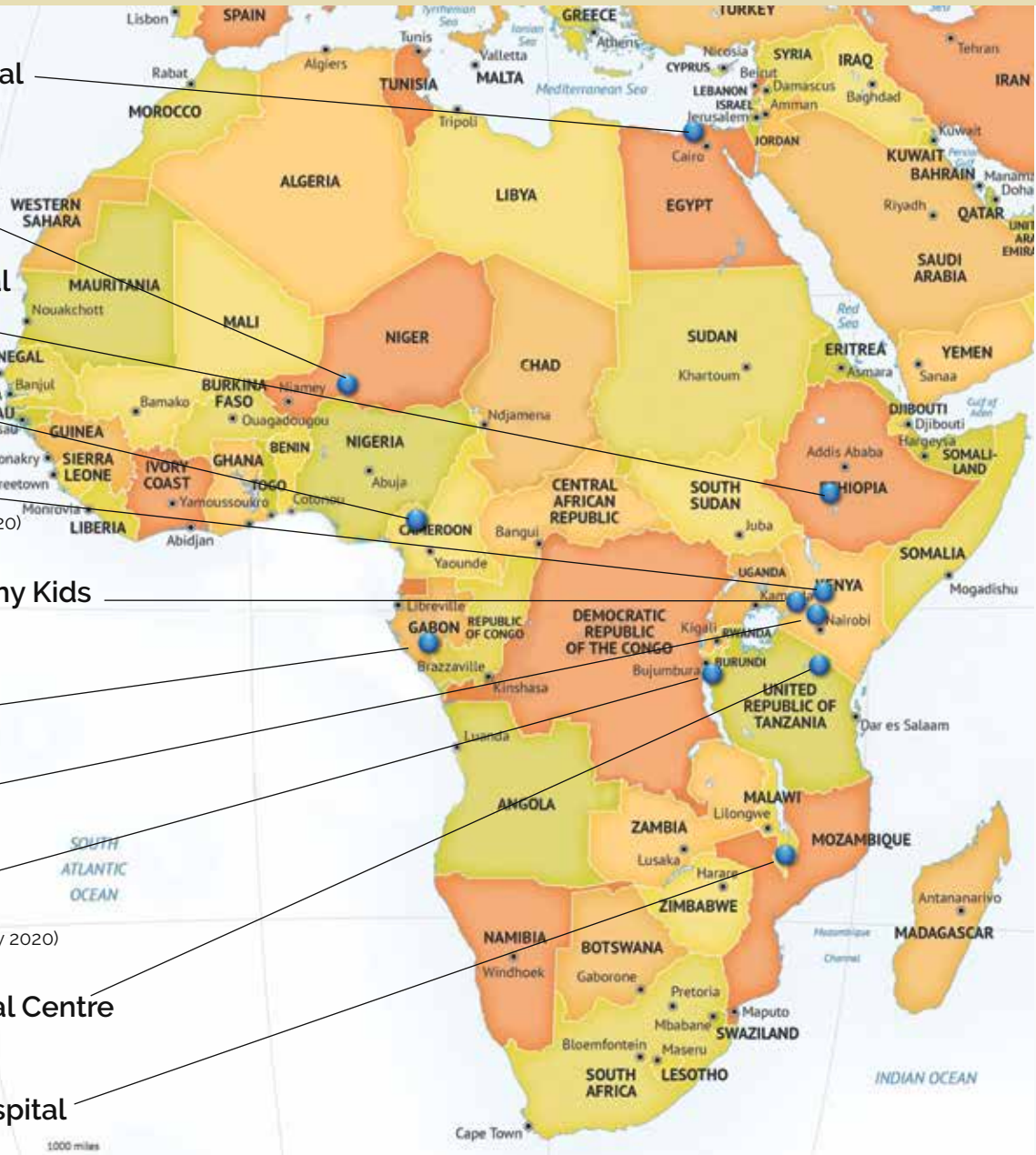
Bongolo Hospital
Lebamba, Gabon

Tenwek Hospital
Bomet, Kenya

Kibuye Hope Hospital
Kibuye, Burundi (as of January 2020)

Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre
Arusha, Tanzania

Malamulo Adventist Hospital
Makwasa, Malawi



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