



# THE PAACS BULLETIN

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*In Loving Memory of Dr. Louis Carter  
Pictured: Dr. Peter Nthumba and Dr. Louis Carter*



*Whitecoat Ceremony at  
Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon*



*Dr. David Skavdahl and Family, Bongolo Faculty*

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## From the Desk of the CEO



by Susan Koshy, JD, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

Dear PAACS Family:

Happy New Year!!! We hope that 2022 will be a blessed and wonderful year for each of you. We continue to uphold the PAACS family in prayer. Please let us know your prayer requests, and we commit to praying for you. There is power in agreeing together in prayer. The PAACS administrative team prays together almost daily, and we will lift up your prayer needs before God's throne. Please send your prayer requests to [prayer@paacs.net](mailto:prayer@paacs.net).

Thank you for financially blessing PAACS during the final months of 2021. Because of you, PAACS donations were at a record high for the month of December. This financial blessing aids our ministry as we start training a record number of incoming residents and have started new programs. We praise God for His abundant provision.

January has been a busy month for PAACS. We held our first virtual Basic Science Conference. COVID prevented us from meeting together in Kenya, but God provided an alternative through Zoom. This seems to be a new reality, and we are learning to adjust and continue doing business in this new environment. PAACS also held a virtual Partnership Engagement Event for supporters in January. We presented information about the impact of PAACS to many new potential partners and supporters. Dr. David Thompson, PAACS Founder, was the keynote speaker and provided an inspirational talk for the virtual event attendees.

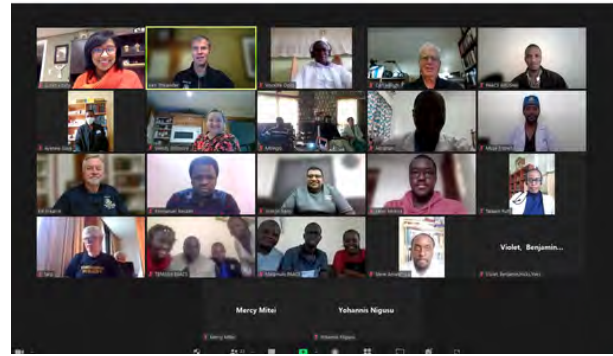
Please continue to remember PAACS in your prayers. We will be having a Global Day of Fasting and Prayer on Monday, February 21st. Please join us for this event. Your prayers are meaningful and help sustain and move the work of this ministry forward.

Blessings,

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

## The First VIRTUAL Basic Science Conference

by Keir Thelander, MD  
Executive Vice President



On January 12th, 22 third-year PAACS residents kicked off PAACS' first virtual Basic Science Conference. Residents from PAACS General Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, and Pediatric Surgery programs gathered online for five seven-hour days of Zoom and were engaged in a broad variety of surgical, medical, and spiritual topics. The conference included two days of surgical critical care workshops and spiritual teachings on the book of Galatians at the close of each day.

We were able to provide two specialty courses in an abbreviated format: a four-hour training session with the Non-Technical Skills for Surgeons (NOTSS) course, and a one-and-a-half-hour "taster" of an evangelism training course for healthcare workers called The Saline Process. A huge word of thanks to the teams that put so much time and effort into making these courses available virtually!

While we were disappointed that we couldn't gather in person at the Brackenhurst Conference Centre in Kenya, the virtual format of the conference allowed us to meet for a conference that had already been delayed many times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are deeply grateful for the wholehearted engagement the PAACS residents poured into the conference and to all of the speakers, both guests and PAACS faculty, who volunteered of their time and energy to make this time of training possible:

- All of the NOTSS presenters, course designers, and logistical support that worked on creating a virtual conference
- Drs. Mark Topazian and Rachel Nunn for leading the Saline Process training
- Dr. Samuel Thompson
- Dr. Nathaniel Peterson
- Dr. Heath Many
- Dr. Ryan Hayton
- Dr. Eric Irungu
- Dr. David Jeffcoach
- Dr. Adrian Park
- Dr. Wendy Willmore
- Dr. Robel Beyene
- Dr. Leland Albright
- Dr. Jason Axt
- Dr. Joe Starke
- Dr. Michael Langford
- Dr. Zachary O'Connor
- Dr. Tim Nunn
- Dr. Carl Haisch

Many thanks also go out to the members of PAACS Administration for their involvement, including Dr. John Tarpley, Ms. Susan Koshy, Dr. Ed Scarce, and Ms. Rachel Huth.



# FOCUS on Bongolo Hospital, Gabon

by David Thompson, MD  
PAACS Founder

In the 25 years since Bongolo Hospital began training PAACS surgeons, the hospital has graduated 20 surgeons, all of whom remain in Africa. **The number and diversity of Bongolo's graduates illustrates the remarkable impact even a small PAACS program can have.**

*Dr. Harison Razamimanana, 2002, serving in **Madagascar***  
*Dr. Paulo Baltazar Viegas Buaki, 2003, serving in **Angola***  
*Dr. Hubert Kakalo, 2005, serving in **DR Congo***  
*Dr. Roseline Razanamapionona, 2006, serving in **Madagascar***  
*Dr. Domain Fuka, 2007, serving in **Cameroon***  
*Dr. Jean Faya Yaradouno, 2010, serving in **Guinea***  
*Dr. Yali Ramazani, 2010, serving in **Cameroon***  
*Dr. Jean Claude Bataneni, 2011, serving in Eastern **DR Congo***  
*Dr. Dembele Philadelphie, 2013, serving in **Mali***  
*Dr. Ruffin Loua, 2013, serving in **Guinea***  
*Dr. Simplicite Tchoba, 2014, serving in **Gabon***  
*Dr. Jacques Ebhele, 2015, serving in Eastern **DR Congo***  
*Dr. Anatole Nzanzu, 2015, serving in **Malawi***  
*Dr. Fabruce Ramaherimamonjy, 2016, serving in **Madagascar***  
*Dr. Marco Faniriko, 2017, serving in **Madagascar***  
*Dr. Alliance Niyukuri, 2018, serving in **Malawi***  
*Dr. Dieudonne Lemfuka, 2019, serving in **Liberia***  
*Dr. Samuel Fabiano 2019, serving in **Angola***  
*Dr. Elysee Nkuzimana, 2020, serving in **Burundi***  
*Dr. Olivier Ndizeye, 2021, serving in **Burundi***

Bongolo's five current residents are from **Zimbabwe (2), Chad, Guinea, and Liberia**, which means Bongolo's PAACS program is impacting surgical care and the Kingdom of God in no less than 12 African countries. Five of Bongolo's graduates have served as PAACS faculty surgeons, including Dr. Simplicite Tchoba who is one of Bongolo's current faculty surgeons and plays a vital role in the hospital's efforts to receive government recognition for its training programs.

## **Bongolo Hospital has a new PAACS faculty member—Dr. David Skavdahl!**

David and Josie met almost 20 years ago and have been married for 17 years. Before they were married, they each had a vision of practicing medicine in resource poor settings but didn't know exactly how that was going to unfold. Throughout medical school and residency, God laid on David's heart the desire to serve in the context of a mission hospital.

There were many reasons for this, but perhaps the most important was a desire to see God's Kingdom move forward through the practice of medicine and surgery and for others to freely hear of the Good News of Jesus. David is passionate about training others to go and do the same. The fact that Bongolo Hospital had a PAACS training program in place that proclaims the Gospel and teaches its residents to share their faith made it an obvious choice.



*Bongolo Hospital, Gabon*



*Dr. David Thompson with Bongolo Faculty and Residents*



*Dr. David Skavdahl, new faculty at Bongolo, with family*





### Graduation at PAACS Arusha Training Program

*By Dr. Frank Madinda, Program Director at PAACS Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, Tanzania*

We had our fourth graduation class from the PAACS General Surgery program at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) on December 11, 2021. Dr. Goodwill Kivuyo became the 7th PAACS graduate from Arusha. Guest speakers included Dr. Petronila Ngiloi and the presiding Bishop of ELCT North Central Diocese, Dr. Solomon Massangwa.

Mr. Erick Twisa, ALMC's Director, welcomed all, and Dr. Wendy gave an opening address on the topic of "doing the right thing". Dr. Madinda introduced Dr. Petronila who congratulated and commissioned the graduate to always be focused on serving the Lord rather than money, to teach and multiply, and always remember the higher calling. The diplomas were presented by Dr. Wendy and Dr. Benson and the hooding done by Dr. Madinda and Dr. Lema.

After the recession, pictures were taken and a celebratory lunch was held at New Safari Hotel where presents were given to the graduate from his family, the program team, and the residents. Dr. Goodwill will be remaining at ALMC.



*Pictured at Top:  
Dr. Goodwill Kivuyo and family*

*Pictured at Center:  
Arusha Graduation with faculty and guests*

*Pictured Left:  
Dr. Goodwill Kivuyo, Dr. Wendy Willmore, and Dr. Benson Lyimo*



# CURRENT PROGRAMS

ARUSHA LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTRE, TANZANIA



## Thank You and Goodbye, Dr. Wendy

*By Dr. Frank Madinda, Program Director at PAACS Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, Tanzania*

After eight years with the PAACS General Surgery program at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC), we bid farewell to Dr. Wendy as she looks to transition to another location of need. Dr. Wendy is one of the founders of the PAACS program in Arusha – ALMC together with Dr. Madinda, and has been serving in both Selian Lutheran Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre. Under Dr. Wendy's leadership, the PAACS residents have benefitted from a wealth of clinical experience from onsite and external surgeons, and they have also been exposed to a robust academic program.

Many appreciations were expressed from both Selian Hospital and ALMC leaders and staff for her dedicated servitude. The PAACS-Arusha family noted the legacy that has been left behind. Over the last few months, Dr. Wendy has transitioned her leadership responsibilities to Dr. Lema and Dr. Benson. No doubt a void will be felt at the Arusha-PAACS program. Please carry Dr. Wendy in prayer as she transitions, and also pray for the Lord to fill the void left at ALMC and Selian Hospital.





### White Coat Ceremony at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon

By Mark J. Snell, MD

PAACS Assistant Program Director at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon

At Mbingo Baptist Hospital, we hold a combined White Coat Ceremony each year with CIMS (Christian Internal Medicine Specialization). At this year's ceremony on January 6, 2022, there were three new PAACS residents and four new CIMS residents. I gave a brief introduction on the significance of the White Coat Ceremony. The PAACS residents were each introduced, and then PAACS faculty helped them don their new white coats.

The PAACS residents were each given the latest edition of Schwartz. The CIMS residents were then introduced, and their faculty assisted them in donning their new white coats. All the residents then stood and recited the Christian Physician's Oath with Dr. Laurie Elit leading. A first is that Dr. Keba Faith delivered her baby in the afternoon the day prior to this ceremony after completing a surgery in the morning - and still showed up. Talk about fortitude!



Our residents are pictured as we were praying for them. From left to right: Dr. Keba Faith with Dr. Laurie Elit behind, Dr. Telelen Neville with Dr. Mark Snell behind, and Dr. Dingong Picard with Dr. Brown behind. The other four across the front are the CIMS residents.

### PAACS NEW RESIDENTS: START TRAINING in 2022

Over the next three issues of the PAACS Bulletin, we will introduce you to the 37 new surgical / specialty training residents that are starting in PAACS training programs.

#### Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon



**Dr. Telelen Neville**  
Cameroon

"I grew up seeing my people suffering. My future aspirations have always been to get the best surgical training to help serve my community as God deems it."



**Dr. Keba Faith**  
Cameroon

"I rely on God Almighty who has started this good work in me to bring it to completion. If He permits, I would be delighted to continue serving in the Cameroon Baptist Health Services at the end of my training."



**Dr. Dingong Picard**  
Cameroon

"I went to medical school at Faculty of Health Science of University of Buea. I aspire to sub-specialize in cardiothoracic surgery and, by God's grace, be a teacher and professor in PAACS."





# PAACS NEW RESIDENTS: START TRAINING in 2022

Stay tuned for more New Residents who will be featured in the February and March issues of the PAACS Bulletin!

### *Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly Madagascar (HVMM)*



**Dr. Oliver Radoniaina**  
*Madagascar*

"In my country, there are not enough surgeons to meet the needs of the people, especially in remote parts, and many people die or suffer because there is no surgical care for them. Jesus came for people who suffered. So surgical care is part of His work and shows His love to others."



**Dr. Tefinirina Razafimanantsoa**  
*Madagascar*

"I always want to be serving God in a Christian Hospital. I would love to be involved in training young Christian doctors. I dream of building a Christian hospital near my home village."

### *Soddo/CURE*



**Dr. Naol Jigi**  
*Ethiopia*

"After I finish my training at PAACS, I plan to go to a less privileged region of the country and start practicing there. I want to bring the love of Jesus Christ to them, and I also want to spend the rest of my life there."

### *Harpur Memorial Hospital, Egypt*



**Dr. Shady Onsi**  
*Egypt*

Shady Onsi was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt. When he was about nine years old, God started to fill him with passion towards medical missions through a Sunday School skit about a doctor who travelled to a poor African country to serve and preach the gospel.

Years later, God led him to and through medical school. In his quest for God's plan for him, he heard about PAACS while he was at a Doctors with a Mission (D-WAM) conference five years ago. He thought about it with his wife to be, Nardine. They prayed together, and now, here they are.

They do not know what the next step is, yet they hope to be able to go to a place where God will use them through surgery, education, and preaching the Bible. For now, they are excited to start this journey in Menouf (Harpur Memorial Hospital).

### *AIC Litein Hospital, Kenya*



**Dr. John Ngili**  
*Kenya*

"Having done my internship at AIC Litein Hospital, the love, care, and mentorship shown unto me by the surgeons who are themselves PAACS graduates inspired me to also give back by teaching others. I see surgery as a ministry, thus I would like to use my knowhow to lead more and more souls to Christ."



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## *SIM Galmi Hospital, Niger*



**Dr. Aimé Mugisha**  
*Burundi*

"Early in 2019, I joined a very embryonic clinic project called Misuhuko Medical Center set up in my native village in Burundi to serve an underserved community both as the Medical Director and the consultant practitioner for almost three years.

I feel privileged to be a part of the PAACS family as a new resident in General Surgery at SIM Galmi Hospital in Niger. I believe that this golden opportunity offered to me will help me to grow both in surgical skills and spiritual dimensions so as to win souls for Christ through surgical care."



**Dr. Brad-Lot Igiraneza**  
*Burundi*

"I chose surgery because I am passionate about it and I want to save lives as a surgeon. I chose PAACS because it is a Christian program and I know that it will help me to treat patients in a holistic way, not only as a surgeon, but as a good Christian, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with colleagues and other people in my daily routines.

I hope that I will learn to be a surgeon and return back to my home country to help Burundians who still need surgical healthcare."

## *AIC Kijabe Hospital, Kenya*



**Dr. Brian Odhiambo**  
*Kenya*

"I pray and believe that this residency program will provide me with the spiritual nourishment and surgical skills needed to serve the people and make me a true disciple. I pray for God's guidance and growth of the PAACS family as a whole. I would wish to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone through the PAACS program to be wonderful ambassadors of Christ in my work.

I pray to be able to impart knowledge to other upcoming surgeons at the end of my training and also to be sent where there is need for surgical services and Christian discipleship."



**Dr. Theodore Juma**  
*Kenya*

"I am excited to have been chosen to join a surgical residency in AIC Kijabe Hospital. I look forward to growing spiritually and getting new insights about the mundane and the spiritual from my new friends. I am thankful to God and to Kijabe for this opportunity.

Kijabe is known to produce well-rounded surgeons. Most people who I informed of my new journey marveled and told me "utatoka huko kama umeiva" - "You will graduate from Kijabe with great skill." I love the friendly nature of the team. People are warm and ready to offer help."



# In Celebration of US National Women Physicians Day

*By Dr. Britney Grayson, PAACS Faculty at BethanyKids Hospital in Kenya*

December 2020. I had just started work as a consultant pediatric surgeon at AIC Kijabe Hospital (Kenya) and was on call with our first-year fellow, Dr. Mehret Enaro. Somewhere amid this busy day, she told me, "It's so wonderful to finally have you here, I've been waiting a long time for this!" I replied casually, thinking she was referencing my months long COVID delay, but instead she continued, "I have never met a female pediatric surgeon before you."

During the conversation that followed, I was putting the pieces together. Dr. Mehret was finishing her third year of surgical training following the years she worked as a medical officer which, of course, followed medical school itself. And not one time in any of those years did she meet someone who looks like her doing what she wants to do. My eyes filled with tears as I contemplated the bravery it takes to walk down this path anyway.

Next, I thought about all the women who showed me what it looks like to be a woman physician and surgeon. Those who changed my preconceived notion that surgeons were men, and machismo at that. I am privileged to be a part of a large group of women physicians and surgeons at AIC Kijabe Hospital. In fact, we have a quarterly women surgeons meeting where consultants and trainees alike talk about the struggles unique to our chosen paths, encourage, and pray for each other along the way. But we are the minority still.



*Drs. Grayson and Enaro*

A 2019 report from the WHO, "Gender equity in the healthcare workforce: Analysis of 104 countries\*", reports that on the African continent, only 28% of physicians are female (compared to 46% in The Americas and 53% in Europe). This disparity only widens when considering the field of surgery. My social media is full of tweets about the first female pediatric surgeon in X country or the first female neurosurgeon in Y country.



And so, in honor of US National Women Physicians Day on February 3, I celebrate all the women physicians and surgeons who showed me that neither gender nor culture defines any specialty. I celebrate representation. I celebrate that, as of January 2020, our pediatric surgery training program achieved the most important milestone of 50% female trainees, and we remain that way this year.

I celebrate what I represent to Dr. Mehret and what Dr. Mehret will represent to so many in the future. I pray for the women who have dreams of being a physician and surgeon but have never seen one in real life. And I am so thankful to be able to train up the next generation of women surgeons to bring more of this reality to the world.

*\*<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/311314/WHO-HIS-HWF-Gender-WP1-2019.1-eng.pdf>*



# PAACS Partnership Engagement Event

By Deborah Pedziwol, Director of Partnership Development

PAACS hosted a virtual Partnership Engagement Event on Tuesday, January 18th. The event was a first for PAACS and focused on the impact and work of PAACS in Africa. We are grateful for the tremendous effort in outreach for this event from our PAACS supporters and for the more than 65 participants who chose to attend.

We enjoyed a great evening of fellowship with keynote speaker, Dr. David Thompson, PAACS Founder, who shared the current state of PAACS, as well as projected growth in programs and sites in 2022 and beyond. Dr. Louis Pisters, Vice-Chairman, PAACS Board of Directors, presented the spiritual impact of PAACS residents and graduates, and celebrated over 2,500 decisions for Christ in 2021. Personal testimonies from Alex Hoffer, Chief Revenue Officer, Hoffer Plastics and Rev. Brian Fox, Global Missions Pastor, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church highlighted, "Why I Choose to Support a PAACS Resident" and their personal journeys to becoming donors. Special thanks to Dr. CR Powell, our event moderator, and Dr. Randall Owen, who brought closing remarks and prayer. We were blessed by each presenter and all who supported this event!



As we thank God for His blessings on the PAACS ministry over the last 26 years, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with our supporters to **HELP US SHARE** the incredible impact of PAACS in Africa. PAACS is providing access to surgical care and sharing the gospel with people throughout the continent who may not otherwise receive much needed care or hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Would you partner with PAACS this year and **HELP US SHARE** our story with your network? There are many ways to partner with us in 2022: host a partnership event, dinner party, or connect a friend virtually (Zoom) to introduce PAACS. **Contact Deb Pedziwol, Director of Partnership Development (PAACS) at [deborah.pedziwol@paacs.net](mailto:deborah.pedziwol@paacs.net) or (423) 612-1045, who will work with you to plan your event.**

Click [HERE](#) for a link to the Partnership Engagement Event recording to enjoy and share with your church missions committee, colleagues, family, and friends!



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# PAACS Remembers Dr. Louis Carter



## Allan Sawyer, MD:

*"Early this past Christmas morning, my friend and colleague Dr. Louis Carter, stepped from this life into heaven. If ever there was a physician who I aspired to be like, it would be Dr. Carter. During his lifetime he went on over 100 trips to mission hospitals around the world. Even after he was unable to travel, he continued to consult with hundreds of physicians via the internet.*

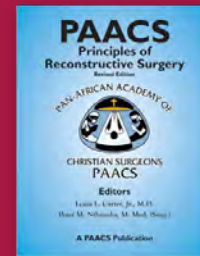
*But even more than this, and more than the dozens of highly prestigious awards that he received, Dr. Carter was a kind, gentle, and humble man. He would always greet me as if I were his best friend, even though I only saw him infrequently. Indeed, the world has lost an incredibly gifted surgeon and heaven has gained back one of its saints. I'm confident that this past Christmas morning, Dr. Carter heard Jesus say to him, **'Well done, good and faithful servant.'**"*

## Sam Thompson, MD, PAACS Board of Directors Chair:

*"Louis was a great man and a great missionary. One of his lectures I attended at the GMHC has stuck with me to this day. His commitment to the Word and to missions was phenomenal."*

## Louis Pisters, MD, PAACS Board of Directors Vice-Chair:

*"I remember when I was the Surgery Dean for CMDA-CMDE, and I had Louis give a talk on wound management, including burn wounds. Our surgery lecture room began to fill to capacity. I went over to the door where people were entering and met Carolyn Brown (Dr. Jim Brown's wife) who said there were many people trying to get into our lecture room. We ended up doing an immediate switch to have a bigger lecture room. He was a fountain of plastic surgery knowledge. He understood the value of surgical education and teaching, which PAACS is all about."*



Dr. Carter was a vital part of the PAACS Plastic Surgery Investigative Task Force and was instrumental in completing and revising the "Principles of Reconstructive Surgery in Africa" textbook. This [e-book](#) is available on the PAACS website.



*Drs. Mark Newton, Louis Carter, and Peter Nthumba at AIC Kijabe Hospital*



**"TEAM CARTER"**  
Anne and Louis Carter

## Keir Thelander, MD, PAACS Executive Vice President:

*"Dr. Carter's unquenchable passion for high quality wound care continues to influence the continent of Africa and beyond. His joyful willingness to be a "consultant" for anyone and everyone demonstrates to all of us the influence of a willing and open heart. Whether through his collaboration with protégé Dr. Nthumba on the Principles of Reconstructive Surgery or his individualized consultation on the care of wounds and other plastic surgery challenges, Dr. Carter's legacy in Africa and beyond cannot be overstated."*

## John Tarpley, MD, PAACS Academic Dean:

*"Dr. Louis Carter was on board with PAACS since its inception and launching and has blessed PAACS in multiple ways. He has mentored many in wound care, burn care, plastic surgery, and reconstruction globally. Dr. Peter Nthumba of AIC Kijabe Hospital, Kenya, considers Louis his "father in surgery" and more. Louis and Peter have worked to launch the first PAACS Plastic Surgery Fellowship and have co-authored a needed text for Plastic Surgery in Africa. In addition, Dr. Paul Lim, who is now the Program Director at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt, was introduced to PAACS by Dr. Carter."*

*Louis was active in advancing care for the least among us and equipping surgeons in mission hospitals from Papua New Guinea to Sub-Saharan Africa and did so for five decades. We thank God for a life well-lived by Louis L. Carter, Jr. MD, and his ever-supportive wife, Anne. Team Carter."*





## **Twin Girls at Kijabe**

Congratulations to Dr. Beryl Akinyi, Assistant Program Director at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, on the birth of her twin girls. Adero (2.6 kg) and Amondi (2.7 kg) were born on December 29, 2021. They are now home, and the family is learning to adjust to the new additions. Please pray for the new mom and her growing family.



## **Mbingo Birth Announcement**

Congratulations to Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwegbu and his wife, Deborah, on the birth of their daughter Egunophia (love never fails) Mmeri (victory). She was born on the 6th of January, 2022 weighing 2.77kg (6.1 lb). She joins her brother, Joshua, and sister, Okwukwe.



## **Mbingo Birth Announcement**

Teboh Merrick-Harvey Koum was born on January 5th, 2022, to first-year resident, Keba Faith and her husband Teboh Franklin. He weighed in at 3005 grams.

*Dr. Keba delivered the baby after working on an OR case earlier that day!*





# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the family of Dr. Louis Carter as they grieve the loss of this great man and servant of God.
- Please pray for strength and resolve for the residents of the program at Soddo, Ethiopia, because of the political unrest. Please pray for wisdom and endurance for the faculty as some return to the region. Above all, pray that the Lord would bring lasting peace to the beautiful people of Ethiopia.
- Pray that God will lay the need for short-term surgeons to assist the programs on the hearts of those who are willing to respond. Pray for the resolution of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Africa which continues to interfere with some travel plans.
- Please pray for all new residents starting in January 2022.
- Pray for peace and stability in the PAACS countries, especially for the ongoing tribal unrest and famine in Ethiopia and the recurrent civil unrest in Cameroon.
- Pray for the continued rollout of the Saline Process throughout all the PAACS training sites.
- Pray that PAACS will glorify God and be used to impact Africa for His Kingdom. Pray 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 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 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 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.
- Pray for the PAACS graduates and African nationals who will be preparing to become PAACS faculty, that God would prepare them spiritually and give them direction in all they do.

## PAACS Global Day of Fasting and Prayer

Monday, February 21, 2022

*The PAACS Global Day of Fasting and Prayer is open to all who are involved with and support PAACS, including donors, leaders, staff, residents, faculty, graduates, and partners. We encourage you to join the Zoom call of your choice and unite with the PAACS family as we seek God and petition His blessings.*

[REGISTER](#)

[Download Prayer Points](#)

Join us for one of two Zoom Prayer Gatherings:

### PRAYER GATHERING #1:

*US and Canada:*

*Eastern Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 1:00 pm ET  
Central Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 12:00 noon CT  
Mountain Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 11:00 am MT  
Pacific Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 10:00 am PT*

*Africa:*

*Eastern Africa Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 9:00 pm EAT  
Central Africa Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 8:00 pm CAT  
West Africa Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 7:00 pm WAT*

### PRAYER GATHERING #2:

*US and Canada:*

*Eastern Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 8:00 pm ET  
Central Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 7:00 pm CT  
Mountain Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 6:00 pm MT  
Pacific Time - Mon, Feb 21, at 5:00 pm PT*

*Africa:*

*Eastern Africa Time - Tue, Feb 22, at 4:00 am EAT  
Central Africa Time - Tue, Feb 22, at 3:00 am CAT  
West Africa Time - Tue, Feb 22, at 2:00 am WAT*