



PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS



My name is Andrew John, a 5th year PAACS resident at Galmi Hospital. I and my wife Diane would love to express our gratitude for your generous donation to support us during my training in general surgery at Galmi Hospital. We are humbled and appreciative for your love and sacrifice. Your support is impacting the lives of many people in different ways.

God has transformed my life and gave me more compassion and love of those who are in need. The fact that God uses someone who doesn't know me to support my training has touched me a lot. Through this, God is teaching me to rely totally on him and help those who are in need. Each month, I save a small part of my stipend to help some patients, and those in need such as students who have no school fees. Wherever possible I will make sure that the person I help will not know that I am the one did it so that he will glorify God.

Due to good care, love and compassion of PAACS residents and faculties, the number of patients is increasing each day. We share the gospel and the love of Jesus to the patients and their relatives. Few of them are transformed and receive Jesus. We have many testimonies. I can remember a recent story of one woman (Khadija) who came with her husband to see me due to recurrent per orbital abscess. When she appeared in front of me she was sad, full of bitterness and many burdens. She sat on the chair and started crying. Then I heard the voice inside me to stop everything I was doing and go to share the gospel with them. Even though I was very tired and had more than 50 patients waiting outside, I stopped and took them to my house. I spent two hours listening to them and sharing the love of Jesus. They all revealed to me many conflicts that they had between them. I counseled and told them about Jesus who gives peace, joy, and rest to those who have received Him, as in Matthew 11: 28-30. They were touched, and went home full of joy and transformed. The next day, Khadija came back to tell me that when they reached home, they spent many hours together, joking, chatting and laughing. She was very happy and her eye infection had improved significantly. They invited me to go to visit them and I am planning to go soon.

The majority of the patients coming at Galmi hospital are poor with no money to pay their hospital bills and medications. Many of our patients are malnourished, have neglected infectious disease and other hospitals in Niger can't receive them. Galmi Hospital receives all the patients, give them the same medical care even those with no money for the initial consultation. The hospital is able to do all this because of God's people who give their donation to support the missionaries, including PAACS residents and attendings. Galmi has increased the number of workers and send others for studies. This has improved the living standard of many families.

I once again thank you for your sacrifice and love. God is using you to change and touch the lives of many people.

God bless you abundantly,

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