

Dear Friends of PAACS:

The coronavirus expands in Africa, continuing to disrupt lives and PAACS's normal way of doing business. But God is still on the throne and we trust in His sovereignty.

Three career surgeons and one World Medical Mission Post-Residency fellow have left the PAACS training hospital system. We deeply appreciate their service and avidly hope that they will remain involved with PAACS while in the United States.- their experience can prove invaluable. We bid goodbye to Dr. Dan Galat (Kijabe) , Dr. Heath Many (Tenwek) , Dr. David Halter (ALMC) and Dr. ~Drew Huang (Bongolo) and thank them for their investment!

The Editor



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Our vision: PAACS trained surgeons living the gospel and ministering to the sick.

Our 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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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear PAACS Family:

As we start our new fiscal year at PAACS, I want to begin by giving thanks to God for blessing and providing for this ministry this past year and every year for close to 25 years. Thank you also to our supporters who prayed and blessed PAACS with financial gifts to help us continue training and mentoring much needed Christian surgeons for Africa. I recognize and am grateful to all of you who gave and gave sacrificially to this ministry despite the chaos in this world and its impact on your lives. We want to honor the trust and faith you have put in PAACS by fulfilling our mission with excellence and glorifying God through our love and labor. Your

gifts and prayers are sustaining this ministry so that we can in turn be a blessing to God's family in Africa.
Thank You!

Just a reminder that PAACS is now an independent ministry and we have a new donation mailing address:

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The 25th anniversary edition of the PAACS prayer guide is complete. It will be available in September. Please watch for your copy in the mail. We ask that you use this prayer guide to appeal to God on behalf of our residents, faculty, graduates and the PAACS ministry. Prayer is God's ordained way to bring His miracle power to bear in human need. We covet your intercession. Prayer not only sustains this ministry but is the source of miracles for PAACS.

PAACS held its very first webinar on July 30 hosted by Dr. Keir Thelander. This webinar provided an update on PAACS – what we are currently doing and what the future is for this ministry. Dr. Valentine Mbithi, PAACS graduate and an Assistant Program Director at AIC Litein Hospital was our special guest. If you were unable to participate on this webinar, please contact Karine Bauch at karine.bauch@paacs.net for more information.

May God bless you. You are in our prayers. We are praying that you will experience the reality of God's presence, goodness and perfect peace in your life.

Blessings,

Susan Koshy, JD, MPH
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Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS)

INTRODUCING DICKLA JACKSON MOLLEL

As happens from time to time, one of the new residents at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center began the PAACS program this past January and soon decided that a surgical trainee's life was not for her. Dr. Dickla Jackson Mollel has taken her place as a first-year resident as of early July. He writes,

My name is Dr Dickla Jackson Mollel, a new PAACS resident at ALMC. Before joining PAACS, I was a surgical registrar at UWATA hospital in the highland region in Tanzania. I was born on 1987 in one of the villages in the Arusha region. After my secondary education was finished, I moved to Machame Clinical officer training center for the Diploma in clinical medicine. Later, I attained my MBBS at International Medical and Technological University in Dar es salaam. I'm a second born in a family of three children and I'm the only son. Currently, I'm planning to get married to my lovely girlfriend; we have been in a relationship for seven years now.



I'm so happy to be in this program. Surgery has always been my dream and through PAACS I believe I will achieve my dream, I choose PAACS because they have qualified mentors who are God fearing, and they are willing to pass their knowledge to the residents without discrimination. The PAACS family has touched many African's lives through surgery and this is the job that our

God wants us to do in this world. I still remember the day that I received the email with the PAACS offer, it was the happiest day of my life. My prayer is for this program to excel so that many people get this privilege and also to produce many surgeons who believe in God.

GOODBYE TO DR. HALTER

By David Halter

After 5 years with PAACS Arusha, we returned to the US in mid-July, where we will remain for the foreseeable future. Despite the uncertainty and grief, we are hopeful and confident in the Lord.

We arrived in Tanzania in June 2015 with every intention of serving the span of a career. Little did we know how quickly and unexpectedly our plans could change. Our children have some very specific, specialized education needs. Through some difficult situations in February and March, it became clear that we could no longer meet our kids' educational and other needs in Tanzania. We discussed and prayed with our mission leadership, colleagues, dear friends and mentors and considered all the options. We finally came to the very difficult conclusion that we needed to go back to the US.

This transition is not at all what we planned or expected, but we are 100% sure that this is the right thing and the right time. We know that our work in Arusha has born lasting fruit and we leave confident in our team's ability to carry on well. Drs. Emmanuel Lema and Benson Harrison Lyimo, two of our PAACS Arusha alumni, have joined the already strong surgical team.

This is not the first time our plans have taken a vastly different direction than we expected. Each time, God has proven the perfect author of our journey, doing much more than we could have imagined in and through us. We are confident now that the Lord who brought us this far will continue to lead and guide us, caring for us all the way. His ways are not our ways. He is doing something new and making a new way. We are confident that we will see the goodness of the Lord. (Isaiah 55:8-9, 43:18-19, Psalm 27:13-14).

We are currently on family leave as we transition back to the US. We have two schools in mind for our children: one in New England, the other in Minnesota. I am now looking for a full-time surgery position in those places. As we settle into a new life, new work and new ministry in the US, I plan to continue supporting PAACS Arusha and PAACS as a whole from here however I can. We are grateful for our five years in Arusha, for all we saw God do and for all that we learned from our Tanzanian colleagues. It has been a privilege to live, grow and serve together.

In an e-mail received July 16, Dr Willmore wrote the following tribute:

We were very sad to say goodbye to Dr. David Halter last weekend. Dave has been a great surgical partner over the last 5 years. We essentially shared a full-time practice at each of 2 hospitals. His presence allowed me to open training rotations at Selian Lutheran Hospital and to spend nearly half my time there. As this hospital serves a poorer clientele, this is philosophically very important to both of us and adds a lot of value to our residents' education. Dave also reduced my workload at Plaster House (our Children's post-op rehab center), taking up to half the work, especially at busy times of year. He was an invaluable surgical faculty, especially for his laparoscopic skills. He was always ready to do the heavy lifting



Halter is gifted with a Maasai shuka, the traditional gift here to a male of status.

in Bible Study as well as educational half-day. A year ago, he became our assistant program director and brought his considerable expertise in data manipulation to the task. He also has great initiative, and many of the tasks that now belong to the APD in our place were his idea. I will miss Dave's humility. We were always discussing cases together and I will miss those discussions. Dr. Halter was also our best communicator and was consistent with quality improvement issues, like handover. Probably most of all, I will miss Dave's quirky sense of humour. There was never a serious discussion (and we have had a lot of those in the program lately) that Dave could not relieve with some off-the-wall joke. He brought us the gift of laughter so many times, which makes the loads we carry so much lighter. We will miss him greatly. He has had to leave us because of some special needs required by his children that are not deliverable in our situation. It was all rather unexpected by everyone. It was even harder to say goodbye because of the contagion situation in Arusha, however, we did have a socially-distanced party for the surgical team at my house last week to welcome our new resident, Dickla Mollel and to say farewell to Dr. Halter. I was privileged to spend their "last supper" with the Halter family. Please keep this family in your prayers. Given the global situation, they are essentially landing in the US with a blank slate, and have to find a new home, new jobs, new schools and a new church from scratch.

Pray also for us who are left. Dr. Emmanuel Lema (our first graduate) will move up into the Assistant Program Directors' chair. Dr. Benson Lyimo (one of our second graduating class) will become the Educational Coordinator, and try to manage all our data. Dr. Marko Elibariki has become associate PAACS faculty so that he can officially teach residents at Selian. I will keep my usual day schedule, but will double my night and weekend call at Selian and retake all the plastics work at Plaster House. We are eagerly awaiting the graduation of 2 of our current residents (who are bonded to Selian) to finish and help with workload issues there (1.5 and 3.5 years out), and are hopeful that another will manage to get a Plastic Surgery fellowship to improve things at Plaster House. Given the current political situation in Tanzania, gaining new long-term expatriate faculty is likely to be difficult. Many thanks for your prayers.

THE MANY'S BID ADIEU

By Heath Many

The vision of PAACS is to see African surgeons living the Gospel and ministering to the sick. In 2014, we felt called to be a part of this vision and left our home in Knoxville, TN to join PAACS faculty at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. It has been an incredible privilege to be the program director of the general surgery residency at Tenwek for the past three years. As program director, I had a front row seat to see God bring the PAACS vision to fruition. To see God at work in the lives of our trainees, and to work alongside other PAACS faculty who shared the same vision has truly been the highlight of my career.

Over the past few years we have watched our graduates leave Tenwek and go on to train and disciple others. Almost all of our graduates are involved in surgical training, and the majority are working in a faith-based setting. Three of our graduates (Drs. Blasto, Kanyi, and Mbithi) have started their own PAACS program at Litein Mission Hospital. Several graduates of our program have remained at Tenwek, where they have fully invested themselves and taken on increasingly larger leadership roles. This kind of progress does not always come easily, and it can be difficult to see the big picture in the midst of the many challenges that come with working in the mission field. However, despite the messiness and struggles, God has richly blessed the Tenwek program and its graduates.

As Angela and I watched the evolution of the Tenwek program and the maturing of our graduates, we began asking ourselves when would be the right time to leave Tenwek. We felt that our calling to Tenwek was for a

season, and that true empowerment of our trainees would be when they assume roles that have historically been filled by missionaries. As part of this discernment process, we prayed for guidance and wisdom as we tried to balance needs of the ministry, needs of our family, and future career and personal ministry goals. While it was clear that there was no perfect timing to balance all of these things, God's leading became increasingly audible to us, and ultimately, we have made the decision to return to life in the U.S.

Our pending departure would leave a gap in the role of program director and an opportunity for someone to fill the void. Dr. Liz Mwachiro (Tenwek 2016) took this big step by taking on the leadership of the residency program. Liz has spent the past three years in the assistant program director role, and my hope was that being the APD would prepare her for someday becoming the program director. We are incredibly excited to see how God will use Dr. Mwachiro to continue to advance the Tenwek program.

As of this writing, our family has been back in the U.S. for a few weeks. Transition is always difficult, but even more so in the midst of a global pandemic. I am looking forward to starting work at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville doing trauma and critical care surgery and continuing to invest in the next generation of surgeons. Angela and I hope to stay involved with PAACS and to continue to support the vision of which we have been so privileged to be a part.

DAN GALAT LEAVES KIJABE

Dr. Dan Galat first moved to Kenya with his family in November 2008 where they served at Tenwek Hospital for 7 years. During that time, Dr. Galat grew the orthopaedic department, and started the first PAACS orthopaedic program at Tenwek (orthopaedic surgery becoming the first of many subspecialties to join the PAACS - Tenwek family). The Tenwek program has graduated 3 orthopaedic surgeons and currently has 9 residents in training under the direction of Drs. Amanda McCoy and John Weston.

In 2016, the Galat family transitioned to Kijabe hospital as their family continued to grow, and they sought God's wisdom in balancing external and internal (family) ministry needs. During their three years at Kijabe, Dr. Galat became the first U.S. orthopaedic surgeon to board certify with the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons (ABOS) while working overseas in a mission setting. Additionally, he helped bring the established Kijabe/CURE orthopaedic residency under the umbrella of PAACS. Currently, the program has 12 orthopaedic residents in training, and is growing under the national leadership of Drs. Francis Mbugua and Paul Mang'oli.

In 2017, the Galats began to sense that another change in ministry was coming and began to pray for God's direction while seeking council from wise mentors. Shortly after returning to the U.S. in July 2019 for a fellowship in Adult Reconstruction at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, AZ, it became clear that it was time for a transition of ministry to focus on their adult children (two of which are married), and to a broader leadership role within PAACS orthopaedics. Dr. Galat currently serves as a US-based global worker with World Gospel Mission as the PAACS Orthopaedic Program Administrator. In this role, he assists the three PAACS ortho sites (Tenwek, Kijabe/CURE and Soddo/CURE in Ethiopia) with overall support on multiple levels.

After finishing his fellowship on July 31, 2020, Dr. Galat will begin private orthopaedic practice in the greater Phoenix area, partnering with fellow believer Dr. Shane Martin, who shares the desire to further Christ's Kingdom in the U.S. and abroad. God willing (and much depending on the world state of affairs with COVID-19), Dr. Galat plans to return to Africa several times yearly in his role as PAACS Ortho Program Administrator. Your prayers for all three programs (for the faculty, the residents, the graduates and their families) is critical to further the mission of PAACS Ortho – to raise up national surgeons to spread the love of Christ through compassionate orthopaedic surgical care.

TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP FOR ALUMNI

The PAACS Alumni Liaison Committee announces the first annual “inaugural” Travel Fellowship Program which is planned to begin in late spring of 2021. The goal of this travel Fellowship is to promote more personal relationships, familiarity and collegiality between you (the fellow), your PAACS Alumni Colleagues, and the PAACS organization, its members, supporters, and friends.

This 3+ week Fellowship is intended to provide opportunities for professional development through visits to several medical centers, participation in educational activities within the surgical departments, such as teaching conferences and grand rounds-lectures, as well as observing cases in the Operating Room. There will be many opportunities for casual personal conversations with other physicians, residents, and surgeons throughout the program.

There will also be several planned gatherings of PAACS supporters where you will be asked to make a presentation to share the story of PAACS, your own story, and your personal experience in practice, including patients or situations where you felt God’s presence or guidance. We urge you to share family and personal stories as well

All travel, lodging, and fellowship related expenses will be paid for by the Alumni Liaison Committee.

Committee members and PAACS leadership will be the hosts for this adventure. There will be a few days allotted for separate personal free time for the fellow, for local sight- seeing, relaxation, or visiting friends or relatives. You will be invited to attend church and worship services with your hosts whenever possible.

While more extensive independent travel by the fellow in the US is not discouraged or prohibited, it must be communicated to the Liaison Committee and arranged by the fellow himself in advance, so there will be no risk of a conflict with the Travel Fellowship schedule. In addition, any extracurricular travel for personal reasons should be scheduled immediately before or after the fellowship agenda, and will not be paid for by the Alumni Liaison Committee.

Each year’s fellow will receive a \$500 honorarium that they can use however they choose for personal savings or expenses, family gifts, additional travel, or personal items.

The Fellowship can only accommodate one person each year, and candidates for application (male or female) will be invited by the Alumni Screening Committee to apply. PAACS alumni cannot self - nominate.

PAACS Alumni who are selected to apply for the PAACS TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP will need to meet the following criteria. In order to be considered, they must:

1. Be a PAACS ALUMNUS with a minimum of 5 years of surgical practice following graduation, and remain in good standing with your hospital and community.
2. Be a follower of Christ who desires to grow in your faith and model that faith in your family, surgical practice, and community.
3. Have a desire to maintain connections with the PAACS community and pursue continuing professional and spiritual growth and maturity.
4. Understand that participation in this Fellowship Program will involve at least a 3-week departure from your surgical practice. We want to encourage all candidates to seek interval coverage or pre-arranged referral choices for their practice. This should assure that your patients, and / or hospitals and referring physicians are not left without qualified surgical services.
5. A formal letter must be provided by your hospital administrator that specifically states that your involvement in the PAACS Travel Fellowship, including your 3-week absence from work, is supported and approved by the hospital administration.

6. The Fellowship candidate must not have been the cause of a breach of contract with any hospital employment at any time.
7. If married, make certain that your spouse and family are supportive of this commitment, and that arrangements can be put in place to assure they will have the resources to be safe and secure while you are gone.
8. Have a willingness and desire to be an ambassador for PAACS and its impact on surgical care in Africa, both at home, in your community and practice, and during your travel in the US. It is expected that the Fellowship will involve travel to multiple cities, visits to several medical centers to observe medical and surgical practice in America, attendance at grand rounds, and possibly observing in the operating room. There will be opportunities to interact with other surgeons and meet with PAACS supporters and donors, as well as others from all walks of life who may be hearing about PAACS for the first time.
9. Prepare in advance, with PAACS administrative and technical support, a personal testimony and presentation (PowerPoint, video, etc.) that describes your calling and motivation to become a Christian surgeon. In this presentation you should also describe your personal experiences during training and afterwards in your practice, including how PAACS has prepared you surgically and spiritually for your career as a surgeon and follower of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to share experiences from your current practice, including one or more patients where you saw or experienced God move. You will be given more detail and support to help you prepare.

Those candidates who are invited by the screening committee to apply for the PAACS Travel Fellowship must review the announcement, the Travel Fellowship Agenda, the Travel Fellowship Selection Criteria, and the Application Form. They must also examine personal, family, and surgical practice issues, including coverage, and approval by their hospital administration, in order to confirm support for their three weeks absence from home and practice. More detailed instructions and itinerary will be available as the scheduled date approaches.

Two applicants will be approved the first year. One will be the primary fellow, the other will serve as an alternate, should the primary candidate not be able to participate for any reason. Both selected applicants should apply promptly for their appropriate visas in order to assure timely approval. The costs for the visa and any associated travel will be paid or reimbursed in full by the Alumni Liaison Committee. It is anticipated that the alternate candidate will be selected as the primary fellow the following year, and a new alternate candidate will be selected.

NEWS SHORTS:

- **PAACS Remediation Exams:** PAACS residents from across sub-Saharan Africa took the remediation exam July 30 and 26. Of the 38 residents required to take the exam, 30 were junior residents (in their 1st 2 years) and 8 were senior residents (3rd, 4th and 5th years). All passed except 3 residents (2 first years and 1 3rd year). The exam reliability statistics remain high with a KR20 of 0.92. COSECSA written exams for MCS and FCS candidates will be taken on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Congratulations to all who were successful on this year's PAACS remediation exam.
- **Paper Accepted for Publication:** A paper first presented in the resident juried competition at the CMDE conference in Greece has been published in the July edition of the World Journal of Surgery. Michael Mwachiro, Elizabeth Mwachiro, MaryAnne Wachu, Wilter Koske, Linda Thure, Robert K. Parker and

Russell E. White were listed as authors of the paper entitled "Assessing Post-operative Pain with Self-reports via the Jerrycan Pain Scale in Rural Kenya."

- **Hospital Seeks PAACS graduate:** Compassion Evangelical Hospital in Mamou, Guinea (l'Hôpital Evangélique Compassion (HEC) de Mamou en Guinée Conakry), a 44-bed rapidly growing mission hospital in central Guinea which opened in 2011 is **seeking to hire a general surgeon who is a PAACS graduate** to join a general surgery residency trained Christian African missionary surgeon from Cote d'Ivoire, Dr. Paul Sidjani, and four Christian Guinean generalist physicians, including one with additional training in OB/GYN.

"Self-sustaining, African-led, whole person optimal health for Guineans" defines our long-term goal. The hospital operates according to our love-in-action mission statement, "Compassion Evangelical Hospital (CEH) shares the gospel of Jesus Christ while providing compassionate, quality, culturally appropriate healthcare and education."

Tens of thousands of Muslims have heard the gospel at CEH and hundreds have professed faith in Jesus Christ. CEH is 60+% financially self-sufficient but enjoys the faithful partnerships of churches and individuals in the US, with substantial support from the largest church in Rochester, Minnesota where Mayo Clinic is located, Autumn Ridge Church. A large number of Mayo Clinic surgical staff are involved with CEH with plans for regular short-term trips to CEH to teach, practice and facilitate research and to grow the surgical practice in the hopes of someday establishing a PAACS training site at CEH.

A Christian school beside the campus provides excellent grade school education through eighth grade; its graduates have scored among the highest test scores in the country. A number of young, vibrant churches have been planted in the area. CEH offers a good salary and benefits package. If interested, please contact M. Etienne Z. OUATTARA, MBA, MHA, PhD (candidate), Directeur de l'Hôpital Évangélique Compassion at cehdirector@yahoo.fr 00(224) 666 44 33 44/622 25 38 28 or BP 05 MAMOU/GUINEE

- **PAACS Webinar**



Dr. Keir Thelander, PAACS Executive Vice President, presented a live webinar on Thursday, July 30, 2020. He presented an overview of what PAACS is doing in Africa. He also interviewed Dr. Valentine Mbithi, Assistant Program Director of the PAACS program at AIC Litein Hospital. If you would like to see a recording of the webinar, please contact Karine Bauch at karine.bauch@paacs.net for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Birth Announcement:** PAACS graduate Mark Oloo (Tenwek 2018) and his wife, Joyce Lunar (PAACS 4th year orthopedic resident at Tenwek Hospital), welcomed a lovely girl into their family on June 23. Little Caily Yedda Johannes is their first child! She weighed in at 3.05kg. Mark is serving at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya. Please pray for them all.
- **Long-term Surgeon Needed at Bongolo:** The Bongolo Hospital general surgery residency program needs a general surgeon who is able to serve under a sending agency for at least 2 years starting in 2021. Please contact bongolopd@gmail.com if you are interested.



- **New Address for Donations to PAACS:** All donations should be sent to:

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PO Box 735262
Dallas, TX 75373-5262

- **Mark your calendar** for the following events you may wish to attend or uphold in prayer:
 - **African Colleges Exams & Conferences:**
 - COSECSA written exams for MCS and FCS will be given on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.
 - COSECSA oral exams for MCS and FCS (Zambia) have been cancelled. The MCS will be in the first two weeks of December but the date and locations have not yet been set. The FCS oral exam will be delayed until sometime in 2021.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for healing and salvation for this world in the face of this pandemic.
- Pray for internal peace, in light of the pandemic, as the PAACS family faces the uncertainty of separation from family, of unknown medical demand, and limited medical resources.
- Pray for the MCS and FCS candidates as they prepare for their written exams on September 2.
- 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 all the PAACS faculty and residents as the Covid-19 virus is now touching many of our PAACS hospitals in significant ways.
- Pray for the faculty members and residents who may have contracted the virus, have quarantined, may already have positive testing. Pray for those who carry the clinical load while others are sick and/or quarantined.

- Pray that the international flights will re-open to allow two-way traffic to the hospitals so that both long-term and short-term faculty can travel safely and conveniently. Pray that God will make it possible for the short-term missionaries to return to service in the mission hospitals.
- Peace and stability in the PAACS countries. Pray especially for the ongoing tribal unrest in Ethiopia.
- Pray that PAACS will glorify God and be used to impact Africa for His Kingdom. Plead that many lives will be saved through surgery and many people will come to know the love of Jesus.
- Pray that God will provide the right applicants for PAACS for the 2021 training year and that the programs will make the right selections.
- Request strength, stamina, wisdom, and blessings upon the PAACS faculty as they seek to train and mentor PAACS residents. 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.
- Beseech God for success and needed help for all of the 16 current PAACS programs. Pray for governmental approval of the plastic surgery program will come for the AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kenya.
- Pray for the administrative and other preparations needed for potentially opening the recently approved new programs of Neurosurgery and Anesthesia. Also, pray for the opening in January 2021 the previously approved new program in General Surgery at Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi, Plastic Surgery at Kijabe Hospital and Ob/Gyn at Tenwek Hospital.
- Pray for the ongoing need for general surgery faculty at Kijabe, which is most necessary between now and July 2021.
- Pray for the Harpur training program in the of absence of Sherif Hanna and for all those who remain there on staff. Pray for them as the Hannas plan to return for an undefined period of time this fall.
- Pray for the Browns' reintegration into service at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon.
- Pray for the Galats, the Halters, the Manys and the Huangs as they adjust to the next phase of their life and ministry.
- Pray for the needs at Bongolo Hospital – for them during the O'Connor's home assignment and for a shipping container coordinator.
- Pray for the Soddo-Cure Orthopedic Program in Ethiopia that has a great need for additional faculty members at Soddo Christian Hospital and pray for the Tenwek Orthopaedic Training Program which has an equally great need.
- Pray for those faculty members on home assignment – for their rest, for the times of medical work and for the largely impossible task of meeting with their supporters and raising funds. Pray for the faculty members that must cover their absence. Pray that God will provide direction for those who need it that may be considering returning to the US or other locations on repatriation flights.
- Pray for the manpower shortage at the mission hospitals. Even if international travel restrictions are lifted, most countries now require a 14-day quarantine before allowing them free movement – which will essentially wipe out most short-term mission efforts.

- Please pray for full recognition of PAACS by WACS if it be God's will. Pray to God that He will provide surgical subspecialists who will answer God's call on their lives to serve in PAACS hospitals as full-time n missionary surgeon and educators.
- Pray for Russ White and his extended family who have suffered the loss of his mother.
- Pray for the Oloos as they raise this new gift from God.

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