



PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY
OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

PAACS RESIDENT TESTIMONY



I was born in 1989 and raised in a non-Christian family in the western part of Ethiopia. I was 11 (grade 5) when I gave my life to Christ because my uncle encouraged me to decide to be a Christian. His daily sharing of the message about salvation and eternal life, as well as the interesting bible stories were the main driving factors that convinced me to give my life to Jesus.

After joining a church, I was very much interested to know more about Jesus and His kingdom. I continued to attend church services regularly for a while. After a period of time however, I started to slide backwards and ended up becoming a carnal Christian. During my last year in preparatory school (after about 4 yrs of carnal life) God helped me and gave me another chance to start a new life with Him. This time, He gave God-loving Christian friends and brothers to be with and to study together for the university entrance exam. They have influenced my life and I united again to my original church and was baptized.

In medical school, I lived a different life. God showed me His wonders and I started enjoying serving Him. I was a student missionary leader and a fellowship leader for my entire time in the university. I had the privilege of leading many of my fellow brothers to the Lord, and won many for His kingdom. With continued prayer and witnessing, my parents and three of my sisters also came to Christ. Thanks to the Lord!

While I was at medical school, the most important thing God taught me was that everything is meaningless and none of the treasures, wealth or knowledge of any level can replace knowing God. There is a longing deep in everyone's heart that nothing other than God Himself can satisfy. Even for myself, I realized that being a surgeon may change my physical life in some aspects but cannot answer my soul's questions. Life without Jesus is hopeless, surrounded by darkness. My life and my profession belongs to Him.

I wanted to become a missionary surgeon for God to use to heal the body and the soul. He brought me to PAACS to train as a surgeon and to learn more about Him. Through PAACS, I am getting the skills I need to be a good surgeon and I am being given opportunities to witness and pray with my patients. I am thankful to God for PAACS and the opportunity he has given me to make my dream of being a surgeon come true. My prayer is that He continues to use me in every way He desires as well as to see my remaining two sisters saved.

May God bless you for your generosity and kindness,

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