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PAACS RESIDENT TESTIMONY



My name is Dr. Elyse Nkunzimana. I am a PAACS resident at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon. I am from the country of Burundi and married to my lovely wife, Aline Uwera. God has also blessed us with two boys Elior and Jeyden.

Even though I grew up in a Christian family, I really didn't know Jesus Christ in a personal way. During my secondary school years, I started to hear from some of my classmates about Jesus and the way to salvation. But during that time of my life I had not given my life to Jesus because I thought the kids in school would criticize me for being a follower of Jesus.

After my secondary school in 2001, I went into the civic military service. During this time, I experienced many problems and things were very difficult for me. As I was facing these challenges, God brought two Christians into my life. They really helped me during this tough time and assisted me in dealing with these difficulties. They exemplified the love of Christ and made an impact in my life. After military service, I started medical school and miraculously I was in same medical school with one of the two Christians that helped me during my time of great difficulty. In addition, the second miracle was that my roommate was a born again believer in Jesus Christ.

I feel that my medical school roommate was an angel sent by God to rescue my soul. My roommate invited me to a Christian crusade and it was there that I heard the true message of the gospel. During the crusade my heart were broken, changed, and I became a new creation in Jesus Christ. I still remember that day great day of my life and how much peace I received. I received Jesus in my life as my Lord and Savior in May 2003 and I was baptized 10 months later.

After completing medical school, I worked for 5 years before coming to PAACS as a resident last year. I heard about PAACS from the first PAACS Burundian graduate. I felt that God was leading me to this program to serve Him. I thank God for having been chosen and to be a member of the PAACS program. I am receiving wonderful surgical training but more than that, I am in getting incredible spiritual training and have a wonderful new family through PAACS. PAACS is a gift from heaven to me but also to all of the African citizens. The knowledge and the skills we are receiving through PAACS will be helpful to the people of Africa. I am thankful to PAACS.

Glory to my Lord, amen.

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