

Dear Colleagues,

If you have administrative skills, an interest in surgical education and a passion for medical missions, we are looking for you! PAACS is looking for a new Chief Medical Officer to begin training in early 2016. There are very few chances that come along in which you can make a difference for so many young surgeons and even perhaps make a difference in the way surgical is taught and practiced in a country, region or even a continent. Please see the job description beginning on page 9 and contact us if you feel God is calling you to this role.

There are three new residents who have joined us in Cameroon and Niger. You will enjoy being introduced to two of them.

One of the goals for the PAACS faculty is to replace themselves. Read about the seventh PAACS graduate to join the faculty of a PAACS training program.

Spiritual warfare is real. Please continue to pray for PAACS and the entire family

The Editors



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Nayer Naiem from the Harpur Program enjoys a hike with Jason Axt, James Joseph and the children. For a man from the Nile Delta, Nayer finds being above the clouds a unique experience

Changing the spiritual and physical health of a continent

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.

Our goal: To train and disciple 100 African surgeons by 2020.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of PAACS:

The Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) exhibited for the first time at the Willow Creek Global Leadership Conference in Barrington, IL August 6-7, 2015. Over 9000 people participated in this conference from 25 countries and all 50 states. The purpose of the exhibit was to educate the public about PAACS, raise the visibility of the organization, promote our brand and increase support for PAACS.

Several thousand people viewed our exhibit. Hundreds stopped by the booth and picked up PAACS materials and spoke with PAACS staff. God opened doors with people interested in our surgical and spiritual training program. Many people were excited about how God is using PAACS in Africa and were interested in learning more. We educated many about the mission of our organization and the need for support. Opportunities for our organization have recently



come forward from this conference. We are following up on these prospects and trusting God to show us the next steps.

We will be exhibiting at more conferences (both Christian and secular) over the next year. We want to be a greater presence with different audiences and increase the visibility of PAACS. We trust God to open doors, opportunities, increase connections and support for PAACS. We are planning on having a booth at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) meeting in Chicago, IL in October of 2015. ACS is expecting over 10,000 people at this meeting. If you will be attending the ACS meeting in Chicago, IL, please stop by the exhibit and say hello.

In His Service,

Susan A. Koshy, PAACS Executive Director

WHITE COAT CEREMONY AT MBINGO

By Meridith Axt



The extended PAACS family of Mbingo Baptist Hospital

Excitement, fear, uncertainty, joy, concern, determination... These were just a few of the emotions that were seen on the faces of the new residents during the white coat ceremony just a few short weeks ago. Dr. Ndum and Dr. Freeman listened intently, along with the rest of the people in the room, as Dr. Jim Brown shared about the heart and mission of PAACS. He then proceeded to speak directly to these new surgical residents and challenged them to re-affirm their commitment to the Lord, their profession, PAACS, their patients, and their families as he read "The PAACS Prayer". This prayer includes lines

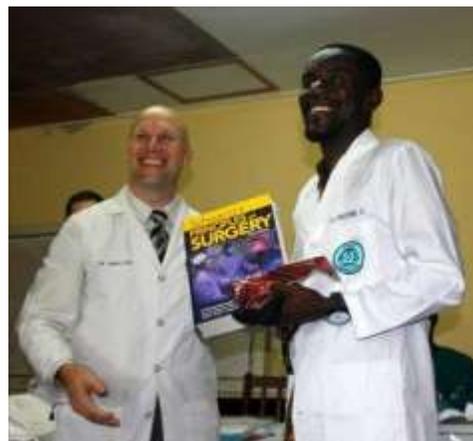
such as “I do solemnly affirm my desire to practice as a surgeon whose life and professional practice reflects my beliefs as a Christian” and, “I will seek accountability for my personal and professional life. I will be known as a person of integrity, excellence, honesty, and love.”

The faces of all were quite solemn as this prayer was read and acknowledged, but the grins broke out when each resident was asked to stand and receive their new surgical hat, textbook, and white coat in turn. As Dr. Jason Axt placed their coats on them, the grins turned into full-blown smiles.

The ceremony continued with a few words from Head Chaplain Julius, Mr. Nji (Mbingo Hospital Administrator), and Dr. Acha (ENT surgeon). A dedicating prayer and refreshments followed. Everyone present was reminded again of both the great privilege and the incredible responsibility of being a Christian surgeon.



Above (Back row, L to R): Jim Brown, Evaristus Acha, Jason Axt, Jacques Ebhele, Zita Acha; (Front row, L to R): Tabeh Freeman, Constance Etta-Ayum Ndum.



Above: Jason Axt presented a new textbook to Dr. Freeman.

A native to Cameroon, **Constance Etta-Ayum Ndum** received all of her education through high school in her home country. She then completed medical school and a housemanship in the Gambia. Upon her return to Cameroon, Dr. Ndum worked with the Cameroonian Baptist Convention (CBC) at Banso Baptist Hospital as a general practitioner. She first learned of PAACS while in the Gambia, and although she was very interested in learning surgery, she didn't pursue it initially due to her doubt in her own abilities. While at Banso, Dr. Ndum had the privilege of working with two PAACS graduates – Dr. Ngock (trained at Mbingo) and Dr. Yali (trained in Gabon). In Constance's own words, “There was something that came alive inside me whenever they discussed and managed cases and I always thought that I'd like to be like that someday.”

Constance was surprised when she was encouraged by these surgeons, her supervisors, the Chief Medical Officer and the Hospital Director to pursue her growing desire to become a surgeon. Their belief in her abilities compelled Dr. Ndum to apply to PAACS. Why PAACS and not another training program? “Being a Christian body meant I'd have the opportunity to practice in a corruption-free environment, whilst building up my Christian life, considering I had reached a point in my life when I wanted a better relationship with God,” she says. We are very excited to welcome Dr. Ndum into the

PAACS program at Mbingo, and look forward to watching God grow and use her in the days and years ahead!



Above (L to R): Dr. Tabeh Freeman, Dr. Benjamin Malikidogo and Dr. Constance Ndum



Above: Jason Axt helps Dr. Ndum don her new White Coat

Born in Liberia, **Dr. Tabeh Freeman** is the son of a physician epidemiologist. He knew he wanted to be a doctor as early as primary school due to the pleasure and joy he saw from helping people recover from illness. “That feeling alone is better than riches”, he says. After 10 years of post-high school education, Freeman worked for some time as a general practitioner in Liberia before applying to PAACS.

He states “What attracted me to PACCS was the idea that non-Africans decided to train Africans to remain in Africa after training, and all this is at the expense of PAACS. The idea of brain drain is a huge problem in Africa – in particular my country of Liberia – and this program is on the right track of solving that problem. I just want to thank the Lord for PAACS because this program is a blessing to Africa.”

Dr. Freeman has three children, Tasandra (7 yrs.), Golden (4 yrs.) and Adrian (2 months). He and his wife, Nyenpu Gormuyer, have just moved to Mbingo Baptist Hospital to begin his first year with PAACS, and we gladly welcome them into PAACS-Mbingo and the Mbingo Hospital community!

EBHELE JOINS MBINGO STAFF

Jacques Angundru Ebhele, 2014 graduate of the PAACS-Gabon program at Bongolo Hospital, has joined the general surgery faculty at Mbingo



Dr. Ebhele (L) helps Nayer with an open transvesicular prostatectomy

in mid-August. He has signed a preliminary one-year agreement with the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

Jim Brown, Program Director, writes, “Jacques is already making a big difference in the program. He loves to teach and has the training and experience with PAACS and surgery in Africa that makes him an especially great asset.”

Ebhele writes:

The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy still continue in my life. I was so frustrated about the failure of all the plans I had with my church for serving the Lord in my home country [the DRC] after finishing at Bongolo Hospital, but I always remember the verse from Proverb 19:21 that says, “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”.

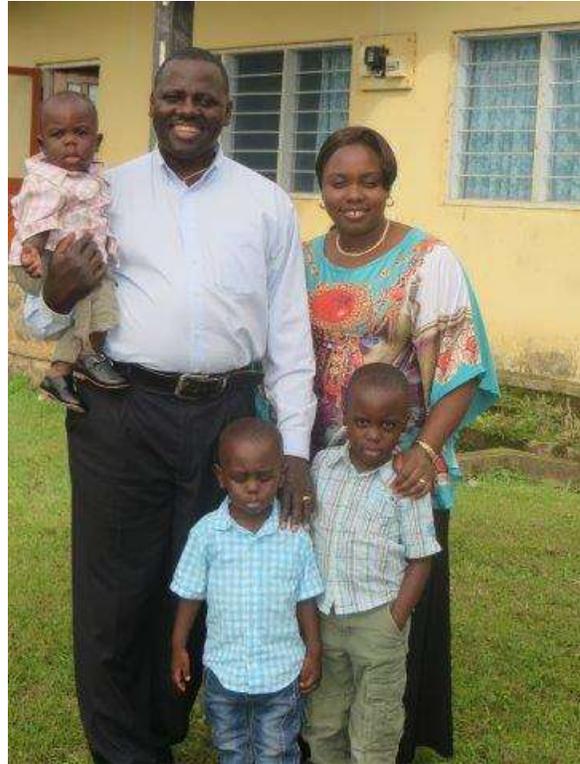
I have noticed that things don’t always turn out the way we want them to. It is because sometimes God has a better plan “B”. I am convinced that the Lord has made plan “B” for me to become a general surgery faculty member at Mbingo Baptist Hospital. I am so excited and also humbled before God for this wonderful opportunity. This is not about just getting a job but I am almost certain that God has called me for His purpose. Consequently, I know he will equip me to be able to do what is necessary. I am excited to be part of His plan that He always controls. That makes me feel secured.

God willing, I hope to serve the Lord in Mbingo Baptist Hospital as long as He wants me to do so. I want to contribute and to be invested in teaching residents with the best of my knowledge. I am looking forward for the Lord to using me to expand His Kingdom.

As the first PAACS graduate who is a faculty member at Mbingo, I hope to bring my training experience with PAACS as a small stone that will contribute to build PAACS itself as well as Mbingo Baptist Hospital.

Ebhele will be sitting the written FCS (Fellow of the College of Surgery) of the College of Surgery of East, Central and Southern Africa on September 2 and plans to sit the oral exam 1 December in Blantyre, Malawi. If he passes, he will become the 7th PAACS graduate to serve as PAACs faculty.

Ebhele is married to Dinah and has two children Samuel Amini and Fema Jean-Luc.





INTRODUCING TIM BERG – KIJABE

Dr. Tim Berg, his wife and his family have moved to Kijabe Hospital in Kenya where Tim will join the PAACS-Kijabe team as a general surgeon.

When the Bergs began serving as volunteers at Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda in 2012 with Samaritan's Purse, Tim's experience as a General Surgeon in the States was challenged and broadened tremendously with the pressing demands of a rural District Hospital, which served over 400,000 people in Southwest Rwanda. Linda became very involved in Community Outreach, developing a Sewing Co-op and homeschooling their children. In that area of Rwanda, the tremendous lack of capacity was unforgettably heart wrenching. Serving there, bonding with the people they met and worked with led



Back Row (L to R): Ruthie, Hannah, Stephen, Ruthie, Samuel; Front Row (L to R): Linda, Deste and Tim

them to make a longer term commitment to serve, joining the Christian Health Service Corps. After three years it became apparent, however, that without the support of a team at Kibogora, it was unwise to continue as they were trying to do too much on their own. Family concerns were added to the picture with the addition of Deste, their newly adopted son from DR Congo; Deste was one of Tim's first patients, having lost his parents

when they drowned in nearby Lake Kivu.

When they became aware of the need at both Kijabe Hospital and at RVA, the Bergs felt that this was an opportunity that was both compelling and an answer to prayer. Leaving many friends and the beauty of Rwanda behind was very difficult but this was an opportunity to shift their ministry efforts from taking care of one person at a time to multiplying themselves through education. The Bergs have transitioned to Kijabe in late August where Linda is teaching Senior English at Rift Valley Academy and Tim joins the Surgical Team at Kijabe Hospital. Tim will be working with PAACS Program. They feel very privileged to join the teams at both of these much respected institutions!

Berg was a graduate of and a general surgery resident at Wake Forest University Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. From 1989 to 1996, he was a clinical adjunct professor of the Medical University of Southern Carolina in Spartanburg, SC, Regional Medical Center. While in that role, he won the resident's teaching "Golden Scalpel" award. From 1996 until the time he left for Rwanda in 2012, he was in private practice in Kerrville, Texas.

Their prayer requests are:

- For all of the family relationships as transitions are very stressful. Pray especially for Linda and Tim finding time for each other.
- For Deste to make the transition to Kindergarten successfully and learn to read.
- For Linda to impart the best of British Literature to her senior students and prepare them for writing at a University level.
- For Tim's medical license and work permit to be granted and for a quick grasp of Swahili.

REQUEST YOUR HELP IN RECRUITING CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING

Word of mouth has proven to be our best tool to recruit high-quality and academically strong African physicians willing to be trained to be general, orthopedic and pediatric surgeons. We request your help. The deadline is coming up in two weeks.

The Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons is a ministry of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations of the United States. They use mission hospitals in Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt, Tanzania, Malawi, Gabon, Cameroon and Niger to train general surgeons. There is also a program for the training of pediatric general surgeons in Kenya and also a program for the training of orthopedic surgeons in Kenya as well.

The program is focused on the training of God-loving surgeons who will serve the people of Africa for their lifetime. The program is fully accredited by the College of Surgery of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA). The accreditation process by the West African College of Surgery is also underway.

We are looking for high-quality candidates who fit the criteria below to become members of the PAACS training program. It is an academically rigorous and intense program of surgical teaching and discipling and is of five years duration. Trainees are responsible for their own relocation costs before and after the training program, but stipends and tuition are covered for those who are accepted. The graduates

agree to serve one year in a mission hospital or other suitable site, for every year of training stipend that they receive.

To qualify, applicants must

- Be a citizen of an African country.
- Be a graduate of a recognized medical program and completed an internship program.
- Be a sincere follower of Jesus Christ as evidenced by your words, your actions and your lifestyle.
- Be 35 years old or less and exceptionally fluent in English.
- Have a strong written recommendation from your pastor and a medical colleague who knows you well and has worked with you in a clinical setting.
- Agree to accept work at a hospital approved by your sponsor, one year for each year of residency training.

The potential candidates should review the materials on the website (<http://paacs.net> and <http://paacs.net/involved/become-a-trainee-2/>), select the desired training programs and send their application and all documents by **September 15** to admissions@paacs.net. Questions may be directed to the same admissions@paacs.net e-mail.

Of special note, the three PAACS programs in central and western Africa will be switching to a January - December academic year in order to comply with testing requirements of the College of Surgery of East, Central and Southern Africa. . The Niger and Cameroon programs will take one trainee in January, 2016 and two each January thereafter. The Gabon program will take one trainee each year each January beginning in 2017 (there will be no intake in 2016). All applications must be complete by September 15 of the previous year and the resident will begin training January 1.

PAACS COMMISSION SEEKS NEW CMO

In order to accomplish the goal of a successful transition of the critical role of the PAACS Chief Medical Officer, the PAACS Commission is seeking candidates for the position of Chief Medical Officer of the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons. Dr. Bruce Steffes, the present CMO, has expressed a desire to accomplish the transition by December, 2016. Steffes became a member of the Commission in November 2003, served as the Executive Director from March, 2006 through December, 2014 and has served as Chief Medical Officer since January of 2015.

Recognizing the great complexity of the role and the many things that need to be learned by his replacement, Steffes intends to mentor the newly elected CMO for at least a year and remain active within PAACS as needed. He says, "This position, as it is presently configured, requires a broad mix of talents and a full-time commitment to serving our residents and missionary surgeons. Most of all, it requires someone with the faith to wait upon the Lord and to sit at the feet of the Great Physician. To serve with PAACS and watch it grow has been a great honor. At this time in my life, there are other demands upon my time that I must now honor but I look forward to enjoying the areas where I can remain integrally with PAACS and with the lives and ministries of so many friends and heroes on the mission field. I very much look forward to working with the new person to replace me."

Position Summary

PAACS is seeking a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to facilitate the work of PAACS in Africa (and Bangladesh) of reaching its goal of training and discipling African surgeons to glorify God and to provide excellent, compassionate care to those most in need. The Chief Medical Officer will work with each of the PAACS training programs, administration, mission hospitals and residents to ensure quality training of surgical residents both academically and spiritually.

The selected Chief Medical Officer candidate will train with the current CMO to learn about the PAACS Programs, meet PAACS personnel, work with the mission hospitals, understand the issues and gain from his tremendous knowledge and expertise. Ideally, the new candidate will train for at least 12 months to gain an understanding of the responsibilities and duties of this position.

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for managing the operations of the PAACS Programs including:
 - Working with the Academic Dean and the Spiritual Dean to implement the PAACS academic and spiritual curricula.
 - Working with the PAACS Program Directors and Regional Directors to ensure programs are in compliance with PAACS guidelines and rules.
 - On site visits to all of the PAACS training sites once every two years.
 - Overseeing the recruitment, evaluation and selection of new PAACS residents.
 - Overseeing the development of the PAACS exams for residents.
 - Developing and maintaining policies for PAACS Africa Programs to ensure compliance with PAACS mission and vision.
 - Facilitating strong relationships with African colleges, accrediting bodies, mission agencies, academic medical institutions and governments, etc.
 - Overseeing the development of program budgets for PAACS Africa.
 - Working with the PAACS mission hospitals to develop strong relationships.
 - Supervising the work of the PAACS Program Directors and Regional Directors.
 - Recruiting PAACS long and short-term faculty.
- Work with the Executive Director in all areas of the organization.
- Perform all other duties as required.

Required Experience:

- 5+ years of experience in a senior level organizational position
- Active medical license and up to date board-certification in surgery
- Ability to frequently travel internationally and domestically
- Scholarly and informational/motivational writing
- Public speaking
- Cross-cultural leadership skills and experience
- A calling of the Lord and a vision to serve as the Chief Medical Officer and a vision for ministry

Desired Experience:

- Academic experience (formal educational and/or surgical education experience preferably in residency training)
- Program budgeting
- Computer skills – particularly spreadsheet skills
- Spiritual discernment in forming partnerships with sincere followers of Jesus Christ who share our spiritual values and statement of faith
- General business experience (some financial experience)
- Counselling and member care
- Mission experience (either long or short term)
- Experience in examination construction and analysis

Personal Attributes

- A personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ and an exemplary Christian witness.
 - Ability to work with people from diverse Evangelical Christian background within organization and with non-Christians in broader academic circles
- Maturity
- Excellent communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Problem solving ability
- Diplomacy- ability to negotiate with people and able to navigate situations

Education:

- A Medical Degree
- Formal Surgical Training (Board certification by a surgical specialty recognized by the ABMS)

Reports to:

- Executive Director

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please forward your cover letter and resume to Susan Koshy, PAACS Executive Director at susan.koshy@paacs.net. All resumes must be received no later than December 1, 2015.

NEWS SHORTS:

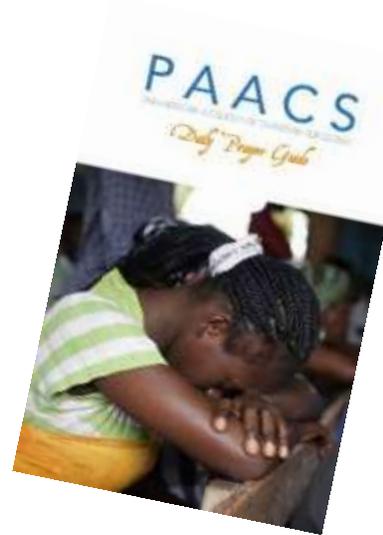


- **Radio Interview for PAACS Koshy:** The PAACS Executive Director, Susan A. Koshy, was interviewed August 17 on AM1160 (www.am1160hope.com), a Chicago Christian radio station. The thirty-minute interview was part of a regular program series “Developing Lambs into Lions” and was aired at 4 PM Central Daylight Savings time on August 23. The contact was made during the recent Global Leadership Summit August 6 and 7 held at Willow Creek Church in South Barrington, IL, a suburb of Chicago.

- **Need for Prayer at Mbingo:** Professor Pius Tih, the director of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health services, has been invited to meet with the Prime Minister again this coming week about Mbingo Baptist Hospital’s request for government recognition of Mbingo’s graduate medical education programs. MBH now has an MOU with the University of Buea. We are asking you to pray for favor in the eyes of the Minister of Higher Education and the Prime Minister.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Prayer Guide Available:** The printed Fall 2015 PAACS Daily Prayer Guide has been received and will be mailed in September. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Hannah Kasper Hannah.kasper@paacs.net. It has also been posted as a PDF on the PAACS.net website for those who prefer electronic versions: <http://paacs.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/PAACS-2015-Prayer-Guide.pdf>.
- **Last Appeal for Global Surgery Fellowship:** The Program in Global Surgery and Social Change (PGSSC) is a collaborative effort between the Harvard teaching hospitals, Harvard Medical School/ Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Boston Children’s Hospital and Partners In Health (PIH). Through the Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowships, this program aims to empower surgeons, surgical trainees and medical students around the world with the skills they need to improve the health of some of the world’s most impoverished people through education & training, research and advocacy.



The [Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship](#) is a one or two year program designed for medical professionals who have either already completed their surgical residency or are taking a scheduled break from formal training to conduct research. The purpose of the Fellowship is to train leaders who will further promote surgical care, education, and research pertinent to global surgery.

This is a two year, non-funded MPH program. Research Fellows must have completed USMLE steps 1 and 2 (CK and CS), or non-US equivalents, in order to be eligible for the Fellowship. Clinical Fellows must have completed their surgical training, and thus must have completed USMLE steps 1-3, or Non-US equivalents, prior to applying. The application deadline is September 15.

- **Birth Announcement:** Tony Mwenyemali (graduating PAACS resident at Mbingo) and his wife Mary have welcomed Rebecca Ida Mwenyemali, born 9 July weighing 3.15 kg. The baby and the mother are all doing great. They have another child, a son named Joel Tambwe. In September, the Mwenyemalis will be moving to Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya.



- **Birth Announcement:** The Program Director of the new orthopedic training program at Tenwek, Dr. Dan Galat, and his wife Heather, have welcomed the birth of their sixth child, Jane Kathryn Galat. She was born on 17 August and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. (3.1 kg). She was 19 in (48 cm) in length
- **PAACS Administration to Attend Medical Missions Summit:** Susan Koshy and Drs. Bruce Steffes and Ken Rutledge will be representing PAACS at the CMDA/Medsend 2015 Medical Mission Summit to be held at the SIM headquarters in Charlotte, NC on

September 3 and 4. This invitation-only event is an annual gathering of mission sending agency representatives that are invested in sharing Christ through healthcare missions. The purpose of the meeting is to build ongoing relationships, share successful strategies, discuss important issues, examine relevant research and problem solve. The focus in 2015 will be on staying relevant in the ever-changing landscape of medical missions and how to launch new medical missionaries and sustain the present medical missionaries.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the second and fifth year residents who are writing the first part of the FCS exams for COSECSA. They will be writing it in their countries of training on Wednesday, September 2. If they pass, the MCS oral exam will be November 30 and the FCS oral exam will be December 1 in Blantyre, Malawi.
- Praise God for the three new residents who have begun training in Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon (Constance Ndum and Tabeh Freeman) and in SIM-Galmi in Niger (Elvis Mbanzabugabo). Pray that Denis Sinzinkayo will be able to leave Burundi soon and begin his training at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon. Pray for the ability of their families to adapt to the stresses of training and a new culture.
- Pray for all the residents as they struggle to read, learn, work and rest during their training program. Pray especially for those who are on academic or other types of probation.
- Pray that God will provide hard-working, academically adept and spiritual sound candidates for all the programs seeking new trainees to begin in January. We will need one more for Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, one for SIM-Galmi in Niger, two for Tenwek general surgery in Kenya, two for Tenwek-Ortho, two for Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania, two for Kijabe Hospital General Surgery in Kenya, one for BKKH Pediatric Surgery at Kijabe, one at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi and one or two for Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt.
- Praise God for the addition of Dr. Jacques Ebhele to the Mbingo General Surgery Staff. Dr. Jason Axt, a Post-Residency Fellow with World Medical Mission, will be returning in October to the US to begin his pediatric surgical training. Pray that God will call him back to begin a pediatric surgery program at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. Pray that God will call other general surgeons to join the program at Mbingo. Pray for the new plastic surgery post-residency fellow also coming to Mbingo Baptist Hospital in October.
- Pray that God will call additional career surgeons to join the PAACS faculties BethanyKids at Kijabe Hospital (Pediatric Surgery) in Kenya, Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia (both general surgery and orthopedics), and Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt. Praise God for the new general surgeon, Dr. Berg, at Kijabe Hospital – this was an answer to prayer.
- Pray that Mbingo Baptist, SIM-Galmi, Bongolo and Malamulo Hospitals will all receive government recognition for their PAACS training programs within the coming year. Pray especially for the upcoming visit of Professor Tih with the Prime Minister of Cameroon.
- Pray for those on home assignment (Dave Thompson, Russ White and Dan Galat who are in the US now) - for rest, for the times of speaking and fund-raising and for the times of medical work. Pray for Zachary and Jen O'Connor coming back for a six-week period beginning the end of September.
- Pray for the need for orthopedic coverage at Tenwek from July through December while Dan Galat is on home assignment.

- Pray for the career PAACS faculty members who are under great personal and/or family stress. Pray for healing and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their day to day lives.
- Pray for an effective Medical Missions Summit meeting in Charlotte on September 3 and 4. This conference will focus on some of those issues.
- Pray for peace and the cessation of civil unrest in Burundi. Three of our new residents and two of our present residents are from that country. Pray for their own peace of mind while separated from family.
- Pray for the CURE hospital in Addis Ababa and their struggles with the government in the areas of medical licensures and paperwork. Pray that this will be resolved – for the good of the hospital and for the good of the country. Please continue to pray for a satisfactory solution to the new Ethiopian visa requirements for short-term faculty which could be very counterproductive for Soddo Hospital and PAACS.
- Pray for the new parents – for wisdom and love for them and that the children will grow up in the love and admonition of the Lord.
- Pray for Harpur Hospital, its residents and its faculty members. Pray that Sherif Hanna will receive his long-term Egyptian medical license, that his wife Mary-Lou will receive her long-term visa and for strength for Sherif as he carries on as the only PAACS surgeon until the Thompsons return in January. Pray for Dave Thompson who suffered a significant complication after recent surgery – pray for complete healing and lack of recurrence of the problem.
- Pray that God will provide both surgeons and anesthesiologists for Harpur hospital from now through December 31.
- Pray for Bongolo Hospital. Dr. Renee Valach has been air-evacuated back to the US for a health evaluation. Sandie Freemand and Paul and Meladee Davis are all back in the US for health reasons too. Deb Walker, Terry & Barry Newman and Wendy Bastin are all on furlough. In the surgery department, Dr. Simplicie Tchoba is on vacation month of September; the O'Connors will be leaving soon for six weeks (as above) and the chief resident Anatole Nzanzu will be returning to the DRC the end of September. That leaves only the Hofman family, the Thelander family and the Petersons to hold down the fort.
- Pray for the Bergs and their transition to the new ministries at Rift Valley Academy and Kijabe Hospital. Pray for the surgical needs at Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda.
- Please pray for Russ White's scheduled back surgery and for continued recovery for Dave Thompsons from surgery and subsequent deep venous thrombosis.
- Pray for God to provide the new Chief Medical Officer that He wants in this role.

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