

Dear Colleagues,

We generally try to keep the focus of each PAACS Bulletin on the events and personnel of the various training programs – as it should be. However, this edition gives you a glimpse behind the curtain that separates the administration from the training. We are thrilled to have 63 trainees at present (67 in August) but that training only happens with work of the 30+ members of the Commission and the Advisory Council, the 50+ national and missionary surgeons and the hundreds of short-term trainers who come alongside.

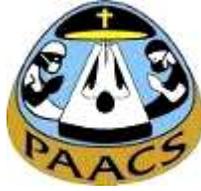
In this edition, we give a report of the recent Commission meeting, introduce you to the new Chief Development Officer and to the long-serving Chair of the Commission. A major organizational restructuring effort is underway and new initiatives are starting – we hope they will have far-reaching effect for God’s glory and for the benefit of the African community.

PAACS is also playing a part on the world stage, participating in the G4 Alliance for advocacy of the surgical and anesthetic needs including obstetrics and trauma and signing the recent Amsterdam Declaration to promote access to surgery for much of the world.

We are saddened to bid adieu to Dr. Steve Sparks who has worked tirelessly with PAACS for almost a decade. We wish him the best in the next stage of his life.

We cannot function well without the short-term trainers who have made such a difference. Unfortunately, we live in a world of uncertain and concerns about personal safety seem to be adversely affecting the number of surgeons who are coming to help. Ms. Gail Gambill, from World Medical Mission (our leading provider of short-term surgeons) has stated that in the past year, the number of people each month cancelling their mission trip has doubled – usually cancelling because of concerns of personal safety. She requests, “Please pray for our country, for our doctors who have deep fear in their hearts due to what’s happening in the world and the extreme media reports on these happenings, and also for our WMM Short-Term Mission Teams.”

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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

I just attended my first PAACS Commission meeting as Executive Director. I spent many hours preparing for the meeting but almost as many hours in prayer. Many people prayed with me and for the meeting. Thank you to all for your intercession and prayers. The hand of God was present and His Grace, wisdom and presence was evident

Thirty-six members of the Commission, Advisory Council, staff and guests attended the one and half day meeting in Chicago, IL May 15-16. Three PAACS program directors and two former program directors were also in attendance. A great representation of people was present at the meeting providing varying viewpoints.

Four PAACS Committees met prior to the commencement of the Commission meeting. The Program, Curriculum, Spiritual and Advancement Committees met for two and half hours and had robust discussions on issues impacting the work of their committees.

The article below about the meeting lays out the wonderful work that was accomplished.

The major issue of discussion during the Commission meeting pertained to the re-organization of the PAACS Commission. Dr. Doug Lundy, PAACS Governance Chair, led a two- hour discussion on changing the structure of the PAACS leadership. The Commission after a lengthy debate on the intricacies of the new structure approved a change in its structure and membership. The new structure is designed to increase breadth of the Commission beyond medical doctors to include members from the marketplace, reduce the size of the Commission to increase efficiency, and established term limits to be able to include more people in the leadership in the future.

The meeting was highly successful and a lot of work was accomplished. We praise God for His continued hand upon this organization and give thanks for His leadership, guidance and grace to PAACS.

Blessing to all,

Susan A. Koshy, PAACS Executive Director

PAACS COMMISSION APPROVES NEW INITIATIVES

The semi-annual Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons Commission met at the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove Inn near Chicago on Friday May 15 and Saturday, May 16. Thirteen Commissioners, nine Advisory Council members and four administrative ex-officio members attended. Several PAACS faculty members also attended: Jon Pollock from PAACS-Ethiopia; Jim Brown from PAACS-Mbingo, Keir Thelander from PAACS-Bongolo and Joe Starke from PAACS-Galmi. Other guests included Mr. Rob Barto, Dr. Paul Gray, Dr. James Malcolm and Mrs. Gail Carson.

The May Commission meeting agenda covered a multitude of topics impacting the administration of PAACS, Africa training programs, spiritual issues, policies, finance, fundraising and PAACS governance. There were several issues to be discussed and necessary action to be taken by the leadership throughout the course of the meeting.

The Friday session of the Commission meeting began with a wonderful devotion by Stan Key and a time of prayer. The PAACS Executive Director, Chief Medical Officer, Academic Dean and Spiritual Dean presented reports and updates on their work for the last several months. Dr. Ken Rutledge, PAACS Fundraising Taskforce Chair, spent time educating the leadership on how to effectively fundraise for the organization. He shared techniques on how to share the vision of PAACS, meet one on one with potential donors and how to perform the uncomfortable task of asking friends and colleagues for money. The Friday session concluded with a PAACS group photograph and a relaxing dinner.



The Saturday session commenced early with devotions by Dr. Tom Robey. After that, issues on specific PAACS programs, policies and finances were presented to the Commission for review and action. The Commission approved the new 2015-2016 budget. The PAACS Treasurer presented the current PAACS finances and reported that the PAACS fundraising has been successful and PAACS has wisely stewarded its funds. He anticipates that PAACS should be able to put money this year into the required reserves and will be under budget in its expenses. We praise God for His provision.

The Commission also approved updates to PAACS resident healthcare and rotations policies.

In addition to the usual committees and reports, major items of business included the reorganization of the Commission structure, approval of a one-year Head and Neck fellowship at Mbingo Baptist, approval of a traveling fellowship for PAACS faculty and approval for the production of a fund-raising video.

Restructuring: the Governance committee presented a new and exciting reorganization that will make PAACS more capable to meet the demands of the task before it.

The current Commission structure has served well up to this point. PAACS has developed from a small fledgling program at Bongolo to seventy-one (next year) residents in ten different sites across sub-Saharan Africa. The re-structuring of the PAACS organization was required by the recent development of other subspecialty training programs. We have expanded to include a Head and Neck fellowship and Pediatric Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery residencies. Our current Commission structure is now straining from the growth of the overall effort in Africa.

Currently, the Commission is limited in its ability to provide resources for the specialty programs that we are developing and for the different specialties that support the general surgery programs. Remember that General Surgery in rural Africa treats “the skin and its contents”. As a result, there is need and opportunity for anesthesiologists and surgeons of all specialties to participate in the training programs. Prior to this revision, the old structure permitted only limited opportunity for new members to serve on the Commission. There was no reasonable mechanism for rotation of Commission members and only

limited ability for non-physician members who have much to contribute. It was felt that it was time to move to a better Commission structure to support our current programs.

Under the new plan that was approved, the majority of the day-to-day administrative and educational support of the various overseas programs will now be carried on at the sub-specialty council level. There will be a council for general surgery, one for orthopedic surgery, one for head and neck and one for pediatric surgery. As other subspecialty training full-fledged programs are added in the future, corresponding councils will be added. The individual councils will do the more interesting work of program and curriculum development for their specific specialties. There will be significant diversity and increased opportunity in the four surgical councils to allow for effective work on program and curriculum, and the more mundane and overarching administrative tasks will be handled by the Commission. At the Commission level, there will be 16 members plus the ex-officio members. The commission and its committees will handle (with input and assistance from the Councils) the issues common to all groups, those of broader organizational policy, direction, administration, hiring/evaluation of the Executive Director, finance/budget, public relations, fund-raising, approval of curriculum and program, compliance and spiritual needs/development.

There are several advantages of the reorganization. It will now include non-surgeons on the Commission to help bring in new ideas, resources and perspectives. The restructuring creates a Commission consisting of four Chairs of surgical councils, a representative from Loma Linda University, three members at large and adds up to three marketplace professionals. It will improve succession planning, coordinate fund-raising and allow the programs to speak with a unified voice in the public arena. The advisory councils will have input into the Commission and task forces will continue to advise and assist at the subspecialty council level (and at the Commission level if requested).

Doug Lundy, chair of the governance committee commented, "Needless to say, the three new disciplines (Head and Neck, Orthopedic Surgery and Pediatric Surgery) have much to learn from the experience that PAACS has garnered with General Surgery, and there will be significant communication and sharing of ideas between the different Councils. Elections and requisite changes to the by-laws and Commission Policy Manual will be voted on in November. The new structure will be phased in over the next year."

.At the November 2015 meeting, the Commission is due to elect a new slate of officers; specifically Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Commission will also elect three new Members-at-Large as well as the Council Chairs for General Surgery, Head and Neck, Orthopedic Surgery and Pediatric Surgery. The four surgical Councils will then populate its ranks with interested surgeons and anesthesiologists to accomplish the work before us. The Commission will also recruit appropriate non-physician members to provide insight in nonmedical areas vital to the success of our mission.

This new platform opens significant opportunity for anesthesiologists and surgeons of all specialties to participate in the efforts before us. If you are interested in being involved, please submit your intent with a copy of your CV to the chair of the Governance Committee, Doug Lundy, at lundydw@resurgens.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Head & Neck Fellowship: The one-year Head & Neck fellowship at Mbingo Baptist Hospital will be launched this year at Mbingo Baptist Hospital (either in August 2015 or in January 2016) Cameroon under the auspices of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). This will provide an exciting opportunity for advanced subspecialty surgical training. Approval of this fellowship will be

sought from American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) after establishment of the program. PAACS, along with partners Johns Hopkins University and Loma Linda University, will issue a certificate of completion of training in head and neck surgery training.

The program will be led by Wayne Koch, MD, professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Johns Hopkins University in the USA. Dr. Koch is joined by Dr. Acha Evaristus Tikum, an Otolaryngologist, Cameroonian native, who trained at Kenyatta Hospital, Kenya, and Dr. Gregg Schmedes, an otolaryngologist trained at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) USA. Short term volunteer faculty from the AHNS in the USA will also participate periodically.

Fellows will be provided with housing sufficient for the fellow and immediate family as well as a stipend matching that of a fifth-year resident in the PAACS Mbingo general surgery program.

Applicants must be successful graduates of general surgery, otolaryngology or maxillofacial training programs; be citizens of an African nation; have an active and credible profession of Christian faith; and be committed to serve in underserved communities in Africa throughout their careers. It is expected that fellows will participate in training PAACS general surgery residents on ENT rotation.

Applications may be downloaded from the PAACS website (<http://paacs.net/involved/become-a-trainee-2/cameroon-head-and-neck-fellowship/>) using the general surgery forms with supplemental documents as outlined (personal statement, letters from residency Program Director, and an operative case log). Please address questions to Wayne Koch at wkoch@jhmi.edu.

Visiting Faculty Program: The real strength of PAACS is the peer-to-peer interaction of the missionary surgeons. In order to promote sharing of knowledge, to encourage both sides of the equation and to help cross-pollinate the teaching and discipling process, the Commission approved a visitation program where the program director or faculty member from one program visit the other for a period of week or so. The visiting surgeon will give lectures, make rounds, help in the operating room and “consult” with the home team to try to problem-solve, encourage and share wisdom. Information regarding application and selection process will soon be distributed to the PAACS faculty. William C. Wood, the Academic Dean, will coordinate the program. Funding is being sought from a foundation partner.

PAACS Video Project: In September, PAACS Executive Director Susan Koshy and Chief Development Officer Rob Barto will be traveling to Cameroon and Gabon to visit the two PAACS Programs there. A videographer from [Silent Images](#), a non-profit organization that since 2006 has assisted more than 300 other non-profit organizations in telling stories of hope in the midst of injustice, will accompany them. They will help create a 2 – 3 minute video to help create awareness and raise funds for PAACS.

INTRODUCTION – ROBERT BARTO, CDO

Robert Barto will become the Chief Development Officer for PAACS starting June 1. He was born the son of a minister in southern Michigan. His first home was in Brooklyn, Michigan but they moved often living for a brief time including Pennsylvania, Arizona and California before returning to Michigan in middle school.

Although starting his college career at Spring Arbor College in Spring Arbor, MI, Barto completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Written Communication/Journalism with a minor in Art at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI and later earned a Master of Arts degree in Marketing from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Barto began his work in the non-profit sector in 1990 at Orchard Village in Skokie, Illinois, a residential and vocational training program for individuals with developmental disabilities. In his last position at Orchard Village, Rob held the public relations position, which led to his interest in development and fundraising.



From there in 1997, he began his first job in academic fundraising at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL where he traveled frequently visiting alumni in multiple states, discussing with them the priorities of the university during its first \$1 billion comprehensive fundraising campaign.

From there, Barto was promoted to the medical school of Northwestern, where he began his first health care based fundraising job and supported various departments including the Neurosciences, Neurosurgery and Family Medicine. Rob has been in medical fundraising over the last fifteen years, holding similar posts at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Loyola University Medical Center where he led the major and planned gifts program, and most recently at the Advocate Charitable Foundation - the fundraising arm of the Advocate Health Care system based in central Illinois

Through his entire development career, Rob has determined that the keys to any solid development program are relationships, commonality of mission, and a mutual desire to invest in pursuits that impact and better the lives of others. Donors are investing with their own resources in a shared vision of an improved world and future and demonstrating their faith in the organization to help them achieve the kind of impact they hope for in securing a better future for the world we live in through cooperative efforts.

In PAACS, Barto sees it as his top priority to foster personal relationships between individuals and the PAACS organization and to continue dialogue and partnerships that will help increase the effectiveness, reach and impact of PAACS. Further, he views the opportunity to serve PAACS as a God given opportunity to combine his Christian faith with his experience in medical fundraising. The fact that PAACS is meeting the physical needs and the spiritual needs of underserved people is something he sees as inspiring and as a privilege to play a part in that process.

In this role, Barto will hope to have the chance to meet as many of you in person as possible to thank you for your sustaining support and to hear your thoughts about the PAACS program in meeting the medical and spiritual needs of the people in Africa, and the community here at home that strives to

meet those needs. It is Rob's goal to help continue to build and grow a well-rounded development program that includes the major components that will allow PAACS to grow significantly, train a growing number of excellent surgeons and sustain the program into the future. It is our hope that when Rob calls, you will be receptive and open to his offer to meet with you to discuss your interest and vision for the PAACS mission. In the meantime, you are welcome to call or email him (rob.barto@paacs.net) at any time!

Barto has been married for 23 years to Mary, a home health nurse RN/BSN trained at the University of Illinois. They have three children, Samuel, 21 a college student at North Park University, Mary Clare, 19, a freshman at Carthage College, and Sean, 17 a junior at Downers Grove North High School. They lived in Evanston, Illinois for many years and now live in Downers Grove, IL in 2001. Their church home is Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod in Lisle, IL.

Barto hopes that whatever measure of time here ordained for him by God that he can make a lasting difference in the lives of people and for God's eternal kingdom through the Grace of his savior, Jesus Christ.

ADRIAN PARK – CHAIRMAN OF PAACS COMMISSION

Dr. Adrian Park has long been a citizen of the greater world. Born in Malaysia, his family moved to Britain when he was young. Most of his formative years were spent growing up in Canada, Kenya and then Algeria, but he has also lived in France, Saudi Arabia, Carriacou (Grenadines), Fiji and the USA. He states that he grew to love Africa and its people from a fairly young age.



His education has also been a patchwork. Despite having been to 13 schools by the time he graduated high school, he subsequently did all his higher education in Canada. He attended medical school at McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario, which is where he also did his general surgical residency. He did a fellowship in laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery at the Hôtel Dieu de Montréal, (U. de Montréal) in Montreal, Quebec. He is currently Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. He has been married for 29 years to Jennifer and has four children: Hilary, Meredith, Evan and Nigel

Invited by Dr. Bruce MacFadyen to be a speaker at the CMDA Continuing Medical and Dental Education Conference at the Brackenhurst Conference Centre in Kenya in 1998, he became aware of PAACS (then called the Pan-African College of Christian Surgeons – PACCS). There he met Dave Thompson and heard for the first time his marvelous vision to disciple and train Africans in surgery in Africa with the goal of serving Africans. Park states that he had long been aware of the impermanence of the western missionary surgeon model, despite the best of intentions and incredible commitment by so many. He writes, "It was very early days in the concept of PAACS and I just insinuated myself into this wonderful vision and nascent ministry. Dave has always been both inspirational and very persuasive when rallying individuals and resources to this cause, never more so than in those early years! I was a pushover." Park has been actively involved with the Commission ever since. He presently serves as the Chairman of the Commission through November of this year.

Park relates,

The time that I have spent with all involved in PAACS Commission and Advisory Committee members in the USA , Program Directors and surgical residents in Africa, has been a consistent source of joy for me and tremendously fulfilling .

In ways that my PAACS 'family' can never know, I have been inspired, edified and encouraged in the Lord .On too many occasions to recount I have felt the Lord ministering to me through these dear brothers and sisters. We are in the midst of a remarkable season of change and growth in the evolution of this precious ministry so my current role as chairman tends to require a significant investment of time. It is of course my pleasure and privilege to spend the time; my regret is that I have not yet been able to visit all our training programs.

When I am able to visit with our PDs and residents, in Africa I am blessed by being among such capable and committed individuals who demonstrate a degree of surrender and faith/trust in the Lord that both challenges and encourages me.

Park shares his vision and prayers for PAACS:

That God would continue to provide the abundant grace that we all so desperately need to meet the challenges faced by all those involved in PAACS' work, every day.

That he would continue to provide the material resources to allow this ministry to advance to His glory. It has been incredible to look back on the ways He has provided so faithfully and at times, dramatically.

That He would equip PAACS' leaders in the USA, Africa and Bangladesh to be the stewards of this ministry that we need to be and especially to have attentiveness to His bidding.

That He would continue to lead to us the young men and women we are to train and disciple and through whom He will achieve His purposes to bring excellent surgical care where it is most needed, with His Gospel.

G4 ALLIANCE LAUNCHES

The Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma, and Anesthesia Care (G4 Alliance, www.theg4alliance.org) board meeting was held Sunday, May 17, 2015 and Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva Switzerland. Dr. Bruce Steffes, PAACS CMO and representative on the Permanent Council attended. Forty-six organizations now belong with a target goal of several thousand.

On Tuesday evening, May 19, the formal launch of the G4 Alliance was held. Addresses to the standing-room only crowd were made by several people including Nobel laureate Muhammed Yunus (by video), the US representative to the WHA and others. During the dinner to follow, there were several more speakers from various organizations.

The launch for the Africas (one of six regional launches) will be held in conjunction with the COSECSA meeting in Malawi in December 2015.

The G4 Alliance strongly advocated the adoption of the resolution "Strengthening Emergency and Essential Surgical Care and Anesthesia as a component of Universal Health Coverage" by the 68th World Health Assembly which was holding simultaneous meetings. . It was approved on Friday, May 22, 2015. Such approval by the World Health Organization is hoped to increase the cash flow to the LMIC (Lower and Middle-income countries) to promote surgery in those countries.



Members of the Permanent Council of the G4 Alliance at their meeting in Geneva.

PAACS SIGNATORY ON AMSTERDAM DECLARATION

PAACS was one of the signers of the Amsterdam Declaration on Essential Surgical Care, published in print May 13, 2015 (online April 10) with signatures of 51 organizations in the World Journal of Surgery.

They were concerned about the following facts:

- Two billion people have no access to essential surgical care¹ especially in low- and middle-income countries/
- Five million people die from injuries every year; more than 90 % of whom are found in low-resource settings.
- A third of a million women die every year from childbirth; 15–20 % of whom can be saved through safe essential surgical care.
- Two million women live with untreated obstetric fistula; all entirely in low-resource settings.
- Twenty million people suffer from treatable blindness caused by cataract.

- Millions of people suffer from correctable congenital deformities such as cleft lip and clubfoot.
- Surgical conditions now kill more people than HIV, TB and Malaria combined.
- Surgical and obstetric conditions approximately account for 11 % of the world's disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) lost each year.
- There is a critical shortage in surgically and anesthesiologically trained health care workers in low- and middle-income countries (for example, 0.5 surgeons per 100,000 people in Sub Saharan Africa).
- The medical infrastructure, supplies and observed procedures in low- and middle-income countries are insufficient to provide the needed essential surgical care.

The declaration incorporates a strong message and forms an international foundation for further actions to improve surgical care worldwide. It was written to try to ensure that:

Essential surgery is made available to all regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic group, geographical location, financial status, and political and religious affiliation through the following actions:

Incorporate essential surgical care as part of national health services within universal health coverage (UHC)

Realign and increase the allocation of resources to improve essential surgical care delivery

The declaration is free and available online for 60 days at this site:

<http://link.springer.com/artic.../10.1007%2Fs00268-015-3057-x...>

In a recent publication of the *Lancet Commission on Global Surgery* it has been stated that the estimated burden of surgical need might be even bigger than expected in previous literature. The authors conclude that a total number of 5 billion people lack access to essential surgical care. To read this important article:

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(15\)60160-X/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(15)60160-X/fulltext)

SPARKS LEAVES CAMEROON

Dr. Steve Sparks, a general and vascular surgeon who founded the Mbingo Baptist PAACS program, is returning permanently to the United States. He and his family will be returning for a brief visit July 17 – July 2 to pack up and say good-bye.

Sparks Steve resigned from his sending agency, citing a number of personal, family and professional reasons behind their decision. He is now be employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Diego, California.

During his tenure at Mbingo, Sparks was the driving force behind several building projects, most notably the development of an Intensive Care Unit. He oversaw the development of the program from 2 to 12 residents.



PAACS deeply appreciates all that the Spark family has contributed, both to PAACS and to the Mbingo Baptist Hospital. He was definitely God's man for the hour.

NEWS SHORTS:

- **CMO Named Educator of the Year:**

Dr. Bruce and Michelle Steffes were named on May 1, 2015 as the 2015 CMDA Educator of the Year at the CMDA Annual Conference held at the Ridgcrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC. The opening paragraph of the citation reads, "The Educator of the Year Award is presented to Christian healthcare professionals who are exceptionally dedicated to using healthcare education to change the world. These devoted individuals strive to provide the best education to



their students, taking time to share their knowledge, integrity and compassion. Undeniably, they are committed to God and living out their faith. It is due to their dedication to educating and inspiring others that the Christian Medical & Dental Associations is proud to present the 2015 Educator of the Year Award to Dr. Bruce and Mrs. Michelle Steffes."

In accepting the award, Steffes made the point that anything he may have accomplished was because he was standing on the shoulders of those true surgical educators of the PAACS Commission and Advisory Council and he is deeply indebted to the 50+ national and missionary surgery faculty members of PAACS to whom the honor truly belongs.

CMDA created a video of the citation which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

- **2015 Incoming Class Selected:** Four new residents have been selected. Elvis Mbanzabugabo from Burundi will be joining the SIM-Galmi program in Niger. Denis Sinzinkayo (Burundi) will be joining the Bongolo Hospital program in Bongolo and Etta-Ayum Constance Ndum (Cameroon) and Tabeh Freeman (Liberia) will be joining the Mbingo Baptist Program in Cameroon. They will be introduced in an article in the August *PAACS Bulletin*. In order to better coincide with the COSECSA testing schedule, the next incoming class for these three programs in Gabon, Cameroon and Niger will be in January of 2017.
- **Kijabe Hospital Featured:** A recent article by The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery entitled "Surgery at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Rural Kenya" by T. Chao, J. Rosenberg, Pratik Patel, R. Riviello and R. Weintraub, highlights Kijabe as an exemplary hospital for improving quality of care and training in low-resource settings. It is a fair and balanced report of the best practices of the hospital which also recognizes the Christian nature of the hospital.

The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery (www.globalsurgery.info) has collaborated with multiple institutions to create a wide range of teaching cases, focusing on areas of import within Global Health, including surgical access, quality of care, education, and training.

The closing paragraph of the article reflects the reality of all PAACS Hospitals: “The leadership considered what would truly allow the surgeons to maximize their impact in both the short and the long term. How did their focus on expensive surgical care, training, and OT expansion align with their mission to serve the vulnerable? Could a hospital in Africa serve the poor and simultaneously provide high quality service and education without western volunteers, supplies, and equipment?”

The article is on pages 60 – 69 of the following article: http://www.globalsurgery.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Global-Surgery-Teaching-Cases_rev2-2-copy.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PAACS Annual Exams in June:** The PAACS junior and senior level annual exams will be administered Saturday, June 6. Some programs will be giving the exams on other days to accommodate the Seventh Day Adventists that they are training. These 200 multiple choice question exams are critical to assess their surgical knowledge, to prepare them for the COSECSA exams and the results will weigh heavily upon the decision to promote them to the next level of training. Please pray for the residents who will be taking them.

- **Birth Announcement:** Dr. Amos Chege Macharia, chief resident at Kijabe hospital and his physician-wife, (Dr.) Nyambura, have recently celebrated the birth of a son. Daniel Macharia Chege was born just before midnight on the 23rd of April, 2015. Birth weight was 3.0kg. Both mother and child are doing great. Daniel was named after his paternal grandfather.



Daniel held by his sisters Janelle (4) and Grace (2)

- **Thrice Wed:** Akanyun Sama, first year resident at PAACS Mbingo in Cameroon recently wed Khan Teyim Pila. It was a three phase wedding: The first was a civil wedding on April 23 at the Santa council Northwest Region (NWR), Cameroon. That was followed the same day by a traditional wedding in Pinyin (their village, also in the NWR and a church wedding April 25 at the Menda Baptist Church.

The ceremony was graced by the Mbingo PAACS residents and faculty (those not on call), family friends, colleagues and most especially the prayers and support from the PAACS family

Khan works with the department of finance in the Littoral Region of Cameroon

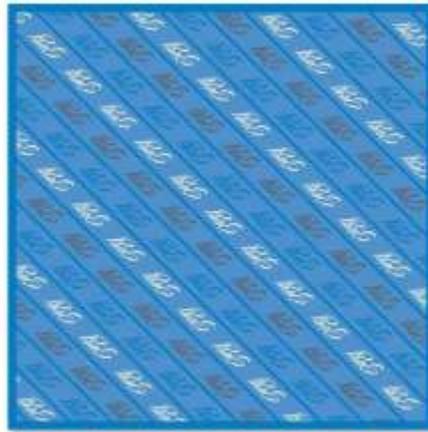


- **Birth Announcement:** Dr. Tabettha and Mr. Luke Bradley, formerly PAACS faculty at SIM-Galmi hospital, have given birth to their first child. It was a baby girl named Juliet Kyauta Bradley, born five weeks prematurely on April 2, 2015. She weighed 4 pounds and 1 oz at birth and was 18 inches (45.7 cm) long. “Kyauta” means “gift” in Hausa.



- **PAACS Graduate Requests Help:** Henry Ine, 2012 Graduate of PAACS-Mbingo, is now serving at the SDA Hospital in the Kigoma Region of Tanzania. Within walking distance of Burundi, he is the only surgeon for an area larger than Burundi. He occasionally serves patients from the DRC. He now wants to take six weeks to attend language school so that he may serve there more successfully on a long-term basis and needs someone to cover the hospital for him during that time. He also states that orthopedic surgery is particularly challenging due to the lack of instruments and disposables. If you can help with either need, please contact Dr. Ine at henrotine@yahoo.co.uk.

- PAACS Logowear:** Show that you are “PAACS Proud” by what you wear! A beautiful silk scarf and a custom-woven silk tie, both emblazoned with the PAACS acronym, are now available for those who want an excuse to tell others what God is doing through PAACS. The silk scarf for women is 36” square. The silk woven tie is red, navy blue and has gold accent stripes – a real power tie to reflect God’s power in our ministry. The price for the tie is \$25, including shipping, handling and taxes. The scarf is \$35, including shipping and handling. Please send your check made out to CMDA-PAACS to Terry McLamb, PAACS, PO Box 9906, Fayetteville, NC 28311-9906 and tell us how many of each you wish.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for the wonderful ministry of the dozens of short-term faculty who come to help. May God bless and teach them. Pray that others will answer the call to provide the necessary teaching of skills and the relief that is needed. Pray for peace within our countries and peace within their hearts as they answer his calls to come, to serve and to teach.
- Pray that God will call someone to provide coverage for Dr. Ine as he goes to language school.
- Praise God for all the men and women on the PAACS Commission and Advisory Council. May God richly bless them for their hours of selfless service. Praise God for the effective and productive PAACS Commission time together in Chicago at the Commission meeting. Please pray for the transition that the new organizational structure – that it be seamless and effective.
- Praise God for the addition of Rob Barto as Chief Development Officer. Pray for God’s leading as he helps us seek the way forward while still leaning entirely on the provision of God through His saints.
- Pray that God will guide the new head and neck fellowship selection committee to the right trainee to get the new program off on the right foot.

- Pray for the four new residents that were selected. Pray that their move to their places of training will be effective, that all permits and visas will be obtained and they will have the drive and fortitude necessary to do well in their new fields of endeavor.
- Pray for God to call high-quality applicants for the next incoming class of PAACS residents.
- We praise God that Liberia was declared Ebola-free on May 8.
- Pray that God will call additional career surgeons to join the PAACS faculties at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia, Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt, and Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon.
- 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 for those on home assignment (Dave Thompson and Mike Chupp: Dan Galat beginning in July) - for rest, for the times of speaking and fund-raising and for the times of medical work. Mike Chupp returns to Kenya in August.
- Pray for the need for a short-term surgeon to help Dr. Sherif Hanna in the months of May and June at Harpur Memorial Hospital. Pray for his strength for the six months while the Thompsons are in the States.
- Pray for the need for orthopedic coverage at Tenwek from July through December while Dan Galat is on home assignment.
- Praise God – the David Halter family leaves the US on June 8 to begin language school before service at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Their container has already been sent on its way to Tanzania – please pray for safety in travel, safe arrival of their goods and for their adjustment to Tanzania and the new hospital.
- The Michael Ganeyns are also trying to raise their funds to return to Tenwek. Please pray for God to provide.
- Pray for the Eric Mitchell family as they close out their time at Tenwek and continue to seek God's direction for the future.
- Pray for God's hand upon the lives of Dr. Todd and Jen Lavery as they prepare to return to serve long-term in Egypt.
- Pray for Jacques Ebhele (2015 Bongolo) as he seeks a new place of employment.
- Pray for the residents as they prepare for the annual PAACS examinations in June.
- Pray for the new marriage and the new parents mentioned in this Bulletin – may God be a blessing to both families.
- Thank God for the years of service from the Sparks family and pray for God's hand upon their future.

- Praise God that our Spiritual Dean, Rev. Stan Key, survived a heart-attack and was able to have immediate percutaneous angioplasty without any resultant heart damage of significance. Praise God for his healing.

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