



PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY
OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

PAACS RESIDENT TESTIMONY



I decided to become a surgeon when I realized that most rural areas of Sub-Saharan Africa, specifically within my home country of Uganda, lacked even the most basic surgical services. As a Christian, I also recognized the broader role that surgery can play in saving lives, as Christ can heal both the body and soul of patients.

My search for a quality surgical training program began amidst palpable financial constraints. I attempted to join several different training institutions within Uganda, but their education and teaching styles were very poor. I had an unquenchable thirst for Christ-centered, surgical training. With limited resources and knowledge, I struggled with feelings of dissatisfaction and unrest in every work I attempted. Nothing was advancing me toward my goals.

In 2010, while serving as a medical officer at a Seventh-Day Adventist hospital, we were visited by medicine residents from Loma-Linda University. These residents observed my desire to help patients with surgical diseases, in spite of my profound lack of skills, knowledge, and resources. They watched my educators often refuse to share the knowledge they did have, for reasons I could not understand. Consequently, they advised me to apply to PAACS. My attempt to apply to PAACS was unsuccessful however, as all my letters requesting any form of support from my immediate supervisors were discovered in trash cans.

Through a friend's offer, I moved back to Ukraine, where I had previously attended medical school. However, eight months into a surgical training program there, my friend had to drop his financial support. This forced me to return to Uganda for employment, with an unrealistic hope to raise money to continue with training. I struggled tooth and nail to gather money to continue my surgical training in Ukraine, but all was in vain. Stranded, with no way forward, God opened the door to PAACS a couple of months later. I joined the program at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, and I'm now in my fourth year of training.

It is a distinct privilege to be trained and ministered to by great men and women of God through PAACS. I daily see patients come to Mbingo from all across Cameroon to be treated, as we offer both quality healthcare and the compassionate love of Christ. In Sub-Saharan Africa, surgical care has been denied to its people by non-existent or corrupt health care systems. Thank you to the inspired and visionary PAACS leaders, donors, and trainers. PAACS is a gracious and God-given gift to this continent!

May God bless you for your generosity and kindness,

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