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OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

PAACS GRADUATE TESTIMONY



My name is Ronald Tubasiime. I was born in Uganda in 1980 to a Rwandese father and Ugandan mother, both of whom abandoned me before my first birthday. My paternal grandmother raised me until the age of eight, at which time I was sent to live with an uncle who lived in a very remote area. My uncle provided school fees, but I lacked basic necessities like food, clothing and a caring family. Suffering from chiggers and lice, I remember begging neighbors for food.

Although I was eventually taken in by strangers, I was a lonely child who had lost all hope for the future. I questioned my existence and the circumstances that surrounded me. It was then, at just age nine, I started drinking and my addiction to alcohol began. For many years, drinking and lusting in nightclubs filled what was otherwise an empty existence filled with despair.

My search for peace was long and lonely, until one day, I encountered our Lord Jesus Christ – an encounter that transformed me. I felt a connection that I had not previously known. I took the name “Tubasiime”, which means “thankful” to honor the many people who helped me in life. With my gratitude to Christ and all who helped me, I was able to meet my parents, my mother in 1998 and my father in 2001, for the first time and offer them forgiveness. I was able to show them forgiveness because of the grace and forgiveness offered to me by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With newfound hope for the future, I joined and graduated medical school. After working at a Christian Mission Hospital for 2.5 years, I envisioned becoming a surgeon but did not have the financial means to pursue this dream. One of the missionaries familiar with the PAACS surgical training program encouraged me to apply. To my surprise and delight, I was selected to join the PAACS program in Ethiopia – just one more thing in my life that can only be attributed to the grace of God. Through my PAACS training I have learned to become a very good surgeon and to share the love of Christ with my patients. I want to be an instrument in the hands of my God to help bring healing to the bodies and the souls of my patients.

I thank God every day for His amazing grace, for the blessings that led me down that path to the man I am today. I thank Him also for the future possibilities and for choosing me to help those less fortunate through my surgical and spiritual training.

May God bless you for your generosity and kindness,

Dr. Ronald Tubasiime



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