

Into the Deep: Serving Christ Together in Kenya

We are so sorry about an erroneous link in our update sent last week! If you tried to donate toward the Tenwek Residency Housing Project, please try again! [Click Here](#)

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Great News!

We have exciting news to share... At the recent PAACS Commission meeting, approval was given for the **Tenwek OB/GYN residency program**. This will be the first OB/GYN training program through PAACS, and also the first of its kind in Africa to our knowledge. Our hope is that this program will help to pave the way for similar training programs throughout SubSaharan Africa...helping to meet the large need for timely, safe, affordable, and often life-saving care for women in this region of the world. What a great privilege it is to share our medical knowledge and skills with bright young doctors in a setting where we can also empower our trainees and our patients, acknowledging the power of God in our lives and treating ALL patients as the honored and loved children of God that they are!

There are still many details to work out, primarily the need for **residency housing** and additional consultant-level **faculty**. Please join us in praying for God to meet these needs. If you would like to contribute toward the ongoing residency housing project, click [here](#). If you are an OB/GYN (general or sub-specialist) who is interested in serving with us or in helping with residency development, please email me to talk more.



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Praises

-For further progress toward an OB/GYN residency program. God is drawing many people into this vision!

-For the success of our surgery graduates... For how God is using them for His glory in Kenya and East Africa!

- For the end to another successful school year for Rees and Mary Taylor.



Our current OB/GYN Team

More Great News!

Also approved at the recent PAACS meeting was the start of a new general surgery residency program at a nearby hospital, A.I.C. Litein Hospital. Why is this exciting? Because it will be the first PAACS program to be started and staffed completely by PAACS graduates (all of whom are Tenwek graduates!).

When Dr. Philip Blasto finished residency in January 2016, the nearby mission hospital was hesitant to hire a full-time surgeon. They had never had a full-time surgeon and weren't sure if they could commit to his salary. After helping convince the administration that having a full-time surgeon would certainly pay off for their hospital and their community, Philip was hired. One year later, the surgery volume had increased so much that the hospital readily hired a second Tenwek surgery graduate (Dr. John Kanyi). One more year passed, and they again hired another Tenwek surgery graduate (Dr. Valentine Mbithi). Together this team of three surgeons have supported one another and developed the surgical capabilities at this hospital. Trust and respect from the community has increased as they see reliable, compassionate, high-quality care given. Heath has enjoyed offering advice and encouragement to these

They have both grown and matured so much this year. Now on to 9th and 6th grades!

Prayer Needs

-For Tenwek Hospital as they navigate administrative and financial challenges that come with running a mission hospital. We still can't remove this from our prayer needs! This remains a huge challenge for Tenwek and for all mission hospitals in Africa. If you want to read more about some of the current issues here in Kenya, click [here](#).

- For Heath to have wisdom in his roles as Program Director and Chief of Surgery, and to have balance in his administrative tasks, clinical duties and family time.

- For the funding, housing, and faculty needs to be met for OB/GYN development in God's timing.

- For our family and for Rees as we prepare for a big transition in August (see below).

- For our many visitors this summer:

young colleagues. We are beyond proud to see them taking the initiative to begin a new residency program, and we have full confidence that they will make wonderful teachers and mentors!



Drs. John Kanyi, Philip Blasto, and Valentine Mbithi (L to R)

Great Needs...

The needs of this place often seem overwhelming and unending. But we want to highlight a couple of needs that YOU might be able to meet...

We are in great need of a **Financial Director** to serve with us in Kenya. This role provides financial oversight for WGM Kenya, which involves 50+ missionaries with a wide array of ministries. Our finance director retired at the end of January, and we have survived with the help of mid-term volunteers. But they have now left as well, and our need is critical! This position involves working with Kenyan staff, missionaries, WGM state-side staff, local banks, and government agencies. Do YOU have skills and experience in financial management that God could use to serve others in this way? If you are interested in learning more, please email us!

We also have a great need for **orthopedic surgeons**. Due to having two surgeons leave somewhat unexpectedly, our orthopedic department is struggling to meet the clinical demands, and the residency program is currently on probation. Volunteers serving anywhere from 2 weeks to 2

-Ashlyn, a pre-med student who is finishing up one month with us;
-CAK team of 13 (9 youth and 4 adults) arriving this week for a 2-week missions vision trip
-Angela's sister and family coming in July ...Pray that God will work in the lives of our visitors and through these visits draw others into His work in the world more deeply.

Want to support our ministry financially?

Our work in Kenya is only possible because of our amazing team of supporters! We would love to have you on our team!

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Kid's Corner

We have made the difficult decision that Rees will attend Rift Valley Academy in the fall for starting 9th grade. RVA is a boarding school run by AIM located about 3 hours from us. We all have mixed emotions about

years would be helpful. Can YOU help? Email us if you are interested.



Orthopedic surgeon Amanda McCoy (3rd from left) with ortho residents Eric, Danny, Marvin, Lunar, Ian, and Syril

Mission Anniversary

June 2014...



this, but overall we feel that this is the best decision for Rees. Please pray for our time together as a family this summer and for the transition ahead at the end of August.



Rees and MT with Ashlyn, a visiting pre-med student and our "adopted daughter" for the month.

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This week marks FIVE years since we moved to Kenya. THANK YOU for partnering with us in this ministry. Your support for us and our work makes ALL the difference... faithful financial donations, ongoing prayers, encouragement with emails, cards, and care packages, and even visits.

Asante Sana!
The Many Family
(Heath, Angela, Rees, and Mary Taylor)

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." ~Corrie ten Boom

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