

Into the Deep: Serving Christ Together in Kenya

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Graduation 2020



Dr. Patricia Chesang and Dr. Ian Orwa

On January 17th, Tenwek Hospital celebrated another class of graduating surgeons. Dr. Patricia Chesang was the 15th general surgeon (6th class) and Dr. Ian Orwa was the 3rd orthopedic surgeon (2nd class) to graduate from the Tenwek PAACS residency programs. Patricia will be serving full-time at Kapsowar Mission Hospital located in a remote region of northwestern Kenya. Ian will be working part-time at Tenwek and also at another nearby hospital. We are proud of Patricia's and Ian's accomplishments, and our prayers go with them as they seek to show Jesus' love to the patients they serve across Kenya.

Starting 2020 Strong!



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Praises

-We praise God for providing the needed funds for the surgical residency program for 2020!

-We are thankful for ongoing success of our graduates. We praise God for how He is using them for His glory in Kenya and East Africa! If you missed our last newsletter with an update of the surgical alumni, [click here](#).

Prayer Needs

- For Tenwek Hospital as they navigate the many administrative and



Surgical faculty and residents 2020

We want to express out deep GRATITUDE to all who gave generously during the Christmas season to help support the surgical training program at Tenwek. Thanks to you, we are starting 2020 strong, with enough financial support to carry the program through the year. This is a huge answer to prayer for us and our trainees, and it allows us to focus on other important aspects of the program beyond the financial needs. Thank you!

The picture above includes our new residents who began in January. Each year as new residents begin the five-year training program, other classes progress to take on increased responsibilities and leadership roles. Please pray for each class of residents as they strive toward full maturity and skill as Christian surgeons. (If you would like to help support the surgical residency program financially, [click here](#).)

More Residency Happenings... **Meet our new residents...**

Mercy Mitei

We have known Mercy since 2015 when she rotated at Tenwek Hospital as a medical student. She returned to Tenwek for internship, then



financial challenges that come with running a mission hospital. At the end of January four high-level administrators resigned (including the CEO). Please pray for those who are filling in and for the Board to have wisdom as they seek the best way forward regarding restructuring and replacing these positions.

- For us to have wisdom as we navigate difficult decisions and dynamics within the hospital and our community.

- For us to have wisdom as parents as we seek to help our daughters grow in knowledge and maturity toward Christ.

- For Rees at boarding school to have healthy relationships with the adults and peers in her daily life.

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was hired by the OB/GYN department where she has worked for the past 1.5 years. Mercy has proven herself to be highly competent and caring. She sees surgery as an effective way to use her abilities to share Christ with others and wants to serve in a needy area of Kenya.

Yves Yankuze

Yves is from Burundi, where the surgical need is among the highest in the world. Yves came to Tenwek in January 2018 and was hired as a general practitioner on the cardiothoracic surgery service with hopes of joining surgery residency. We are glad to having him join the program this year. Compelled by the great need in his home country, Yves hopes to return to Burundi after residency as a fully trained surgeon to serve his community. A few weeks ago, Yves married Alida, a Family Medicine resident who is also from Burundi. We look forward to seeing how God will use them in Burundi.



Violet Otoki

We also met Violet when she came to Tenwek as a medical student in 2015. She returned for internship, and then was hired by the cardiothoracic surgery department where



Kid's Corner



Rees has enjoyed learning a new sport this term at school... Field Hockey!



Mary Taylor and Heath participated in a 26 mile mountain bike race at Mt. Kenya last month. Unexpected heavy rains during the usual dry season made the ride especially challenging! But they persevered for a ride they won't forget, passing elephants, gazelles, and a even a rhino.

she has worked for 1.5 years. Violet has also been in our mentor group for the past year. She is tenacious and bright, with a tender heart for her patients. Violet has a special passion for cardiac patients and hopes to eventually pursue training in that specialty area.

OB/GYN Happenings

Plans are still moving forward to begin an OB/GYN residency program here at Tenwek with PAACS in January 2021. We are excited to have two OB/GYNs and their families currently raising support and making plans to join our team as long-term missionaries later this year.

We are honored to work along side of our Kenyan colleagues and trainees. They give us great hope for the future of surgery and of the Church in Kenya.
Thank you for supporting us and our ministry in Kenya,

*The Many Family
(Heath, Angela, Rees, and Mary Taylor)*



The girls rescued an orphaned kitten (from the mouth of our dog in our yard!) who has survived against the odds and is now a feisty 2.5-month-old... "Pippin".



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