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DEAR FRIEND

ANYONE CAN BE A MISSIONARY. You don't have to be a certain age. Lengthy training may not be required. You don't have to be a doctor or even an evangelist! As you will find in this edition of On Call, a child can be an ambassador for Jesus. So can individuals who have suffered great emotional and physical brokenness. God can use anyone at any time who has a heart for Him and a desire to share His Good News with others.

This year Samaritan's Purse is launching a series of sub-specialty surgical campaigns that brings a new dimension to our medical ministry. Our first destination was Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi (see page 10), where we sent a team of orthopedic surgeons in March to realign legs and restore hope for dozens of patients. This reminds me of John's account of the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda who had been disabled for 38 years. When Jesus Christ asked the man if he wanted to be healed, he replied, *"Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up"* (John 5:7, ESV).

The lame man needed someone to help him, and Jesus responded with an act of compassion that changed the man's life: *"Get up, take up your bed, and walk.*' *And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked"* (John 5:8-9, ESV). Likewise, God is using our doctors to come to the aid of hurting people and ultimately lead them to the way of salvation through Christ, the Great Physician.

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Sincerely,

Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

Cindy Albertson checks on a young patient at Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi. A registered nurse, Albertson serves as the program manager for our new surgery sub-specialty team ministry.

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Dr. Kent Brantly While serving with Samaritan's Purse in Liberia, Dr. Brantly joined the fight against the Ebola oubreak. In July 2014, he contracted the virus and was evacuated to Emory University Hospital, where he became the first person in the U.S. to be treated for Ebola.



Pastor Skip Heitzig Senior pastor of Calvary Albuquerque in New Mexico, Skip also serves on the board of directors at Samaritan's Purse and on the World Medical Mission Committee. He hosts a daily 30-minute radio program that reaches thousands of people around the world. "I firmly believe that medicine is one of the best tools for evangelism."



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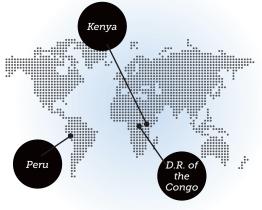
Insights from some of the medical personnel who serve in mission hospitals in more than 20 countries through World Medical Mission.

Peru

Dr. Troy Newman, an ophthalmologist from Mississippi, his wife, Farrah, and two of their children served at La Fuente Centro de Salud Integral Clinic in March.



Peru is a beautiful country and La Fuente is an amazing ministry. Our family had the privilege of visiting the clinic and the families serving there. This was primarily a visionary trip for us, but I was able to examine and offer clinical advice to several patients in the eye clinic who had complicated glaucoma issues. We were encouraged by the miraculous ways in which God has blessed the ophthalmology ministry. The eye clinic also supports the work of other medical specialty clinics at La Fuente, a children's home called Josephine's House, and a church plant in Cusco.



Kenya

Dr. Josh Romero is an otolaryngologist serving at Kijabe Mission Hospital through the World Medical Mission Post-Residency Program.



An older man came to our clinic with a lip cancer. This would require removing a large portion of his face and rebuilding it by moving tissue from other parts of his body. He came from the coast of Kenya—a

day's bus ride away from us. I asked him why he came all that way to see us when there are hospitals in Nairobi which were closer to him and at which he had the means to obtain care. He replied, "Everyone told me to go to Kijabe. They will take care of you there." Please pray for wisdom and perseverance for all of us, Kenyans and expatriates, as we try to be the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world.



Democratic Republic of the Congo

The following is a testimony from Mulasi, a 25-year-old woman who received medical care at the Samaritan's Purse Ebola Treatment Center in Komanda.

During my ride in the back of the ambulance, I knew I was going to die. No more life because Ebola kills. I cried and cried with my family members since I knew I would never come back home alive. But thanks to the amazing support of the doctors, nurses, and other staff, I was healed. What looked impossible became possible. All the symptoms of Ebola were gone. I was very well cared for. I ate and drank, I had medicine, I was visited by loving people of God. This is the loving hand of God on me, by grace, not because of who I am but because of His mercy. On April 17, I was discharged and escorted back home. I was received with great honor, wonder, and tears of joy by my family members and the territory administrators in the presence of a huge crowd from my village and surrounding villages. This gathering of several hundred people came to see and hear my story of hope.





World Medical Mission sent an orthopedic surgical team to Kibuye Hope Hospital in March. Clockwise from bottom left: Dr. Ted Johns, a current Post-Resident; Dr. Dan Galat, a former Post-Resident now serving long term at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya; Dr. David Jomo, a PAACS resident training at Kijabe; and Kibuye Hope Hospital staff nurse Egide Niyiteriteka.

"LIKE ANGELS SENT BY GOD"

Current and former Post-Residents team up to perform life-giving surgeries on orthopedic patients in Burundi.



Amié Fleury has Blount's disease, a growth disorder that causes the bones in the lower legs to bow outward. As he prepared for surgery, his home church was fasting and praying for God to guide the hands of the surgeons. mié Fleury's name means "Beloved Flower," and it broke his parents' hearts to know that there was nothing doctors in Burundi could do to help him walk. Nine-year-old Amié suffers from a rare condition called Blount's disease, which caused his legs to bow outward at the knees. Burundi has only 300 doctors for 11 million citizens, and there were no surgeons who could offer the specialized care he needed.

Then his father, a pastor and evangelist named Michel Ntamubano, heard about a World Medical Mission orthopedic surgery team that Samaritan's Purse was sending to Burundi. He brought him three hours over the mountains to Kibuye Hope Hospital.

Dr. Dan Galat, a former Post-Resident who now serves in Kenya, was the lead surgeon on the team. Galat said that Amié had the worst case of Blount's disease he had ever seen. He prayed, "God, unless you help me with this one, it won't be pretty."

God answered multiple prayers that day. Amié's home church had been praying and fasting for several days for a successful operation. "It was clear that this son was truly loved, and that God brought him to this small hospital for a purpose," Galat said. "I relaxed a little as I realized I had no choice but to somehow let God work through our feeble hands to be an answer to the faithful prayers of so many."

Within hours, Dr. Galat and Dr. Ted Johns, a general surgeon currently serving at Kibuye through our Post-Residency Program, were able to straighten Amié's legs. After a few months in casts while he recovers from surgery, he should be able to walk and run with his friends.

"There are times in the operating room when we can sense the presence of God with us, and this was one of those times," Galat said. "Fixing Amié's crooked legs required multiple cuts in multiple planes to realign, and then stabilize the bones with wires through the skin — all without the benefit of any intraoperative imaging (no C-ARM available at Kibuye). But after finishing the case, I was



Pre- and post-op images show the realignment of the bones in Amié's lower legs. After a few months in casts, he should be able to walk and run with his friends.

pleasantly surprised at how normal the legs looked. Ted Johns and I bumped fists as all in the room felt like we were on sacred ground. We said a prayer of healing and protection for Amié and wheeled him back to his father."

Pastor Ntamubano said the World Medical Mission team "came like angels sent by God to rescue the life of my son. There was great joy in all my family and in the church as well."

Amié was among 28 patients who had orthopedic surgery during the week the team was in Burundi. One man named Jonathan Ntabiriho broke his kneecap 20 years ago in a bicycle accident and has been forced to walk stiff-legged ever since. The Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him, "You will walk again."

"I trusted that God will help me," Jonathan said as he recovered from surgery.

The Lord has been preparing the way for this orthopedic team for several years. Dr. Galat first came to Africa 10 years ago through our Post-Residency Program and now serves at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. Dr. David Jomo, a fourthyear resident with the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) who is receiving training at Kijabe, also joined the team.



Many of the doctors serving at Kibuye Hope Hospital entered the mission field through the Post-Residency Program, including Dr. Ted Johns, Dr. Jason Fader (general surgery), Dr. Jesh Thiessen (general surgery), Dr. Eric McLaughlin (family practice), Dr. Rachel McLaughlin (obstetrician-gynecologist), Dr. John Cropsey (ophthalmologist), and Dr. Alyssa Pfister (internal medicine-pediatrics). In 2016, Dr. Fader received the Gerson L'Chaim Prize from African Mission Healthcare and used the funds to build new operating rooms and purchase orthopedic equipment. One of the goals of the trip was to provide orthopedic training for the Kibuye surgeons.

When the World Medical Mission team arrived in March, construction was still underway. The two biomedical technicians on the team, Todd Poor and Bert Bierstedt, were immediately able to get one of the operating rooms up and running.

The Burundi team is the first group World Medical Mission has sent that specializes in orthopedic surgery. Other teams we are deploying in 2019 will specialize in urology (obstetric fistulas) and neurosurgery (hydrocephalus). @





LEFT: Dr. Dan Galat, a former Post-Resident who is serving as a long-term missionary at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, poses with Amié Fleury. ABOVE: Nurse Casey Diener administers medication to help Amié deal with the pain following surgery. The 9-year-old was among 28 patients who underwent orthopedic procedures during the week the surgical team served together in Burundi.

Walking in the Light of God's Grace

Editor's Note: A year ago, Dr. Gregory Ekbom thought he was going to lose his son. In the midst of the crisis, he held onto hope that God would use the traumatic situation to bring about good. As they soon discovered, the arduous path to healing often begins the moment we seize the opportunity to bless others.



Dr. Gregory Ekbom and his son, Doug, with a Kenyan man who received a prosthetic arm at Chogoria Hospital.

was returning home from a service trip to Chogoria Hospital—my third visit there with World Medical Mission. After 30 years in private practice, I relished the opportunity to work alongside Kenyan doctors and contribute my skills as a general and vascular surgeon.

I put the SIM card back into my cell phone at Chicago-O'Hare airport. This was January 15, 2018. There were multiple voice mails dating back two weeks. The doctors at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, had been trying to reach me to tell me that my 33-year-old son was critically ill.

Doug suffered an acute and complete thrombosis of his abdominal aorta, with no blood flow to his lower extremities. He had endured 10 hours of surgery to remove the blood clots. Then in ICU he developed multiple post-op complications, including GI bleeding, liver failure, sepsis, and respiratory distress. When I called Regions Hospital, the ICU physician told me, "Your son is the sickest patient we have here right now." He urged me to come directly from Minneapolis-St. Paul airport to the hospital.

I asked about the circulation to his feet. The doctor responded, "He is facing bilateral amputations."

"I awoke with the worst nightmare—except that it was real. I cried out to the Lord and said, 'Come into my nightmare!'"

Doug was semi-alert when I arrived, with rapid, shallow breathing, and the doctors were planning to place him on a respirator that evening. I looked at his feet. They were gangrenous. If he suffered cardiac arrest during the night, his chances of survival would be slim.

I told Doug that things looked bleak. If his heart stopped we decided we didn't want anyone to pound on his chest like doctors did on his mom. My wife Eva died in 2011 from a massive pulmonary embolism that occurred two weeks after she had a ruptured brain aneurysm. We both were there during the attempt to resuscitate her.

"Are you ready to go, son?" He said "yes." I signed the "do not resuscitate" form, and I went home that night and slept for maybe an hour. I awoke with the worst nightmare except it was real. I cried out to the Lord and said, "Come into my nightmare!"

And He did. Isaiah 26:3 came to my mind. I said, "Lord, my mind is fixed on you alone. I refuse to go down the dark alleys of fear and anxiety, and I give this chaos over to you!"

I fell asleep and awakened refreshed a few hours later and drove to the hospital. Doug was stable and did not need to go on the respirator. He remained stable for another 48 hours. Then he began to improve very slowly, but steadily. He had two or three additional setbacks over the next month, but was able to leave ICU after six weeks.

Doug underwent bilateral below-theknee amputations March 8, 2018. He was discharged from the hospital April 4, and after the swelling went away, two months later he received his prostheses.

I was there all those years ago when he took his first tentative steps as an 11-monthold. Now I was watching him take his first steps with artificial limbs.

UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY

By the end of August, he was playing golf. He started driving a car again. He drove himself to doctor appointments, physical therapy sessions, and support groups.



As a bilateral amputee, Doug understands the challenges involved in adapting to prostheses.

I would like to say the nightmare was over, but it wasn't for Doug. I tried to be strong for both of us, but I would glance at him and see that his legs weren't there. I think I overcompensated by trying to help him too much. Finally he said, "Dad, just leave me alone. I'm trying to adjust to all of this."

As a surgeon, I have performed many amputations over the years. But as a father and caretaker, I wanted to help him. I had to step back and let him do things for himself. We had some knock-down, drag-out discussions, but he knows I love him and I know he loves me. Our relationship has become much deeper.

I was planning to do another short-term World Medical Mission trip to Kenya in January 2019. In October I asked him, "Do you want to go with me to Chogoria?"

"Sure, I would love to come," was his response. "But what will I do there?" I didn't know, but I went ahead and purchased our plane tickets.

Amputees of all ages came to be fitted for prosthetic devices at a two-day clinic held in January at Chogoria Hospital. Shortly thereafter I attended the Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. While there I struck up a conversation with the founders of an organization called The Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation. I mentioned I was going to Chogoria in January and that I had done two arm amputations there last year. They asked if I would be willing to take a supply of prosthetic arms with me. They even gave me a training session on fitting the arms.

I contacted officials at Chogoria and told them I was bringing a container of donated prosthetic arms. They said great, and that's the last I heard from them until just after Christmas. Imagine my surprise when a former Chogoria medical officer sent me an email announcement that was posted on the hospital's Facebook site. They were inviting amputees to come to a clinic January 17.

I shared this remarkable news with Doug. That's when he got excited.

ARMS OF BLESSING

Amputees in the developing world have less than a 10 percent chance of ever receiving a prosthetic limb. When word of the clinic spread, patients and their families came from all over Kenya, including the Ethiopian border and from hundreds of miles away. The entire hospital grounds were saturated with amputees and their families.

Doug and I saw 53 upper extremity patients, and the team from Nairobi's Kikuyu Hospital saw around 100 lower extremity amputees. He mingled with the patients, showing them his stumps and how the prosthetics worked.

Patient after patient told us their stories. One young woman lost both of her arms when her husband chopped them off during a drunken rage. Doug helped fit her with short arm prostheses, and she could not stop smiling as she signed her name for the first time in four years.

A man who had bilateral arm amputations



Dr. Ekbom is a general and vascular surgeon from Minnesota who has served on four short-term assignments with World Medical Mission in Kenya.

due to an accident was fitted. His brother kept praising the Lord and told us he had been praying for several years, asking God for help for his brother. One woman brought her young son who had lost his right arm. After the fitting, she rejoiced to watch him hold a ball in his hand.

Doug was deeply moved that day, as was I. He said, "Dad, I wish we could do more." So we did. We postponed our planned visit to a safari and extended the clinic one more day. The rest of our time at Chogoria I worked in the operating room and Doug accompanied the chaplains to the wards where he shared his message of hope with the patients.

It was a real joy for Doug and me to be able to work side by side serving others. I think that's part of the healing and restoration process for amputees, or for anyone who has experienced trauma or grief or a major loss. Doug continues to walk through that journey of healing and encourages others to do the same. Last week he spoke to an amputee support group. He is living in an apartment and seeking employment. And much to my frustration, when we are out on the driving range, he still hits the golf ball much better than I do.

Chogoria now hosts a monthly prosthetic clinic. They are partnering with the foundation that donated our first shipment of limbs. Next winter I return to Kenya for a couple of weeks, and then I will be going to a hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that has scheduled its very first amputee clinic.

Sometimes our calling involves suffering, but God restores us and gives us a platform for ministry that we never would have had otherwise. I marvel at His grace. (#)



Dr. John Axelson and several members of the medical staff at Kijabe Hospital gather for prayer as they begin morning rounds. Axelson is an oncologist who has made multiple short-term trips with his wife, Lynn, to serve at overseas mission hospitals through World Medical Mission.

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Drs. Garth and LeeAnne Eliason brought their two sons along on a medical mission trip to Central America.

KIDS ARE **MISSIONARIES** With their toddlers leading the way, the Eliason family

brings the joy of Jesus to children in El Salvador.

hree-year-old Josh* could not contain his excitement when he found out he was going on his first mission trip. "We are going to El Salvador," he announced at his church in British Columbia, Canada. "Daddy is going to work on teeth and we're going to tell people about Jesus!"

The Eliason family—Garth and LeeAnne, Josh, and 18-month-old Jimmy*—were embarking on a 17-day trip to Shalom Family Medical Center, where Garth would provide dental care to children in a poor, suburban area.

The young couple, both of whom are medical professionals, has previously served on the mission field. During his fourth year of dental school, Garth spent a few weeks working in a First Nations community in northern Canada. He also provided care during shortterm trips to Nicaragua and Belize.

LeeAnne, a physician specializing in infectious diseases, had a heart for Africa. In 2014 the couple served with World Medical Mission for three weeks at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. They went back the next year, when LeeAnne was expecting their first child.

"We had kids and put our plans for more missions work on hold," explained LeeAnne. "Recently we felt God nudging us to go again and we started praying about it. We looked for child-friendly locations where we could serve together as a family."

The Eliasons contacted World Medical Mission for guidance.

"The staff understood our concerns about traveling with a one-year-old and a 3-yearold. They narrowed down some options for us to take our kids and where our skills were needed," Garth said. "Then everything fell into place. They gave us the encouragement we needed to give this a try."

For the Eliason's two little boys, the adventure awaiting them was just as cool as going on a summer camping trip. Maybe better.

REMOVING BARRIERS

Leaving the snowy February landscape of home behind, the family traveled over 4,000 miles to Santiago Texacuangos, a small city in southern El Salvador. It was a trek offering many firsts—the longest airplane ride for Josh and Jimmy, the first trip to Central America for the Eliasons as a family, and an introduction to a different language and culture for the toddlers who quickly embraced their new environment.

"God called us here, and if He called us, He is also calling our children."

The Eliasons stayed in a two-bedroom apartment at the children's home, just a few blocks away from the Shalom Family Medical Center. While Garth worked in the dental clinic, LeeAnne and the boys spent the day interacting with kids in the home.

Some of the children had been residents of the home since birth. Their circumstances varied from youngsters with no disabilities to others who had Down syndrome or were visually or hearing impaired.

"One day Josh said to me, 'Mommy, some of my friends here don't speak English or Spanish.' He didn't care that they had a different way of communicating. He didn't define them as different or less than. They were his friends equals," said LeeAnne. "As a parent, that's something you try to instill in your children. That was such a blessing to me."

From the garbage truck driver to the kitchen staff at the dining hall, Josh and Jimmy seemed to make friends effortlessly.

Seeing the garbage truck rumble by was a thrill for them. They welcomed the driver as if he were the grand marshal of a street parade. The driver responded by flashing a big smile and waving back.



ABOVE: The Eliason family served with World Medical Mission at Shalom Family Medical Center in El Salvador. The clinic opened in 2015.

TOP RIGHT: Along with pediatric and general care, Shalom offers a dental clinic, OB/GYN exam room with ultrasound, an X-ray room, two trauma/emergency bays, and a pharmacy. The center plans to add an out-patient operating room and physical therapy area.

RIGHT: The staff at Shalom quickly became endeared to the Eliason children.

Photo credits: Shalom Family Medical Center





As for the kitchen staff, they simply couldn't resist when the boys complimented the food and politely pleaded for more—in Spanish. *Pupusa*, a thick flatbread stuffed with beans and cheese, was their favorite dish.

"The boys didn't have to do anything special to bless people. They were just being themselves. I felt like I was mostly a facilitator of their ministry," LeeAnne said.

One frightening event during their stay illustrated the genuine love the Shalom staff had for the Eliason children. Jimmy had pressed the push-lock in their apartment door and locked himself inside. With no key, his mom and dad could not get him out, despite his cries for help.

"I ran to get help. Both the center director and a maintenance man with a tool belt came charging up the stairs. The maintenance man took the door off its frame and scooped Jimmy up into his arms as if he were his own child," said LeeAnne. "That left an impression on us. They treated us like family."

Although the boys did not spend much time

in the dental clinic, Garth did give his sons a brief tour when they first arrived at Shalom.

"They took turns going for a ride in the chair. Up and down, up and down," he chuckled.

Most of Garth's patients were children from the orphanage or local schools. Their care ranged from basic exams and cleanings to inserting fillings for some kids who had cavities in as much as 80 percent of their teeth.

Garth said he was "pleasantly surprised" at the relatively new facilities. "It was the most modern clinic I have worked in given the setting. We could take X-rays and we had standard dental chairs. We were limited in some tools, but most of time we had all that we needed. It was a very comfortable work environment."

He was especially grateful for his Spanish translator, who also helped him in performing suctioning and handed him instruments. It was a bit of a challenge, however, to not have a trained dental assistant working alongside him.



That may change next year when the Eliasons hope to return short term to the mission field. Some of his office staff in Canada has already expressed interest in joining them.

Perhaps those staff will take their children too.

"When Garth and I were at Mbingo, I asked a missionary couple how they felt about bringing their children with them. I will never forget what the mother told me. She said 'God called us here, and if He called us, He is also calling our children.""

"Pray, pray, pray about it," was LeeAnne's advice to medical professionals who want their kids to experience overseas mission opportunities. "Then do what you can to minimize the risks, and go in faith." @



Sarah Loving has used her nursing skills to minister to the sick in Africa through World Medical Mission and Mercy Ships.

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P reaking the news to his parents was going to be incredibly hard, maybe her most difficult task since her arrival in Togo, and nurse Sarah Loving prayed for God to give her and the staff the right words.

The newborn had suffered respiratory failure during delivery, and the medical team at Hospital of Hope was doing all they could to save him. Despite being placed on a CPAP machine, his tiny body was unresponsive and had continued to decline throughout the night.

"The next morning the physician explained to the family that their baby wasn't going to make it," Loving said. "We joined the chaplains in praying with them."

The parents wanted to take their son home to die, so Loving removed the breathing tubes and lines and handed the baby to his mother.

It was a heartbreaking moment for the family that was magnified when the father became concerned that he didn't have enough money to pay the medical bill. Hospital administration instructed him to pay what he could, and the hospital's benevolence fund would cover the remainder.

"Your debt has been taken care of. It's finished," Loving reassured him.

"As soon as those words left my lips, my eyes began to well up with tears. I realized how closely this mirrored the love of Christ and the grace we've been shown," she reflected. "We all have a great debt that we can't pay. Jesus covered it all and paid our way."

The father shook Loving's hand, a rare occurrence between men and women in his culture, and expressed his thanks. She was deeply moved.

That experience was among many unforgettable moments—most with happier outcomes—that made her 2 ½ months in Togo last fall a time to witness God's unconditional love, even during times of suffering and loss.

A HEART TO HELP

Although this was Loving's first stint with World Medical Mission, the 28-year-old nurse from Virginia has enjoyed a variety of missions adventures in Ukraine and Kenya and two deployments with Mercy Ships to Cameroon and Guinea.

"I grew up being passionate about serving others," Loving said. "I have always had a heart to help people."

That compassion began at an early age. Loving remembers around the age of 11 wanting to raise money to buy a Bible for a homeless man in her community. Resourceful as well as determined, she and a couple of friends set up an impromptu "yard sale" of items from their bedroom closet.

"I don't remember how much money we raised, but the homeless man got a Bible," she said.

"We all have a great debt that we can't pay. Jesus covered it all and paid our way."

Later God moved in her heart at various Christian youth events, raising her awareness of the magnitude of physical and spiritual needs of people beyond Virginia. At one retreat, Loving came forward during the altar call expressing her desire to make a greater commitment to missions. That meant she was open to serving even on the other side of the world if that was what God purposed for her to do.

She didn't have to wait for long. Loving talked with friends of her family who had started a nonprofit organization that assists children with special needs in Ukraine. She asked her family if they could visit some of the orphanages the ministry helped support. Never mind that neither she nor her parents or brother had ever traveled outside of the United States or flown on a plane.

However, Loving persisted, and at age 12 she and her father became part of a team that made the trip to Europe. The next summer the whole family went. During each of her three visits to Ukraine, Loving's heart broke for the youngsters in the orphanages.

"But from age 16 to age 26, missions became a distant passion and other things took priority in my life," she explained.

After graduating from the University of Virginia with a nursing degree, she spent two years working with cancer patients at Duke University Hospital, followed by two years in the pediatric step-down unit at University of North Carolina Medical Center.

However, in 2015, a personal tragedy turned Loving's world upside down.

"I felt empty, out of control, and alone," she said. "I hit rock bottom."

Loving found a supportive group of believers at The Summit Church in Durham. In addition to helping her cope with her loss, the congregation awakened in her a renewed interest in local and global missions.

"I discovered that my worth was ultimately found in Christ. I was completely broken, and He transformed my heart. He redeemed all of the suffering and grief," she can now say with a smile. "When I surrendered to His will, He gave me a new purpose."

BINDING THE BROKENHEARTED

An opportunity arose through her church to go on a two-week mission trip to Kenya during the summer of 2016. It was her first time in Africa and her first overseas mission trip since her visits to Ukraine while she was a teenager.

Their group assisted in farm and garden projects and spent time in slum neighborhoods. Loving also worked with people who had HIV/AIDS. "They appreciated us treating them like a person and loved having us visit them in their homes," she said.

She returned to Africa later that year, this time to Cameroon aboard Mercy Ships, a global Christian charity that provides free surgeries and healthcare training in developing nations.



At Hospital of Hope in Togo, Loving provides tender care to an infant. The experience was her first serving inside a mission hospital.

A fellow nurse told Loving about her previous experiences serving with World Medical Mission at Hospital of Hope in Togo. The challenge intrigued Loving, who had never applied her skills inside a mission hospital.

Feeling the Lord was calling her to "go a little deeper" and immerse herself in an indigenous culture, Loving headed to Togo last October as a World Medical Mission volunteer. But her introduction to a remote field hospital held some surprises. Even Loving's oncology work in North Carolina did not prepare her for the suffering and death she saw daily in Togo.

"The first time I walked into the wards, I honestly wanted to run away," she recalled. "Everything was so drastically different from hospitals in the United States. I was shocked and felt heartbroken."

Desperately ill patients, who had delayed seeking medical attention, could only be made

comfortable. Children were dying of malaria. There were no ventilators. Medications were limited. Family members slept on the floor beside the beds of patients.

Yet Loving was impressed by the tenacious compassion of the staff who went the extra mile for their patients and who encouraged her to see God's love transcend the suffering. Looking back, she rejoices to see how God used her to be a part of small and large miracles.

The blood Loving donated one day saved the life of a young mother. In another instance she administered treatment to a toddler, whose condition had deteriorated to an almost comatose state due to cerebral malaria. She found the girl sitting up and smiling the next morning.

"I couldn't believe it was the same child," said Loving. "She reached her arms out to me, and I held her and laid her head on my shoulder. It was a sweet moment."

After Togo she served on another hospital ship in Conakry, Guinea, then returned to the United States in January to accept a nursing position at University of Virginia Hospital.

The past few years have been something of a whirlwind. In addition to her overseas work, Loving spent time in Texas helping Houston residents who lost their homes in Hurricane Harvey. She also worked as a nurse at a summer camp for children with disabilities in North Carolina.

Now it's time to catch her breath, and Loving is thrilled to be reunited with her family and friends while she awaits the Lord's prompting for the next mission opportunity.

"I think I have come full circle," she said. "We all experience brokenness in our lives, but we have a heavenly Father who redeems the hurt and pain.

"We are living sacrifices giving back what God has given to us in service to others, and in doing that we actually find life." (#)

Loving helps children feel at ease and have a little fun as they receive medical attention. She has served in Togo, Guinea, and Cameroon.



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Dr. Richard Furman, co-founder of World Medical Mission

look back 30 years ago to our first Prescription for Renewal conference, held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina. Attendance grew and the following year we moved to the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove. We have continued to grow, and this year we are holding PFR in the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida. We are especially excited to expand PFR programming to include all of the Samaritan's Purse medical projects, giving you more options for how you may want to use your talents for God's glory. *I want* to emphasize that the focus of the conference remains spiritual renewal of your faith in the Lord and contemplation of practical ways you can serve Him in the future.

I believe the 2019 conference can be the most rewarding PFR we have ever had because we will get a renewed vision of how and where we as physicians can serve. We will

we as physicians can serve. We will introduce you to mission hospitals that need our help. You can also attend sessions highlighting emergency relief medicine and see how our mobile field hospital functions. Other breakout sessions will be offered to provide information and insight on ways you can apply your medical specialty skills on the mission field.

I would like to encourage any doctor who has done short-term mission work at one of the mission hospitals we support to attend this year's PFR. The reason is that the need is even greater than ever, and those who have experienced such a trip are the best encouragers for those who have never gone to the mission field. Approximately half of the attendees have never volunteered to work overseas. It is an enlightening encounter for

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"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory."

-PSALM 115:1

them as they interact with those who have gone. The same is true of the doctors who have deployed with our Disaster Assistance Response Team who can share their experiences in the field hospital. Whether you have served or not, we encourage you to come and share a great time of spiritual renewal.

I look forward to seeing you at Prescription for Renewal in Orlando in September. Let's commit to doing what we can with our medical expertise so in years to come we can look back and say: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory" (Psalm 115:1).



Please pray for these mission hospitals and consider volunteering if you are a medical professional in one of the following specialties.





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GENERAL SURGERY

Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana Bongolo Hospital, Gabon Chitokoloki Mission Hospital, Zambia Chogoria Hospital, Kenya ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria ELWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Hopital Baptiste Biblique, Togo Hospital Diospi Suyana, Peru Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital of Hope, Togo Hospital Shalom, Guatemala Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda Kijabe Mission Hospital, Kenya Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Restricted Country Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal

HEMATOLOGY

ELWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Hospital Evangelico, Honduras Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Baptist Medical Centre, **Ghana** Bongolo Hospital, **Gabon** ECWA Egbe Hospital, **Nigeria** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Haiti Health Ministries, **Haiti** Hopital Baptiste Biblique, **Togo** Hospital Diospi Suyana, **Peru** Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital of Hope, Togo Hospital Shalom, Guatemala Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenva Kijabe Mission Hospital, Kenya Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea La Fuente Centro, Peru Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal

NEONATOLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Hopital Baptiste Biblique, **Togo** Kapsowar Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Kibogora Hospital, **Rwanda** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Memorial Christian Hospital, **Bangladesh** Nkhoma Mission Hospital, **Bangladesh** Nkhoma Mission Hospital, **Ethiopia** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

NEPHROLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Hospital Shalom, **Guatemala** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Soddo Christian Hospital, **Ethiopia** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

NEUROLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Hospital Shalom, **Guatemala** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

NEUROSURGERY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Kijabe Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Baptist Medical Centre, **Ghana** Bongolo Hospital, **Gabon** Chogoria Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Closed Countries CME Nyankunde Hospital, **Democratic Republic of the Congo** ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria ELWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti Hopital Baptiste Biblique, Togo Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital of Hope, Togo Hospital Shalom, Guatemala Jungle Hospital, Honduras Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Kijabe Mission Hospital, Kenya Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea La Fuente Centro, Peru Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal

OPHTHALMOLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Bongolo Hospital, Gabon Chogoria Hospital, Kenya ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria ELWA Hospital, Liberia Hospital Diospi Suyana, Peru Hospital Evangelico, Honduras Hospital Loma de Luz. Honduras Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital of Hope, Togo Hospital Shalom, Guatemala Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe La Fuente Centro, Peru Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya

ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Bongolo Hospital, **Gabon** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Hospital Loma de Luz, **Honduras** Kapsowar Hospital, **Kenya** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Soddo Christian Hospital, **Ethiopia** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

AIC-CURE International Children's Hospital, Kenya Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Bongolo Hospital, Gabon Chogoria Hospital, Kenya CME Nyankunde Hospital, Democratic Republic of the Congo ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria Galmi Hospital, Niger Hopital Baptiste Biblique, Togo Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital of Hope, **Togo** Kapsowar Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Karanda Mission Hospital, **Zimbabwe** Kibogora Hospital, **Rwanda** Kijabe Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Kudiji Nazarene Hospital, **Papua New Guinea** Macha Mission Hospital, **Zambia** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Memorial Christian Hospital, **Bangladesh** Restricted Country Soddo Christian Hospital, **Ethiopia** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya** United Mission Hospital Tansen, **Nepal**

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Bongolo Hospital, **Gabon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Hopital Baptiste Biblique, **Togo** Hospital Shalom, **Guatemala** Kapsowar Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Shalom Family Medical Center, **El Salvador** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya** United Mission Hospital Tansen, **Nepal**

PATHOLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Kijabe Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Myungsung Christian Medical Center, **Ethiopia** Soddo Christian Hospital, **Ethiopia** United Mission Hospital Tansen, **Nepal**

PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

AIC-CURE International Children's Hospital, Kenya Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon ELWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon

PEDIATRIC SURGERY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Baptist Medical Centre, **Ghana** Bongolo Hospital, **Gabon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ECWA Egbe Hospital, **Nigeria** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Hopital Baptiste Biblique, **Togo** Hospital Shalom, **Guatemala** Kibogora Hospital, **Rwanda** Kijabe Mission Hospital, **Kenya** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Mukinge Mission Hospital, **Kenya** United Mission Hospital Tansen, **Nepal**

PEDIATRICS

Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana Bongolo Hospital, Gabon Chogoria Hospital, Kenya ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria FLWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Haiti Health Ministries, Haiti Hopital Baptiste Biblique, Togo Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital of Hope, Togo Hospital Shalom, Guatemala Jungle Hospital, Honduras Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe Kijabe Mission Hospital, Kenya Kudiip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh Mukinge Mission Hospital, Zambia Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Restricted Country Shalom Family Medical Center, El Salvador Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal

PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHAB

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Baptist Medical Centre, **Ghana** ECWA Egbe Hospital, **Nigeria** ELWA Hospital, **Ghana** Galmi Hospital, **Niger** Karanda Mission Hospital, **Zimbabwe** Kibogora Hospital, **Rwanda** Mibingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Soddo Christian Hospital, **Ethiopia** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

PLASTIC SURGERY

Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria ELWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda Kijabe Mission Hospital, Kenya Macha Mission Hospital, Cameroon Mukinge Mission Hospital, Camina Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya

PSYCHIATRY

Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Nkhoma Mission Hospital, **Malawi**

PSYCHOLOGY

Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** Nkhoma Mission Hospital, **Malawi**

RADIOLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Baptist Medical Centre, Ghana Chogoria Hospital, Kenya ECWA Egbe Hospital, Nigeria ELWA Hospital, Liberia Galmi Hospital, Niger Hopital Baptiste Biblique, Togo Hospital Evangelico, Honduras Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda Kijabe Mission Hospital, Kenya Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Ethiopia Shalom Medical Center, El Salvador Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya

RHEUMATOLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Chogoria Hospital, **Kenya** ELWA Hospital, **Liberia** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

THORACIC SURGERY

Banso Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Macha Mission Hospital, **Zambia** Mbingo Baptist Hospital, **Cameroon** Tenwek Mission Hospital, **Kenya**

UROLOGY

Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Bongolo Hospital, Gabon Chogoria Hospital, Kenya ECWA Eqbe Hospital, Nigeria Galmi Hospital, Niger Hospital Mision Tarahumara, Mexico Hospital Shalom, Guatemala Kapsowar Mission Hospital, Kenya Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Cameroon Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia Tenwek Mission Hospital, Kenya United Mission Hospital Tansen, Nepal



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