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Dear Alumni Family, Friends and Members,

Not even a global pandemic can deter the Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumni who continue to go into service around the world. While Malamulo Malawi continues to lead as a Loma Linda University Health Global Campus, several other sites are rapidly developing including Bere Adventist Hospital (southern Tchad), Haiti Adventist Hospital (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital (Nepal), and Kendu Adventist Hospital (Kenya). This year, the following proposals include several major projects and a number of smaller, supporting projects. These requests continue a long tradition of support from Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary for our School of Medicine graduates serving abroad, now totaling over \$1 million over the past 10 years.

Please join me in prayer for these dedicated alumni working in overseas missions under challenging conditions of limited resources, shifting political agendas, local unrest, and the specter of pandemic. The service of our medical missionaries exemplifies the character of Jesus Christ who made healing the sick a prominent focus of His life on earth.

2020-2021 Missions Projects

INTERNATIONAL SITE (project):	AMOUNT
1. Bere Adventist Hospital, Tchad (surgery suite)	\$50,000
2. Kendu Bay Adventist Hospital, Kenya (patient privacy)	\$10,000
3. Waterloo Adventist Hospital, Sierra Leone (home appliances and furniture)	\$10,000
4. Malamulo Adventist Hospital, Malawi (cervical cancer detection program)	\$10,000
5. Hospital Adventista de Valle de Angeles, Honduras (digital x-ray)	\$10,000
6. Hopital Adventiste du Haiti, Haiti (prosthetic limb production)	\$ 5,000
7. Lilongwe Adventist Medical Center, Malawi (enhanced OB services)	\$ 5,000
8. Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital (personal protective equipment)	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$110,000

May His grace shine over you,

Patti Batin Hall
Chair, Mission Committee



BERE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, TCHAD

New Surgery Center - \$50,000

There are now six LLUSM graduates working at Bere. These include **Danae Netteburg SM'06** (Ob/Gyn) and her husband, **Olen SM'07** (Emergency Medicine), **Sarah Belensky SM'13** (Family Medicine with obstetrics), **Staci Davenport SM'14** (Family Medicine), **Megan Trecartin SM'15** (Family Medicine) and her husband, **Andrew SM'11** (Surgery). This unusual concentration of LLU grads provides an excellent opportunity to fully develop Bere Adventist Hospital into a Global Campus of Loma Linda University Health, with specialized services and educational opportunities.

Many of the hospital buildings are 1940 original structures. In particular, the operating suite is small and crowded but is now the second largest of all hospitals in Tchad. The goal is to develop Bere into a second Adventist site for the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons, joining Malamulo as a place to train fully qualified surgeons on the African continent.

The plan is to build Bere its first true surgery center. Bere needs assistance to finish a large building that will provide two new spacious operating theaters, with support rooms to fully utilize the skills, reputation, and personnel at Bere.



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KENDU ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, KENYA

Patient Privacy - \$10,000

Kendu Adventist Hospital is in southwestern Kenya, near Lake Victoria. Established in 1925, Kendu has been blessed with a long line of Loma Linda graduates, though none have served there for over 20 years. Now **Denny Hong SM'15**, trained in both Internal Medicine and Tropical Medicine, and his wife Jayeon, a CPA, along with their three children, have joined the staff at Kendu. There are great plans and hopes for Kendu as it advances toward a major expansion of its services in this critical corner of the world.

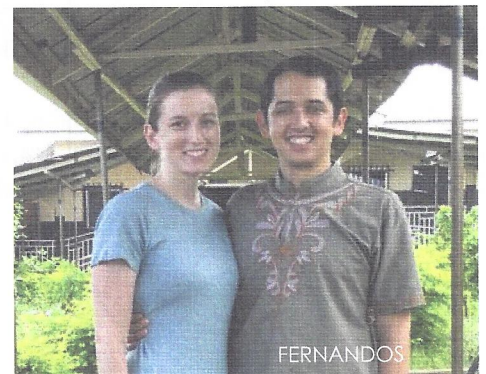
Most mission hospitals in the developing world have had to utilize open wards for inpatients and large rooms for outpatients. The beds are separated only by curtains which are pulled opened and closed many times a day. Currently, these curtains are non-existent and must be replaced as well as the tracks they hang from.

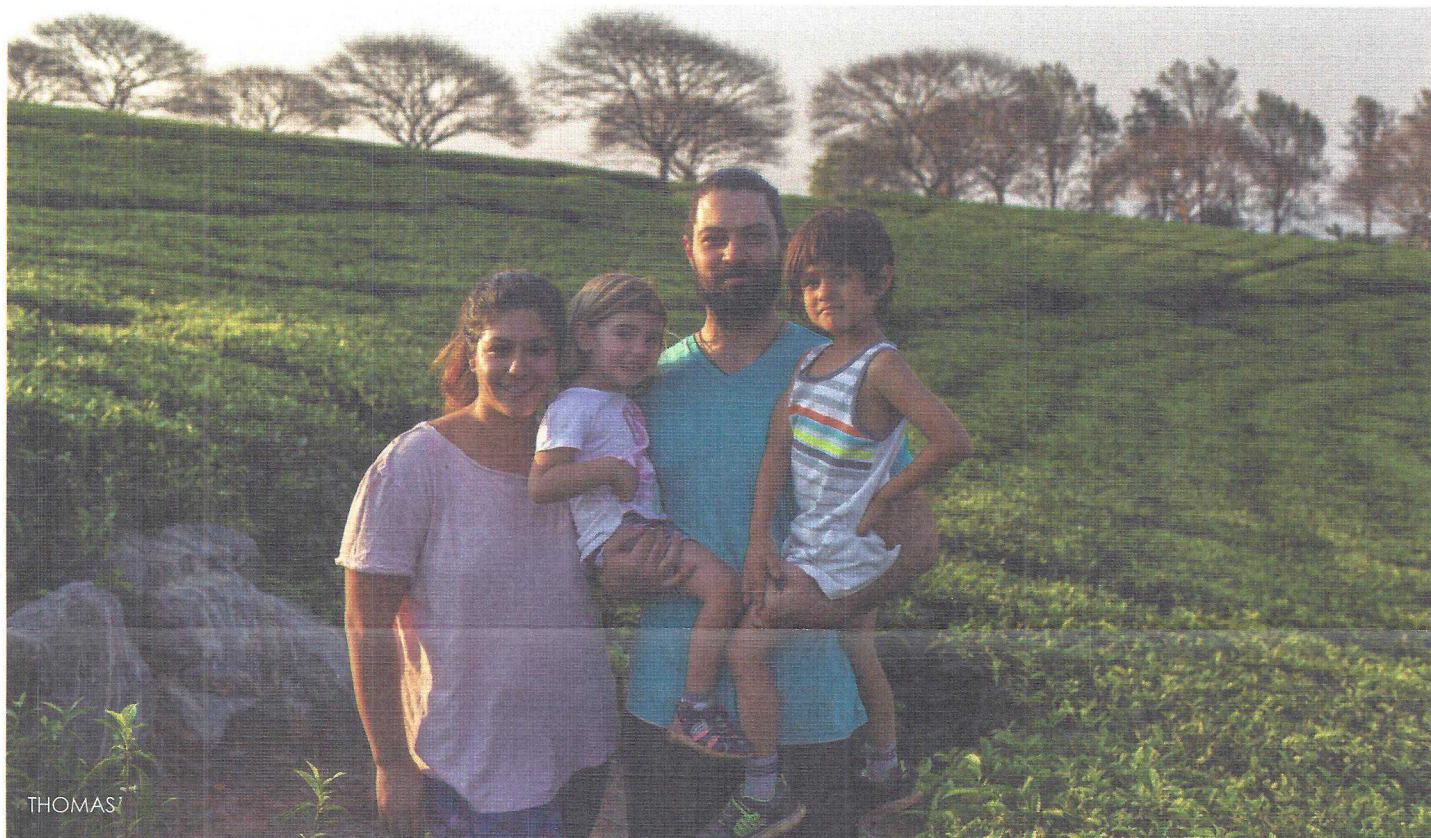
WATERLOO ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, SIERRA LEONE

Home Appliances and Furniture - \$10,000

James Fernando SM'16, and his wife Rachel, have recently returned to Waterloo after being evacuated for COVID-19 concerns. This rapidly developing institution is about an hour out of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. Recent renovations include a new maternity ward, a new anesthesia machine for the hospital, and another physician house on the compound. It is now possible for both the Fernandos and Juana Kabba, our PAACS trained surgeon, to live on campus.

The new house is nearly complete. It just requires appliances and furniture to make it a comfortable place to live while serving at Waterloo.





MALAMULO HOSPITAL, MALAWI

Cervical Cancer Detection Program - \$10,000

Malamulo continues to serve as the flagship mission hospital for the Adventist church in Africa. Many residents and students from Loma Linda now rotate there for clinical experiences. Plans are underway to add a Family Medicine residency program to the Surgery Residency already successfully graduating African residents. LLUSM graduates there now include **Wilson Thomas, SM'13**, (pediatrics), **Claire Gobble, SM '12** (family medicine) and her husband, **Tim, SM'12** (internal medicine), and **Gillian Seton, SM'08** (surgery). **Casey Graybill SM'05** (Ob/Gyn) has recently completed her term of service and returned home.

In recent years, donations have enabled considerable upgrading of the hospital clinics, wards, and equipment. Other contributions have constructed homes for doctors and staff in order to provide adequate living quarters on campus for many who have been forced to commute from local villages. In 2019, the Medical Auxiliary helped raise funds to establish a primary school on campus for the children of the professional staff.

Malamulo has a tradition of offering a cervical cancer detection program to surrounding villages in a country with one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the world. This requires a vehicle and staff in addition to the clinical expenses.





HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA DE VALLE DE ANGELES, HONDURAS

Digital X-ray - \$10,000

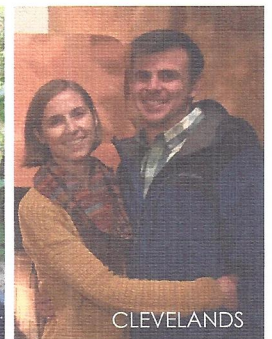
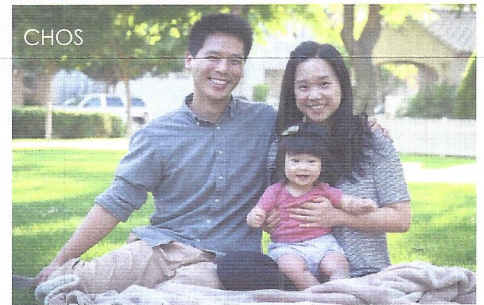
Joel Mundall SM'06 (Family and Preventive Medicine) and his wife Jennifer, DNP, have served there for over 10 years now in this mission outside of Tegucigalpa, the capital. The hospital has gained a solid reputation and is now nearing full capacity. Plans are being finalized to add another wing for long term care patients, a great need in the area. The clinical lab has been upgraded, and soon major rewiring of the hospital will bring it up to modern standards of safety. The imaging center is in desperate need of a modern digital x-ray machine to care for their patients.

HOPITAL ADVENTISTE d' HAITI, HAITI

Prosthetic Limb Production - \$5,000

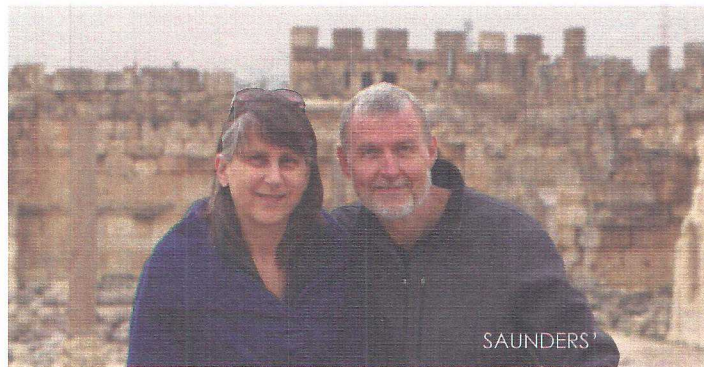
On the outskirts of Port-au-Price, Haiti, Scott Nelson SM'96 and his wife Marnie have returned to fully develop this hospital now a major clinical facility and a Global Campus of Loma Linda University. They have been more recently joined by Jeff Cho SM'14 and his wife Michelle and their young baby. In addition to this physician leadership, several AHI volunteers there are Irma Henry, DPT, and Tim and Annika Cleveland. Tim has a Master's in Orthotics and Prosthetics and Annika is an ICU nurse. This makes a powerful team to make HAH a national leader in rehabilitation services and orthopedic surgery.

Plans are to build a special rehabilitation center that can house space for both physical and occupational therapy. Specialized ovens will be installed to form prosthetic arms and legs individualized to each patient. This will complete the necessary steps to make the hospital into a center for complete rehabilitation for the many patients in Haiti who need these services, both from earthquake and trauma resulting in missing limbs.



ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER, LILONGWE

Enhanced OB Services - \$5,000



Our small hospital in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, continues to grow. **Greg Saunders, SM'85** continues to provide surgical and OB services there. Kathy is active in nutrition counseling and community education. Several years ago, the final inpatient portion of the building was completed for obstetrics, and ophthalmology was added to the clinic side. Both programs are now open and providing services to this rapidly growing city.

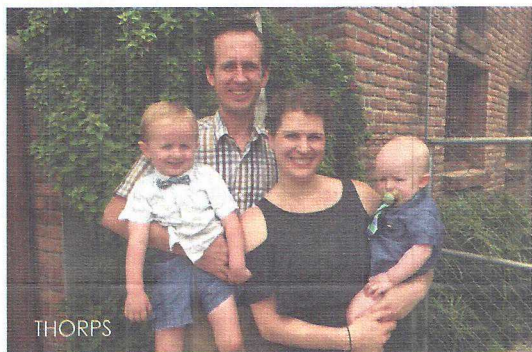
To make the obstetrics program complete, additional equipment for C-sections, difficult deliveries, and gynecology services is needed.



SCHEER MEMORIAL ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, NEPAL

Personal Protective Equipment - \$10,000

Despite an alarming rise in COVID cases in Nepal, Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital has continued to provide full clinical services to a broad area. With a patient load of 400 outpatients daily and averaging around 120 inpatients, **Jonathon Thorp SM'12**, and his wife Allie, an NP, continue to serve in this busy facility.



One of the biggest challenges for the hospital is maintaining adequate Personal Protective Equipment for the staff to be protected from infection. They are asking for assistance in this critical need. As a true End-of-The-Road hospital, it is vital for SMAH to remain functional for all those it serves.