

# ON CALL NOW

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# ON CALL



"HE HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED AND BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS." —Psalm 147:3

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## DEAR FRIEND,

Mission hospitals and clinics provide unique environments where Christian doctors and nurses can openly share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people in need. Patients come seeking physical healing and are given an opportunity to receive eternal life through faith in God's Son.

Through World Medical Mission, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse, we help doctors and other medical professionals respond to God's call to serve Him overseas.

Our Post-Residency Program continues to prepare physicians to serve as long-term medical missionaries. We recently welcomed 12 physicians and their families to our headquarters in Boone for orientation, and commissioned them to treat the sick in places like Angola, Cameroon, Macau, Zimbabwe, and Nepal.

Dr. Matt Kappen, who is a post-resident physician in Ecuador, helped continue the work of five missionaries who lost their lives 50 years ago, taking the Gospel to the fierce Waorani Indians. Dr. Kappen was blessed by his encounter with many Waorani who became followers of Jesus as a result of the efforts of those courageous Christian martyrs (story, p. 6).

Rebuilding and expanding mission hospitals is another important aspect of our medical outreach. We helped build new operating rooms at Kapsowar Hospital in Kenya, provided funds for rebuilding Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh, and have work crews rebuilding Nyankunde Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

I have been to Nyankunde Hospital and walked on the compound where more than 1,000 people died during a vicious tribal conflict in 2002, when the hospital was destroyed. Today, Dr. Ruth Dix is caring for patients there, while her husband, Richard, coordinates the rebuilding program (story, p. 4). The missionary spirit of the Dixes is inspiring.

We also look for innovative ways to help provide medical care for people in need. In Bolivia, we outfitted a floating medical clinic, the Ruth Bell River Boat, to travel through the Amazon Basin, providing treatment to people in villages along the rivers (story, p. 2).

The mobile clinic was named for my mother, Ruth Bell Graham. She would be happy to know that the doctors and nurses on board the medical vessel named in her memory were sharing the Gospel and proclaiming the truth of one of her favorite Bible verses: *"He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

Thank you for your interest in World Medical Mission. Your prayers and support help us place physicians in mission settings where they help save lives in the Name of Jesus. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham,  
President, Samaritan's Purse

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## Ruth Bell River Boat's Maiden Voyage

NURSE MARY ANNE MILLER SERVED IN THE AMAZON BASIN IN BOLIVIA.

I had just recently returned from Haiti and wow, was I ever happy to get home. In all my years of nursing, those past two weeks were unlike anything I had ever experienced.

My emotions were still reeling and I was convinced that I had not heard God clearly when I thought He had called me into the world of foreign medical missions. Then the phone call came one Thursday evening: "Would you consider being a part of the first international team to deliver medical care along the rivers of the Amazon? You will be on the recently built Ruth Bell River Boat for two weeks."

What? Where? Was I hearing correctly? I hesitated, as the trip was costly both in dollars and time off from work. However, a sweet friend said to me one Sunday morning, "You have the inward call and now you have the outward call." To echo those sentiments, my sweet husband said, "Why are you putting a limit on God?"

Well, I agreed to go, and as usual, four days before the trip, God provided the entire amount and divinely arranged my time off from work.

The team met in La Paz and then flew into Trinidad where we met the crew. My prayer was that the Lord would be with us on this boat, allowing the team to be His hands and feet. It was obvious within only a few short hours that God had His hand on this voyage and His anointing on this team.

As we made our way down the Mamore and Itziboro rivers, we would stop at different communities along the way. At times, families would come on board the boat to be seen by medical personnel, and at other times we would all leave with medications and supplies and make our way to the community. Our medical staff treated multiple skin infections, muscle aches and pains, scabies,

worms, respiratory infections, Dengue fever, parasite infections, pneumonia, and just about anything that presented.

God orchestrated our visit so that we had plenty of time to educate, as well as share the Gospel. Our team leader, Amber, asked if I wanted to share the Gospel and of course I immediately said no. I felt like Moses—"Who am I to speak? Please ask someone else." God gently prompted me with the words He gave Moses: "Remember who makes mouths." I knew that was the reason for being here. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was the greatest gift we could offer. I was obedient and shared how Jesus Christ had changed my life. I shared that even though we lived worlds apart and spoke different languages, we were all God's children and He loves us all.

The crew on the boat was a handpicked gift from God. Amber, Paula, Juan Carlos, Manolo, Manuel, and Gladys were all there to serve and testify to the Light. It was a privilege to have been surrounded by such servants of the Lord. Within the first 24 hours we had all become like family. It was so obvious that this was anointed by God. He was with us every moment. Day by day we witnessed miracle after miracle. It was as though every day He was telling His angels, "They think they saw my splendor yesterday? Just wait." I would venture to say that we all witnessed pure peace and God's presence as never before. It was not so much about what we had done but what we had witnessed and what we had become. I must admit that after my trip down the Itziboro and Mamore Rivers, my life has been forever changed. 🕊



The Ruth Bell River Boat was named in memory of Franklin Graham's mother, Ruth Bell Graham. Ruth was born in China where her father, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, served as a medical missionary for 25 years, prior to World War II. Our thanks to those who recently served.

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# For the Glory of God

DR. WAYNE KOCH, M.D. FACS, RECENTLY MADE HIS THIRD TRIP TO MBINGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL IN CAMEROON. DR. KOCH IS A PROFESSOR OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY-HEAD AND NECK SURGERY AT JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

This was my third visit to Mbingo in four years, and it was wonderful to reconnect with friends. I was warmly greeted by the PAACS (Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons) residents, full-time missionaries, and the OR Staff.

I brought a Synthes E-pen drill/saw which we used on four cases. It worked perfectly and I was able to donate it to MBH for further service as long as it can be maintained. I also brought a Storz telescope and optical forceps with bronchoscope/esophagoscope for pediatric foreign body extraction. We did not have to try these out during my stay. A new rigid adult laryngoscope was quite handy for biopsy of laryngeal tumors. Dr. Acha and I constructed a future “wish-list” for ENT services. Chief among these are replacement 0 and 30 degree sinus telescopes and a pediatric flexible laryngoscope. There is also a need for a maxillofacial plating system.

I participated in 20 surgeries over seven days. Included in the surgeries were a total laryngectomy, vertical hemilaryngectomy, maxillectomy, two mandibulectomies (one with rib graft reconstruction), excision of cystic hygroma with parotidectomy, cleft palate repair, excision of palate tumor, two tracheotomies, two thyroidectomies, two tonsillectomy-adenoidectomies, two frontal sinus mucocoeles, removal of a nasolacrimal stent, and a nasoalveolar cyst excision. Most surgeries were done with Dr. Acha (ENT surgeon), and about half involved PAACS residents. This was the third total laryngectomy done at Mbingo, and the second partial laryngectomy. It was the second time a radical maxillectomy was done with dental obturator supplied by a dentist in Bamenda.

A 14-year-old boy came to the hospital the first week with a very large benign mandible tumor (ameloblastoma) that had replaced all the center part of his lower jaw from angle to angle. I knew if we removed it, he would have nothing to hold his tongue forward so he could breathe, and would be unable to close his mouth. I told Dr. Acha that I thought we should not operate. He explained that the boy was from a poor village and family, and that if we did not help him, no one would.

It happened in God’s plan that Dr. Jim Brown was visiting during the same weeks of my project. Jim had been a full-time PAACS surgeon at Ngoundere in north



central Cameroon, but is moving to Mbingo. He brings thoracic surgery expertise. I spoke with him about helping us harvest one of the boy’s ribs. It would be too small to fully replace the lower jaw, but we might be able to make a smaller version of the jaw to accomplish our limited goals. We then looked around for a plating system—metal bars and screws used to attach bone pieces together. There was an old system with two-thirds of its parts missing and only about half of the screw sizes available. We would get one chance at putting the jaw together.

Jim got the rib out easily. Dr. Acha and I then attacked the jaw tumor using the new E-pen saw. It came out without much trouble, and I set to fashioning the rib to make a jawbone. Since the boy was young, his rib was still fairly flexible. I was able to make two notches on the inside curved portion, and bend the bone into shape so that we only had to use two plates and eight screws (all that we had).

As we put the sutures in to close, we talked about how the boy was so poor, “one of the least of these My brethren.” I made the joke that we were building Jesus a jaw, and the room rejoiced in the opportunity to serve, aware that our all-powerful Jesus had done all that was necessary in providing expertise, equipment, and hearts ready to help.

I hope to return to MBH in spring, 2012, endeavoring to do all for the glory of God. ☺

# Restoring Hope, Changing Hearts & Saving Lives



Onesemu reading his Bible

**M**ore than 1,000 bodies lay scattered across the mission compound surrounding Nyankunde Hospital after ethnic tensions exploded in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2002. Patients and hospital staff were murdered and every building was vandalized and looted.

Decades of missionary activity at the busy mission station came to a halt and Nyankunde Hospital lay in ruins for several years before a few nurses quietly returned and opened a small clinic in one of the salvaged buildings.

Dr. Mike Upio, who was born at Nyankunde Hospital, was away in medical school when the violence erupted. His mother, brother, and nine other relatives were killed. When he returned to Nyankunde in 2006 and saw the clinic, he knew God was calling him to serve there as a

physician. He is now the medical director for the hospital.

"I want to see a hospital where people can come and get really good care and learn about the Christian life," Dr. Upio said. "First of all, this hospital is about the Gospel. It's a place where people can come and find a solution for their problems, both physically and spiritually."

In Whittier, California, missionary veterans Richard and Dr. Ruth Dix also felt the Lord urge them to return to Nyankunde when Samaritan's Purse shared a vision for a major rebuilding campaign. Richard (lower right photo) was born in Congo to parents who established the mission station in Banda. The Dixes served together at Nyankunde from 1966 to 1985. Ruth, an OBG, treated patients at the hospital, while Richard coordinated construction and building maintenance on the compound. In 2009, the Dixes returned to Nyankunde.



A hospital chaplain prays with a patient

Richard and Ruth are both in their seventies and Ruth is battling muscular dystrophy, but the Lord has given them amazing strength and stamina. Richard is directing construction of an 8,000 square-foot building that will house an intensive care unit and operating rooms. He even set up a sawmill in the forest, where lumber crews fell trees and cut stacks of heavy beams and planks for the reconstruction project.

"It was very sad to see a place that was thriving and a lighthouse for the Gospel totally ruined," Richard said. "But it was a thrill to see some of the men who had worked for me during those early years still walking with the Lord. To me, that was a real highlight. We've enjoyed coming back, we've enjoyed living here, we enjoy the people, and it's a thrill to be part of the rebuilding process."

Although Ruth walks with a cane, she is always on call, ready to climb aboard a bright red mini ATV and maneuver down the hill on a dirt road to the hospital. She handles the most difficult procedures and provides valuable training to the medical staff.

"It's been very satisfying to come back and to see people we knew before who have continued with the Lord," Ruth said. "My shoulders are becoming weak because of the disease and I don't walk well, but as long as I can do what I can do, I will continue."

Evangelism and pastoral care are as important as the medical treatment patients receive at the hospital. Full-time chaplains make their own rounds, encouraging patients, praying for them, and sharing the Gospel. The chaplains also help provide food, clothing, and other assistance for patients in need.

Chaplain John Mungimbo paused to comfort an older man who didn't have any visitors. John listened to the patient's concerns and then found a quiet opportunity to share the Good News.

"God loves you," Chaplain Mungimbo said, "And John 1:12 says that those who receive Him can become sons of God. You have to be sure that you have received Jesus in your heart. That's the most important thing. You have to open your heart and your life to know that Jesus is in you."

A special patient to the staff was a quiet 13-year-old boy named Onesemu (far left photo). He was horribly burned over his upper body, arms, and hands when he had a seizure and fell into his mother's cooking fire at home. When he first arrived at the

hospital, the doctors didn't know if he would survive.

Onesemu sat on the edge of his hospital bed, thumbing through the pages of a Bible with his burn-scarred hand. "Jesus raised people from the dead," Onesemu said. "I have faith that Jesus will heal me."

Dr. Upio works tirelessly at the hospital, but spends much of his off time ministering to young people at his church and in the community. He leads Bible studies, coordinates youth evangelism projects, and organizes soccer matches to help bring kids from rival tribal groups together.

"If we want to build a future for this place, we need to focus on the youth," Dr. Upio said. "We need to help young people overcome mistrust and be reconciled to each other and to God through Jesus Christ."

The new intensive care unit and operating rooms are nearing completion. Samaritan's Purse also sent four massive shipping containers filled with equipment, building materials, and medical supplies for the hospital.

A male nurse named Fabien, who survived the 2002 massacre, is optimistic about the future. "My heart rejoices a thousand times every day," he said. "I pray the hospital will rise from the ashes and be greater than it was before!" +



Richard Dix

# With Love in Their Hearts

DR. MATT AND AMY KAPPEN ARE SERVING FOR TWO YEARS AT HOSPITAL VOZANDES IN SHELL, ECUADOR, THROUGH THE POST-RESIDENCY PROGRAM.



**T**ragic news spread around the world in January of 1956 when five American missionaries in Ecuador were speared to death by warriors from the fierce Waorani tribe. The missionary team had landed a small plane on a sandbar along the Curaray River, hoping to make peaceful contact with the Waorani and open a door for sharing the Gospel. Instead, they lost their lives.

Dr. Matt Kappen felt like he was taking a step back in time when he took a break from his duties at Hospital Vozandes in Shell and flew to a Waorani village to run a two-day community clinic and examine children in a local Compassion International project.

"Tonempade is a community on the Curaray River, where the five men landed their plane and encountered the Waorani. During their second encounter they were killed by spearing," Matt posted in his family blog. "We swam with the Waorani kids in the river, just upstream from where those original five guys landed. Later that year, the sister of the pilot and two of the wives of the men who were killed, came to this same village with a Waorani woman named Dayuma, who had become a follower of Jesus."



Dayuma helped Elisabeth Elliot and Rachel Saint take the Gospel to the Waorani Indians and lead many to faith in Christ.

When the wives of the murdered men came to the Waorani with love in their hearts, instead of revenge, the people were amazed, giving the women a platform for sharing the Good News.

"We stayed in a Waorani church that is right next to where Rachel Saint, the sister of the pilot, Nate Saint, was buried after spending nearly 40 years discipling and living with the Waorani," Matt said. "Right behind this grave is the house of Dayuma, who was a friendly old lady who liked to poke me and others with her finger and laugh. I was able to see her as a patient."

The community clinic was a success and provided new opportunities for using missionary medicine as a tool for evangelism.

"We examined about 60 kids from the village, most of whom were healthy, and hopefully we showed Christ's love by the way we interacted with them," Matt said. "We continue to brainstorm about how to use the time while the kids and adults are waiting to share the amazing things that God has done for us."

Working among the Waorani gave Matt new insights into how God works through his servants to accomplish more than they could ever imagine.

"I thought of the fact that the reason the village even exists today is because of God's work," Matt said. "The Waorani were well on their way to extinction from killing each other and by being killed by people working for oil companies in the area.

"I had an opportunity to talk to a young Waorani man who is trying to figure out how to tell the last remaining group of Waoranis about Jesus. The problem is just like what the five missionary men faced in 1956. This tribe kills anyone who comes to visit."

Although serving as a physician in Ecuador is challenging, and at times even dangerous, Matt has the same missionary spirit that has helped spread the Gospel around the world for nearly 2,000 years. "I am excited to take more trips to jungle communities," he said. "Thanks so much for praying." 🙏

# Calling for Help

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



## LOCATION

## SPECIALTIES

### BANGLADESH

Memorial Christian Hospital

AN, FP, GS, \*OBG, PD

### BOLIVIA

Ruth Bell River Boat

D, DGP, EM, FP, IM, OBG, RN

### CAMEROON

+Hopital de Meskine  
Mbingo Baptist Hospital

\*\*FP, \*\*IM, \*\*OBG, \*\*PD,  
FP, GS, IM, \*NS, OBG, OTO, \*PD,  
\*PDS, \*PS, PTH, \*R, U

### CONGO/BRAZZAVILLE

Pioneer Christian Hospital

AN, \*\*FP, GS, \*\*IM, \*\*OBG, \*\*PD

### CONGO (DRC)

CME/Nyankunde

\*\*AN, \*\*DGP, \*\*GE, \*\*GS, \*\*IM,  
\*\*PD, \*\*R

### ECUADOR

Hospital Vozandes del Oriente-Shell

\*AN, \*EM, \*FP, GE, ORS, \*PD

### ETHIOPIA

Soddo Christian Hospital

EM, FP, \*ORS, PDS, R, \*U

### GABON

Bongolo Hospital

\*GS, \*OBG, OPH, \*\*PD, PDS,

### GHANA

Baptist Medical Centre

AN, EM, \*FP, \*GS, \*IM, \*OBG, \*PD, U

### HAITI

Disaster Relief Clinics

EM, FP, IM, PD,  
NP, PA, PHAM, RN

### HONDURAS

+Hospital Bautista  
Hospital Evangelico

DGP, EM, FP, IM, PD  
CD, D, GE, \*IM, OPH, ORS,  
\*PD, PS, \*U  
\*FP, GS, \*IM

### JORDAN

Annoor Sanatorium FP  
Annoor Sanatorium Mobile Dental Unit DGP

## LOCATION

## SPECIALTIES

### KENYA

AIC-CURE Intl. Children's Hospital  
Kapsowar Hospital  
Kijabe Hospital

Tenwek Hospital

PDAN, PDORS, PS  
\*AN, \*FP, \*OBG, ORS, PD  
FP, GS, IM, NS,  
OBG, \*ORS, PD, PDS, PDU, \*PTH, U  
AN, DGP, EM, FP, \*GE, \*GS, IM, NEO,  
NS, OPH, OTO, PD, \*R, U, \*OBG, \*ORS

### MACAU/CHINA

Hope Medical Clinic

FP

### MALI

Koutiala Women & Children's Hospital

GS, PDS

### NEPAL

Tansen Mission Hospital

FP, OBG, \*GS

### NIGER

Galmi Hospital

AN, DGP, EM, \*FP, \*GS, \*IM, \*OBG,  
\*ORS, \*PD, PS, R, \*U, \*OPH, \*PDS

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Kudjip Nazarene Hospital

AN, \*FP, GS, OBG, ORS, PD

### PERU

Hospital Diospi Suyana

\*AN, \*FP, \*DGP, \*GS, \*IM, \*\*OBG,  
\*OPH, \*ORS, \*OTO, \*PD, PS, R, \*U

### RWANDA

Kibogora Hospital

AN, GE, \*GS, IM, \*OBG, ORS, PD

### TOGO

Karolyn Kempton Memorial  
Christian Hospital

EM, FP, \*GS, IM, \*OBG, PD

### ZAMBIA

Mukinge Hospital  
Chitokoloki Mission Hospital

AN, EM, FP, GS, IM, OBG, PD  
GS, OBG, OPH, ORS, PD

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