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PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS (PAACS) RESIDENTS (DR. ESTIFANOS BABULO, LEFT, AND DR. JOSEPH MKANDAWIRE, RIGHT) WORK TOGETHER ON A SURGICAL PROCEDURE AS DR. BRENT SHERWIN SUPERVISES AT MALAMULO ADVENTIST HOSPITAL.

IMAGE COURTESY OF DAVID SHERWIN



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Loma Linda University nursing student, Christina Spykstra, who served on a medical mission trip at Ishaka Adventist Hospital in Uganda June 2023.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

SUSTAINING TRUST, SAVING LIVES



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ach week as I sign donor receipt letters, I am continually humbled by the immense trust our supporters place in Adventist Health International (AHI) to fulfill our mission. While I am acquainted with some of our 4,000 donors, most remain unknown to me, and yet their unwavering belief

in our commitment is truly inspiring. With their generous contributions, AHI continues to expand its services across new countries, achieving remarkable growth.

In 2023, AHI raised over \$3 million in donations, enabling our hospitals to provide care for over 1 million patients in 31 countries and resulting in saved lives, restored health, and strengthened families. There's nothing more fulfilling than witnessing healthy families thrive with energetic children, nourished and supported, pursuing their dreams at home and in school.

When finances stabilize in each hospital location, we can develop educational and community programs, including nursing schools, gardens, and mobile clinics, which impact the surrounding regions and extend out to remote villages. As an avid farmer, I find a particular joy in seeing community gardens serve multiple purposes - training families in new skills, providing employment opportunities for our students, and improving the nutritional well-being of various communities.



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As we embark on another year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the countless lives impacted by AHI around the world. I am especially thankful for the dedication of our healthcare professionals who tirelessly serve, often in challenging and resource-limited environments. They are the true heroes, finding fulfillment in the gratitude of their patients, in the healing that they facilitate, and in the universal language of appreciation spoken in many tongues.

For those of us who volunteer our time to support AHI, it has been an incredible privilege to witness the realization of so many dreams of service and care. Thank you for making this journey possible! May this year bring fulfillment to your aspirations as well.

RICHARD H. HART, MD, DrPH
PRESIDENT, ADVENTIST HEALTH INTERNATIONAL

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ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND WILL
PURSUE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT
ACCOMPLISH THIS AIM.

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TO THE EDUCATION OF LOCAL
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND
ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR
STRENGTHENING OF PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING PROGRAMS WHENEVER
APPROPRIATE.

FEATURE

QUALITY CARE FOR ALL

HOPITAL ADVENTISTE D'HAITI OPENS NEW DENTAL CLINIC

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Every day, staff at Hopital Adventist d'Haiti (HAH) are faced with the question: is a broken leg worse than a toothache? While HAH has been adept at treating broken bones for years, addressing toothaches is a different kind of challenge, especially in Haiti, where finding a dentist and affording treatment can be daunting. Peter Nelson, DDS, has long held the vision of establishing a dental clinic at HAH and integrating oral-dental services into its array of specialties.

The journey to create a dental clinic was one of dedication and collaboration. With the generosity of donors and the expertise of architects Brian Starr and Michelle Cho, HAH has transformed an underutilized space into a haven of healing. Local workers poured their hearts into every detail, ensuring the clinic radiates warmth and comfort. After years of persistence and fundraising efforts, Dr. Nelson's dream became reality with the clinic inauguration ceremony on September 25, 2023. Hospital administration and Pastor Pierre Caporal, President of the Haitian Union Mission, dedicated the clinic, which had been eagerly anticipated by both the local community and the broader country.


The dental clinic stands as a beacon of hope, staffed by three Haitian dentists and supported by a team of assistants. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including a state-of-the-art reception area, digital x-ray, sterilization area, two dedicated rooms for dental procedures, ample storage facilities, a comfortable dining area, and two convenient bathrooms.

The clinic offers a full spectrum of dental services. In October and November 2023, HAH served over 300 dental patients from the local community and also travelers from surrounding cities. What started as a vision has blossomed into a hub of healing, welcoming patients from far and wide.

The clinic is more than just a place of treatment; it is a community lifeline. Through outreach programs and partnerships with local churches, HAH extends affordable care to those in need. Additionally, the hospital has embarked on a teaching program, nurturing the next generation of dental professionals from the state university in Port-au-Prince.

Beyond dental care, the clinic is designed to adapt and expand, accommodating ENT and Ophthalmology services. Collaborations with experts such as Charles Stewart, MD, an ENT specialist from Loma Linda University Health have broadened the hospital's impact in providing comprehensive care to the community and region.

“The clinic is more than just a place of treatment; it is a community lifeline.”

As the clinic continues to flourish, HAH remains steadfast in its mission: to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all, regardless of their means. With each compassionate interaction and every smile restored, the commitment to providing the best care to those who need it most is reaffirmed. Together, lives are not only changed, but transformed. 



RECEPTION AREA BEFORE RENOVATIONS BEGAN



RECEPTION AREA AFTER RENOVATIONS FINISHED

FEATURE

GLOBAL HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE HELD IN LOMA LINDA

IN-PERSON CONFERENCES RETURN SINCE 2020

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In October 2023, Adventist Health International (AHI), partnered with Loma Linda University Health to host a momentous four-day conference in Loma Linda, California – marking the return to in-person gatherings since January 2020 in India.

Bringing together nearly 400 Seventh-day Adventist healthcare and education leaders from 53 countries, this gathering aimed to foster collaboration among leaders from sister Adventist institutions worldwide. Initiated in 2010 with the inaugural Global Healthcare Conference in Honduras, which primarily addressed the unique challenges faced by healthcare leaders in Latin America, this annual event has since become a cornerstone of collaboration, alternating between the Loma Linda University Health campus and regional sites across the globe. These conferences serve as vital platforms for fostering dialogue, where leaders exchange insights, tackle shared challenges, and devise practical solutions.

Under the theme of “Reflections, Renewals, and Resolutions,” this year’s conference was marked by a commitment to catalyze change. Dr. Richard Hart, President of Loma Linda University Health, emphasized this imperative during the opening ceremony, highlighting the significance of leveraging the collective expertise and resources of global healthcare consultants from Loma Linda University Health and Adventist Health International.

Through such collaborative efforts, these conferences not only facilitate knowledge exchange but also inspire actionable steps towards enhancing healthcare and education within the Seventh-day Adventist community on a global scale.

Key collaborating organizations for the conference included Adventist Health International (AHI), the Consortium of Adventist Medical Education Leaders (CAMEL), the General Conference Education Department and Health Ministries Department, and Loma Linda University Health through its Global Health Institute. 

FEATURE

THE UGANDA PROJECT

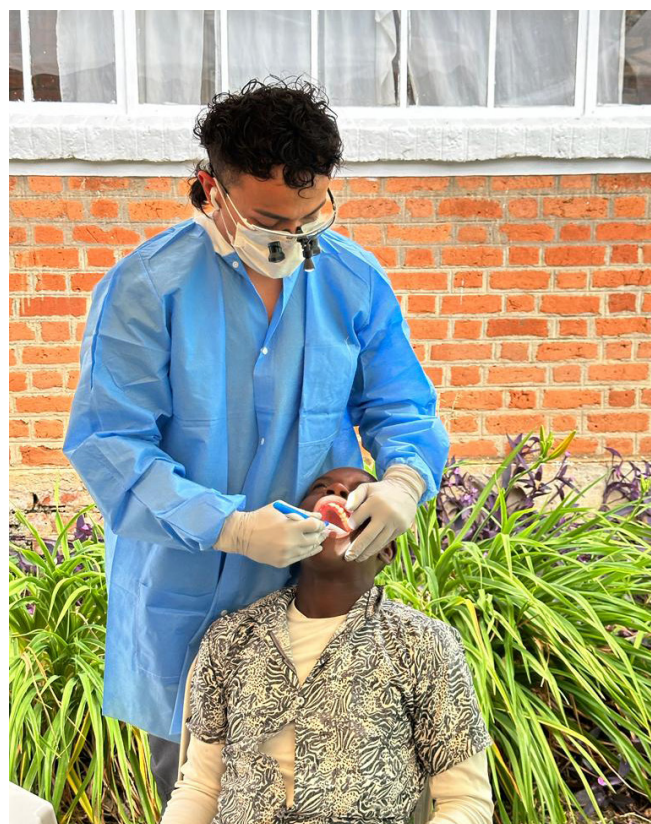
OVER 80 PARTICIPANTS SERVE AT MEDICAL MISSION CAMPS IN UGANDA

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Eighty healthcare providers, students, and staff members from Loma Linda University (LLU), and AHI hospitals in Nigeria, Malawi, and Nepal teamed up for a medical mission project to Uganda June 19–23, 2023. Participants provided free care and performed surgeries at three medical camps—Ishaka Adventist Hospital (IAH), Bugema Adventist University Clinic (BUC), and in the city of Jinja. Students represented Loma Linda University's schools of Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Nursing, Pharmacy and Religion. Alumni participants came from the schools of Medicine, Nursing and Dentistry.

The Uganda Project continued Loma Linda University's historic commitment to support health outreach worldwide. Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) coordinated this project, one of approximately 40 trips that SIMS organizes annually. Many SIMS trips support medical centers and clinics affiliated with Adventist Health International, whose mission is to support the development and improvements at its nearly 50 Seventh-day Adventist mission hospitals in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe.

The project's 80 participants formed three medical teams to treat the region's most frequent diseases and conditions—malaria, typhoid, syphilis, diabetes, hepatitis, hernia, flu, and pneumonia. Team members also offered





dental cleanings along with screenings for HIV, cancer, and sickle cell disease. The group had more than 12,000 visits across the three sites during the week, with more than 8,800 of those occurring at Ishaka Adventist Hospital.

Dominic Deandra, a 2023 graduate from the School of Dentistry, said the trip offered a chance to use skills and talents to give back to communities.


“Service to me is coming together as a university and helping the less fortunate,” Deandra said. “In the field, we were able to show the world why Loma Linda is a leader in service. As students, we get to put our learning to the test.”

“Ishaka has touched my heart, and I hope I’ve touched theirs,” Deandra added.

“To serve means trusting God to lead you where you need to be,” said Christina Spykstra from the School of Nursing. “Hurdles may come about; jump over them and be there for those in need. To make a difference in people’s lives in the ways we have in Uganda will forever be etched in my soul.”

Before the three medical camps began serving patients, Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University Health president, participated in the 75th-anniversary celebration of the Ishaka Adventist Hospital’s founding. Drs. Mildred and Don Stilson, members of the School of Medicine’s Class of 1946, started the hospital which has provided thousands with advanced medical care. Dr. Mildred Stilson, age 102, still lives in Loma Linda.

LLU and IAH students, staff, faculty, and community locals enjoyed food and communion to celebrate IAH’s 75th-anniversary, the beginning of the medical camps, and the rewarding relationship between the two institutions.

At the 75th-anniversary celebration, Dr. Hart shared his belief that the true benefit of mission trips lies in their life-changing impact on students. “Trips like these create many teachable moments that will live with them forever,” Dr. Hart said. “It is why we make these exposures to human needs an integral part of the Loma Linda University curricula.” 



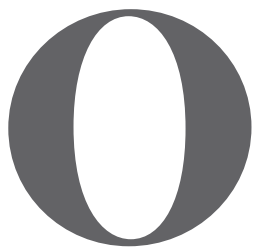
FEATURE

ILLUMINATING HOPE

THE JOURNEY OF LA LOMA LUZ ADVENTIST HOSPITAL'S IMAGING CENTER

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On a hill in Santa Elena, Belize, La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital (LLLAH) stands as a beacon of hope for the community, offering vital healthcare services to those in need. Among its many departments, the Imaging Center serves as a cornerstone, providing essential diagnostic tools to improve patient care. Led by Jeff Cho, MD and Michelle Cho, the hospital embarked on an ambitious project to revitalize this center, with the vision of enhancing healthcare services across the country.

The journey began with a dream and a prayer, as the hospital received an outpouring of generosity from donors enabling the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment, including a new CT scanner and a mammogram machine. These additions, alongside the existing digital X-ray and ultrasound machines, promised to elevate the Imaging Center to new heights, offering advanced diagnostic capabilities previously unavailable in the region.


As renovations neared completion in May 2023, anticipation grew for the grand opening of the Sylvan N. Roberts Jr. Imaging Center. Named in honor of Sylvan N. Roberts Jr., a beloved member of the hospital community, the center paid tribute to his legacy of service and dedication. For Diana Roberts, his wife and CFO of LLLAH, the dedication was a poignant reminder of Sylvan's passion for expanding healthcare access in Belize.

"I believe that Sylvan would be extremely happy knowing what's happening here in the Imaging Center because one of his dreams was to have a fully equipped imaging center here that could help

people all over the country of Belize," said Diana Roberts. "Having the imaging center named after him is a privilege for the hospital."

However, the path to completion was not without its challenges. Setbacks and delays tested the resolve of the team, from delayed deliveries of essential materials to last-minute equipment installations. Despite these obstacles, the LLLAH team remained steadfast in their commitment to realize their vision.

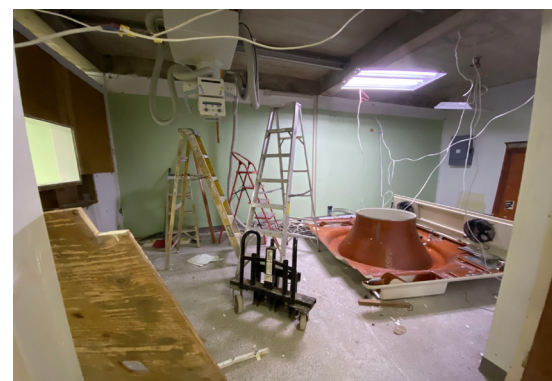
Yet, even as the center prepared to open its doors, adversity struck once more. The newly installed CT scanner malfunctioned after just one week of use, presenting a significant setback. The financial burden of repair seemed insurmountable, but through the support of mission-driven partners like Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary and AHI, the hospital found renewed hope. Their generosity ensured that the necessary replacement parts were on their way, allowing the Imaging Center to continue its mission of serving the community.

Reflecting on the journey, Dr. Cho remarked, "We have put our feet in the Jordan, and the Lord is providing the way, step by step." This sentiment encapsulated the unwavering faith and determination that guided the team through adversity. As they continue to strive toward their mission of providing prominent healthcare, La Loma Luz Hospital remains a testament to the power of hope, resilience, and unwavering faith in the face of adversity. 

SYLVAN N. ROBERTS JR. MEMORIAL IMAGING CENTRE



RENOVATED SYLVAN N. ROBERTS JR. IMAGING CENTRE



THE IMAGING CENTER BEFORE AND DURING RENOVATIONS



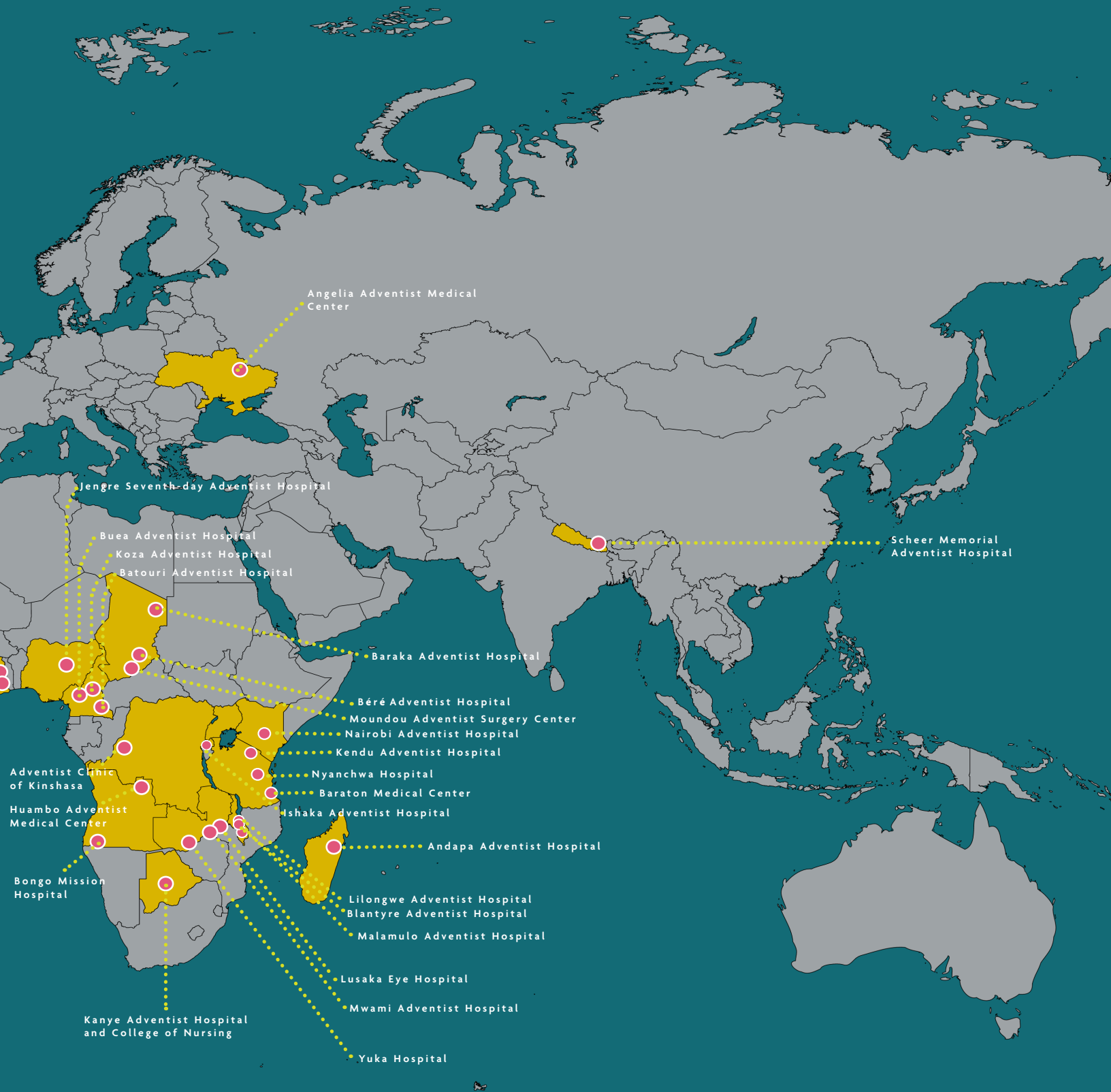
DEDICATION SERVICE WITH THE FAMILY OF SYLVAN N. ROBERTS JR. AND HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS (LEFT PICTURE, RIGHT PICTURE)

CT TECH, RADIOLOGY TEAM, AND FIRST CT PATIENT.
(MIDDLE PICTURE)



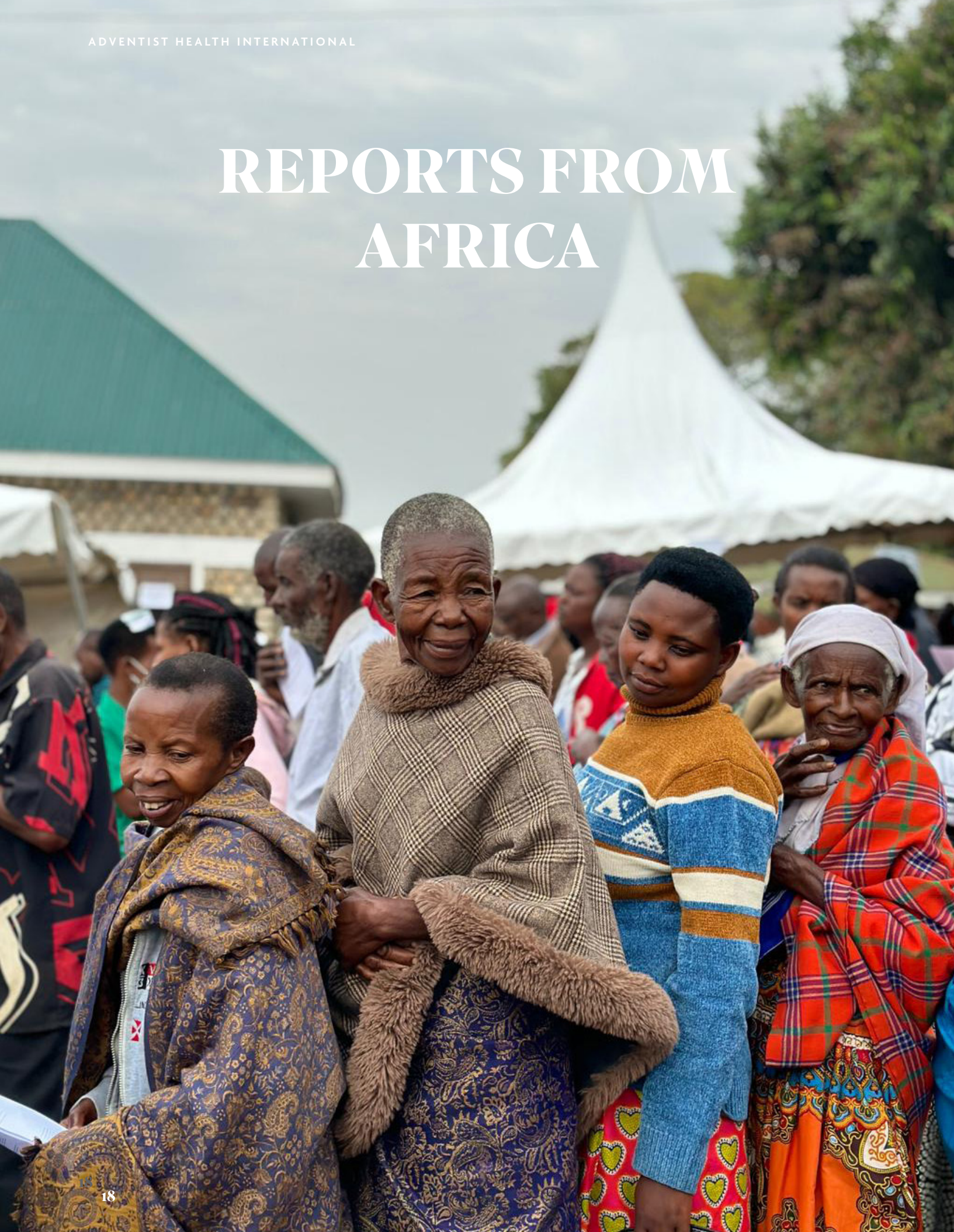
31 COUNTRIES
47 HOSPITALS
100+ CLINICS

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BOTSWANA

KANYE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL AND COLLEGE OF NURSING

Kanye Adventist Hospital (KAH) prioritizes community engagement alongside healthcare services. As a mission hospital of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, KAH actively participates in village events at the Royal Bangwaketse Tribal Headquarters, collaborating with Chief Kgosi Kgolo Malope II. The hospital engages in Kgotla meetings, respecting local customs, and participated in a men's health gathering, "Pitso Ya Borre." KAH celebrates cultural events like Boipuso Day and participates in initiatives like Palliative Care Commemoration and the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence. Health expos are also central to community involvement, offering screenings and health advice through the NEWSTART PROGRAM. KAH believes in being the "Salt of the Earth," mingling with communities to improve health and fulfill the hospital's mission.

CHAD

BÉRÉ ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

In 2023, Béré Adventist Hospital (BAH) served as a vital lifeline, offering quality healthcare services tailored to the needs of the rural community it serves.

Béré Adventist Hospital is located in the rural expanse of Chad. With a capacity of 70 patient beds, it encompasses various departments and specialties crucial for addressing the diverse medical needs of the community. The clinical laboratory facilitates diagnostic procedures, while the infectious disease department tackles prevalent ailments such as malaria and tuberculosis. A dedicated labor/delivery unit ensures maternal care excellence, alongside an outpatient clinic offering general consultations and vaccinations.

Staci Davenport, MD, medical director at BAH, oversees various initiatives to advance the hospital's mission. This year, BAH achieved major milestones, including a successful nursing graduation ceremony. Additionally, ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure have been evident through new upgrades and building remodels.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

ADVENTIST CLINIC OF KINSHASA

The Democratic Republic of Congo, with a population of 112 million, is one of Africa's most populous countries. Its capital, Kinshasa, is home to 15 million people.

In 2023, the Adventist Clinic of Kinshasa served over 3,000 patients, offering general medicine, surgery, women's health, ophthalmology, and rehabilitation services. During a medical mission camp from July 9-22, over 500 patients received services.

Adventist Clinic of Kinshasa is committed to addressing healthcare needs, combating diseases, and bolstering healthcare infrastructure across the nation. As part of this dedication, the clinic is actively seeking expansion to offer comprehensive services, including dentistry, alongside other essential medical care. This expansion reflects the ongoing commitment to enhance healthcare accessibility and quality for communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



KENYA

KENDU ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Established in 1925, Kendu Adventist Hospital (KAH) in Homa Bay County, Kenya, is a Level 4 Teaching and Referral Hospital affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With 170 beds, KAH provides surgical, medical, maternity, and pediatric services, embodying values of compassionate care and spiritual ministry.

In 2023, KAH opened a commercial retail pharmacy, supported by Adventist Health International, Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary, and Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. This venture aims to provide essential medications, health promotion, and education to the community.

Future plans include introducing dialysis and critical care services, as well as expanding training programs for healthcare professionals. KAH remains dedicated to its mission of serving others with compassion and excellence, one life at a time.





DR. APPEL WITH SDA COOPER HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF

LIBERIA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COOPER HOSPITAL

In 2023, Seventh-day Adventist Cooper Hospital witnessed a remarkable journey forward after facing years of adversity marked by debt and management challenges. James Appel, MD, and Roger Muhemi, MD, united by their shared mission to emulate Jesus' healing example, rekindled their partnership to bring about transformative change.

A decade ago, Dr. Appel and Dr. Muhemi worked together in Chad and Cameroon, laying the foundation for their impactful reunion. Dr. Appel's arrival at Cooper Seventh-day Adventist Hospital toward the end of 2022 heralded a new era as he revitalized the operating room and empowered staff to address orthopedic deformities, turning the hospital into a national beacon of hope for patients with debilitating conditions.

operating room. His expertise and commitment have made the hospital a unique destination for eye surgeries in Liberia, earning him the affectionate title of "Dr. Roger" from staff and patients alike. Beyond these milestones, the hospital has embraced innovation with the adoption of digital X-ray technology, newly equipped laboratory housed in a remodeled warehouse, and a pharmacy revolving fund.

The main challenges that persist are old debt, outdated buildings and equipment, inefficient work, and a financial crisis in the country leading to a universal drop in hospital visits and a lack of qualified physician specialists. The ongoing renovation of the old eye center into a modern surgery and trauma center symbolizes the hospital's unwavering dedication to progress. Cooper Hospital and its staff continue to shine, transforming lives and embodying the spirit of compassion and healing.

In January 2023, Dr. Muhemi joined the team and spearheaded the reopening of the ophthalmology service, introducing cutting-edge procedures in a dedicated



RWANDA

KIGALI ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER

At Kigali Adventist Medical Center (KAMC), the administration and admission departments have undergone successful renovation, a significant milestone for the center.

The laboratory services have also been expanded, now featuring an additional microbiology section. This enhancement allows the center to offer comprehensive diagnostic capabilities, further improving patient care. In line with its mission to serve beyond healthcare, the center actively supports programs demonstrating its dedication to wholistic community development.

Despite the plethora of clinics in Kigali City, the center continues to serve an average of 30-40 patients daily. At KAMC, community outreach is substantial, with the hospital organizing a four-day free medical campaign in collaboration with a team of expert doctors from the USA. This free medical mission camp proved to be an extraordinary event that many wished could last longer. The campaign was marked by a wide range of activities aimed at assisting pregnant women, providing nutrition counseling, diagnosing physical ailments, offering health advice, conducting eye and heart examinations, and delivering various other services across three different sites in the country.

The center extends its gratitude for the continued support and partnership in its mission to provide compassionate healthcare and community outreach in Kigali.





SIERRA LEONE

WATERLOO ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

In 2023, patient volume surged across both clinics and wards, reaching unprecedented levels, underscoring the hospital's commitment to meeting the healthcare needs of the community.

Innovating the radiology department, the hospital proudly introduced the first digital X-ray machine in the Waterloo area, ensuring prompt service with scans interpreted by proficient radiologists. Additionally, ultrasonography services are now available round-the-clock, helping to treat emergency cases effectively.

Improving laboratory capabilities, the hospital expanded with a second microscope and refrigerator. Furthermore, the acquisition of a chemistry machine enables comprehensive testing for liver and kidney function, enhancing diagnostic precision.

To further staff development, the hospital sponsors individuals to attend advanced training programs, including Pharmacy Technician School, Medical School, and Anesthesia Training, fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional growth.

Future initiatives and objectives include, ensuring uninterrupted access to running water 24/7 within the hospital premises, upgrading private rooms, advancing the maternity ward, and enhancing the hospital's multidisciplinary care approach.

UGANDA

ISHAKA ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Ishaka Adventist Hospital (IAH) faced a significant operational challenge in November 2022 when their aging X-ray machine broke down, rendering it unusable. This led to a loss of revenue estimated at \$10,000 and disrupted essential medical services until August 2023. Recognizing the urgent need for an upgrade, the hospital opted to invest in a digital X-ray machine to align with modern technological standards and meet the increasing demand for diagnostic imaging in the area.

Through the assistance of Adventist Health International (AHI), the hospital secured a soft loan of \$42,000, which facilitated the procurement of a digital X-ray machine. The favorable loan terms provided by AHI eased the financial burden on the hospital. Since its installation in August 2023, the digital X-ray machine has generated approximately \$8,000 in revenue over six months, nearly matching the revenue from the old system over nine months.

The availability of the digital X-ray machine has significantly improved service delivery at Ishaka Adventist Hospital. With clearer digital images and faster processing times, patients receive timely and accurate diagnoses, leading to enhanced patient satisfaction and retention. According to hospital technologist Mr. Abraham Mushoborozi, the digital X-ray service has streamlined examination procedures, reducing turnaround times from up to 45 minutes to just ten minutes or less. This efficiency has been particularly beneficial for patients like 75-year-old Mr. Patrick Kyankamba, who traveled a considerable distance to access the hospital's services and expressed satisfaction with both the scan and treatment process.





ZAMBIA

MWAMI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Established in 1927 in rural Eastern Zambia, Mwami Adventist Hospital (MAH) serves over 100,000 individuals annually with a bed capacity of 210, and offers a comprehensive array of health-care services. In February 2023, a successful eye camp led by a visiting team restored vision for numerous patients through 67 phacoemulsification cataract surgeries and lid repairs, benefiting individuals from Mwami, Chipata town, and surrounding areas. Plans for a similar camp in 2024 are currently underway.

In 2018, MAH's ophthalmology department faced closure and received support from the Ministry of Health after responding to community concerns. This support led to the refurbishment of the hospital's outpatient department (OPD) and the procurement of essential equipment, transforming it into a diagnostic and dispensing center for spectacles. The clinic's recommissioning in December 2023 was met with gratitude from traditional leaders and the community, underscoring its historical significance within the context of MAH's operations. Furthermore, in October 2023, MAH hosted the graduation ceremony for nurses in the province, where 219 graduates from three nursing colleges, including Mwami College of Nursing and Midwifery, were poised to contribute positively to community healthcare through their training.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS: UGANDA

Over 80 representatives from Loma Linda University (LLU), along with participants from Nigeria, Malawi, and Nepal, collaborated for a medical mission project in three medical camps, representing one of LLU's biggest trips yet.



REPORTS FROM THE AMERICAS





BELIZE

LA LOMA LUZ ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena, Belize, began its journey in 1972 when Dr. Raymond Mundall and his family answered God's call by relocating to Belize. Over the past 50 years, the hospital has become the county's leading medical institution, providing quality healthcare and spiritual support to its patients and community.

Despite recent challenges, 2023 marked a pivotal moment as the hospital received its first license from the Ministry of Health for its dialysis center and pharmacy, alongside the formulation of a new mission, vision, and values statements.

The hospital also launched a weekly live online educational program featuring physicians from the institution to raise awareness of health issues affecting the surrounding community.

Dr. Jeffrey (specializing in family and preventive medicine) and Michelle Cho (an architect), have worked with hospital leadership to develop plans for significant building upgrades brought as a master plan for the hospital and campus. Mission Projects, Inc. (MPI) donated three vehicles, a portable digital X-ray machine, and pledged funding for a 64-slice CT scanner. Financing for a digital mammogram machine was secured through a development fund loan from AHL. With these blessings and more, LLLAH looks forward to a bright future.

HONDURAS

HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA VALLE DE ÁNGELES

This year, Hospital Adventista Valle de Ángeles (HAVA) distinguished itself with a strategic focus across various areas. In the surgical realm, HAVA conducted five specialty camps providing general, obstetric and EMT surgeries, and procedures like colonoscopy and endoscopy. Through collaborations with medical groups from Loma Linda University Health and HAVA's specialized medical personnel, the hospital performed over 200 surgeries and provided dental care for more than 1,200 individuals in local villages.

HAVA has also accomplished a significant milestone by completing the remodel of its operating room area, ensuring compliance with legal standards, and enhancing critical infrastructures. Additionally, an ambitious project began to optimize the emergency area by reorganizing and adapting spaces from other areas, such as physiotherapy, the kitchen, and the cafeteria.

HAVA's unwavering commitment to maintaining hospital quality standards led to the initiation of training cycles led by the quality department which began the journey to obtain Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation. The hospital explored practices to refine processes, protocols, and initiatives to continually grow and enhance the hospital's services.

Looking ahead to 2024, the hospital will mark its 50 years of service with the "50 Years Project," featuring testimonial videos and the inauguration of a chapel. This initiative aims to commemorate and reaffirm the hospital's mission: To Love, Serve, and Save. These plans, entrusted and supported by collaborating partners, medical staff, and patients, reflect an enduring dedication to promoting health and total well-being.





NICARAGUA

HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA DE NICARAGUA

Hospital Adventista De Nicaragua (HAN) in Estelí, situated in northern Nicaragua, continues to excel in providing essential health-care services to approximately 10,000 patients each year. Despite operating within a politically challenging environment characterized by significant governmental oversight over private nonprofit entities, HAN has managed to navigate this landscape adeptly. The hospital meticulously adheres to mandated financial parameters, ensuring compliance with auditing and reporting requirements, all while delivering exceptional care to its patients.

Operating with prudence and diligence, HAN has thrived, fostering an environment of compassionate care under the dedicated stewardship of its hospital staff. Dr. Socorro Ubeda's visionary leadership resulted in the construction of a new, four-story hospital just five years ago—an accomplishment akin to a miracle given the frequent visits by federal officials tasked with ensuring regulatory compliance.

Hospital Adventista De Nicaragua stands as an example of how a Seventh-day Adventist institution can effectively wield its influence, guided by a commitment to service and a steadfast reliance on divine guidance amidst challenging circumstances.

TRINIDAD

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The Community Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists hosts monthly health fairs in its local communities, attracting over 2,000 attendees each time. The hospital recently expanded its clinical services to offer advanced minimally invasive surgery, including bariatric/weight loss surgery, colonoscopy, upper endoscopy, gynaecology oncology surgery, ophthalmology, psychiatry, cardiology, and vascular surgery.

In addition, the hospital's diagnostic services have been enhanced to include interventional radiology, echocardiogram, stress testing, CT angiogram, and MRI.

The hospital recently celebrated its successful Grand Relaunch, commemorating 61 years as the first private hospital in Trinidad and Tobago. The theme of the event was "Rebuilding the Legacy," and it was well attended by both the church and the public. This provided the Community Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists with an opportunity to reintroduce the hospital to the community and reaffirm its commitment to delivering high-quality healthcare services.





VENEZUELA

HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA DE VENEZUELA

Hospital Adventista de Venezuela (HAV) in Barquisimeto has provided essential healthcare services to both the church and the local community since its establishment in 1952. Despite its longstanding service, the hospital faces significant challenges stemming from financial constraints and environmental factors, including structural damage caused by heavy rains. Urgent attention is required, particularly for the first floor, which houses critical services such as the intensive care unit and surgery.

To address these pressing issues, a two-stage construction plan is proposed. The immediate focus is on completing the infrastructure's roof to protect the entire facility from further deterioration. This approach aims to mitigate current structural issues and also to enhance the overall delivery of healthcare services. Additionally, the proposed model seeks to serve as a blueprint for future hospital construction projects, with the potential to significantly improve medical assistance capacity in the region.

Overall, HAV's situation underscores the need for urgent action to ensure the continuation of essential healthcare services. By implementing the proposed construction plan, the hospital can safeguard its infrastructure, improve service delivery, and serve as a model for future healthcare development in the community.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS: VENEZUELA

Construction progress for the Hospital Adventista de Venezuela roof is depicted here, with completion projected for early 2024.



REPORTS FROM ASIA





NEPAL

SCHEER MEMORIAL ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

The Nepal fiscal year 2079-2080 concluded on July 16, 2023, and featured the Anniversary of Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital (SMAH), located in Banepa. SMAH has served Nepal for 63 years with compassionate care, and celebrated its anniversary on May 19, 2023.

The celebration started with various “Love Sharing” activities. Love Sharing is a community outreach program at SMAH that endears the hospital to its community. With the participation of SMAH's staff and administration, the hospital conducted various activities for the community that include food and gift giving, medical health camps, educational lectures, and a community clean up drive. The hospital's commitment to community outreach is also evident during Christmas and Thanksgiving, when SMAH provides various gifts and services to the surrounding community, fostering strong relationships with the local people during the holiday season.

SMAH has also embarked on a new endeavor by launching its own scientific journal, Scheeropedia, which serves as the official drug and therapeutics bulletin of the hospital, now on its third issue. The hospital also inaugurated a new service, SMAH Cancer Care, further expanding the range of specialized healthcare offerings.

Despite challenges, the past fiscal year brought record inpatient admissions, outpatient consultations, operating room activity, increased revenue, patronage, renovations, and equipment acquisitions.

REPORTS FROM EUROPE





UKRAINE

ANGELIA ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER

The people of Kyiv endured a winter marked by adversity. Yet, against this backdrop of turmoil, Angelia Medical Center stands, unwavering in its resolve and commitment to save lives even as cruise missiles soar overhead.

The center remains steadfast in its mission, extending its healing touch across the nation through mobile clinic trips. In 2023 alone, over 25,000 patient services were provided during 84 mobile trips, a testament to tireless efforts in supporting the people of Ukraine during their darkest hours. In the face of widespread devastation and growing poverty, Angelia remains a lifeline for those in need, with less than 40% of patients able to afford its services. To bridge this gap, the generosity of donor organizations is relied upon to cover operational costs, ensuring that essential medical care remains accessible to all.

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by a full-scale war, the collective efforts of Angelia and its supporters have yielded profound results:

- Nine vans and trucks, accompanied by a team of 30 dedicated medical professional and volunteers, traverse the country and deliver vital aid to communities in need.
- Over 110 tons of humanitarian assistance have been distributed across 84 cities, towns, and villages, offering relief to thousands of families.
- Through 123 medical mobile trips, Angelia has facilitated the early diagnosis and treatment of over 150 cancer patients, while providing essential services to more than 13,000 individuals, totaling over 43,000 services rendered.

Despite the enormity of their task, those at the forefront of these efforts express profound gratitude for unwavering support, recognizing that it is through such collective goodwill that hope continues to thrive amidst the chaos of war.

FEATURE

MORNING SUN, NITELY RAIN

HONORING A LEGACY




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he following letter was written 56 years ago on Rumah Sakit Advent stationary and began:

“DEAR FRIENDS,

At last have found God’s children – smiling and giggling (truly happy I believe) in an Eden-like lushness – of bananas, rice, pineapples, potatoes, corn, rice, cabbage, carrots, tea, coffee, rice. . . Morning sun and nitely rain coaxes the yield.”

Everett Shocket, MD, was a highly skilled surgeon trained at some of America’s best hospitals. Throughout his distinguished career, he and his wife, Barbara, volunteered at numerous hospitals in developing countries, where they witnessed a dire need for assistance. Dr. Shocket’s letter was penned in 1968 from Java, Indonesia, at what is now known as Bandung Adventist Hospital.

After Everett’s recent passing, Barbara reminisced about their shared memories and particularly the idyllic setting of their time in Indonesia. In her search for organizations supporting Adventist hospitals worldwide, she discovered Adventist Health International (AHI). Several calls later, she decided to make a generous contribution to AHI in honor of her husband, thus establishing the Everett Shocket, MD Project Fund. The impact from this fund will touch countless lives in numerous countries. With over one million patients served annually in AHI’s 47 hospitals, the need is immense and this level of support will make a significant difference. The AHI family, comprising dedicated employees and volunteers, is deeply honored to receive recognition for their ongoing efforts. 

AHI DONORS SHAPE HOPE

HOW AHI DONORS IMPACT LIVES AROUND THE GLOBE

AUTHOR

ALBIN H. GROHAR, PHD

It is remarkable to reflect on the journey of Adventist Health International (AHI) since its inception in 1997. At its outset, it was merely a visionary concept—a recognition of the need to support overseas hospitals affiliated with the global Adventist Church. These hospitals, while imbued with a noble mission, required assistance to thrive in their respective healthcare landscapes. The challenges were multifaceted, encompassing infrastructural revitalization, staff empowerment, diplomatic navigation, and financial stabilization.

In its first year, AHI garnered modest support, reflecting the cautious optimism surrounding its ambitious mission. However, the ensuing 26 years witnessed a profound testament to human generosity and compassion. In 2023, contributions to AHI surpassed \$3 million, empowering its efforts in healthcare largely across Africa, Central America, as well as the Caribbean. Notably, approximately 600 individuals and organizations rallied behind AHI's cause through their financial contributions, showcasing the widespread support for the organization's mission worldwide. It is truly inspiring to witness the dedication of our donors to AHI's vital work. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each and every one of you.

These contributions spanned a wide spectrum, ranging from modest donations of \$2 to a substantial gift of \$400,000. Regardless of size, every contribution to AHI holds significance to sustain the organization's operations and also inspire further giving from others. Among these, several contributions stood out for their special impact:

- AHI extends its sincere appreciation for the generous \$400,000 donation from the Church's **General Conference**. This flexible contribution enables AHI to respond swiftly to healthcare needs and emergencies worldwide.

- **Medical Auxiliary - Loma Linda University** continued its steadfast support for overseas hospitals and clinics associated with university alumni, with a total contribution of \$125,000.
- **Restore a Child**, a program dedicated to enhancing the health of children worldwide, provided AHI with \$175,000 to advance its efforts on behalf of children and their families.
- **The Winifred Stevens Foundation**, a longstanding supporter of AHI's hospital endeavors, contributed \$150,000 towards hospitals in Chad, Kenya, and Nepal. Specifically in Chad, the foundation's grant facilitated healthcare provision to children and families displaced by the tragic conflict in Sudan.
- **Rotary International** awarded a \$10,000 grant to provide healthcare services to the population of Zambia. Anticipated support from Rotary is expected to continue into 2024.

In the spirit of gratitude, the debt owed to donors is immeasurable. Their benevolence has empowered our hospitals and clinics to extend compassionate care to approximately one million patients annually—an astonishing testament to the ripple effect of generosity.

AHI's story is not merely one of financial transactions but of human solidarity and collective empowerment. It's a narrative woven with threads of compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the noble cause of healing and hope. To donors—past, present, and future—there are no words to adequately convey our gratitude. Your generosity is the cornerstone upon which AHI's mission stands, illuminating the path toward a healthier, more equitable world for all.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

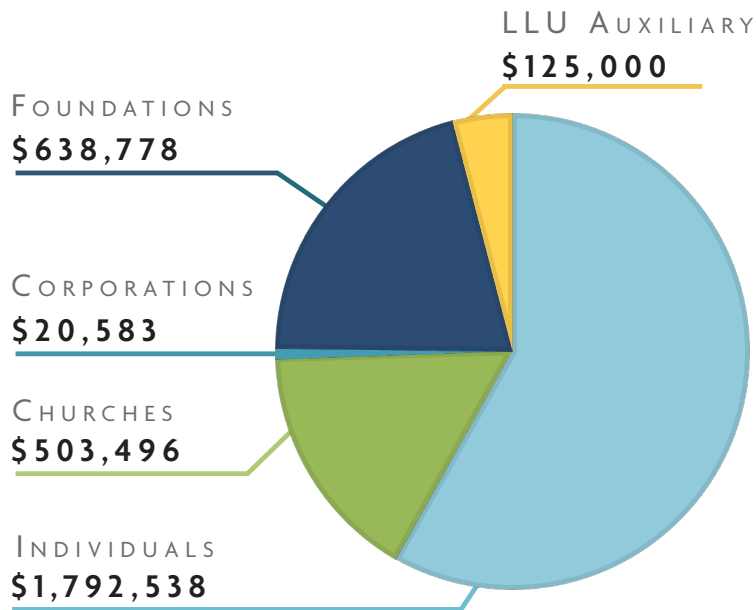
	2023	2022
ASSETS	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$6,785,050	\$7,229,131
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$144,270	\$80,691
OTHER ASSETS	\$316,070	\$216,854
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,245,390	\$7,526,676
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$73,557	\$81,659
DEFERRED GRANT INCOME	\$762,361	\$949,106
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$867,064	\$908,609
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,702,982	\$1,939,374
NET ASSETS		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$1,581,582	\$843,911
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$3,960,826	\$4,743,391
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$5,542,408	\$5,587,302
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$7,245,390	\$7,526,676

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
SUPPORT & REVENUE	TOTAL	TOTAL
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$3,291,765	\$3,557,641
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$281,178	\$63,864
OTHER INCOME	\$119,569	\$108,014
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$3,692,512	\$3,729,519
EXPENSES		
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$3,447,669	\$2,853,315
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	\$232,374	\$225,473
FUNDRAISING	\$57,363	\$65,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,737,406	\$3,144,438
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$44,894)	\$585,081
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	\$5,587,302	\$5,002,221
ENDING NET ASSETS	\$5,542,408	\$5,587,302

PHILANTHROPIC SUMMARY

GIFTS BY SOURCE



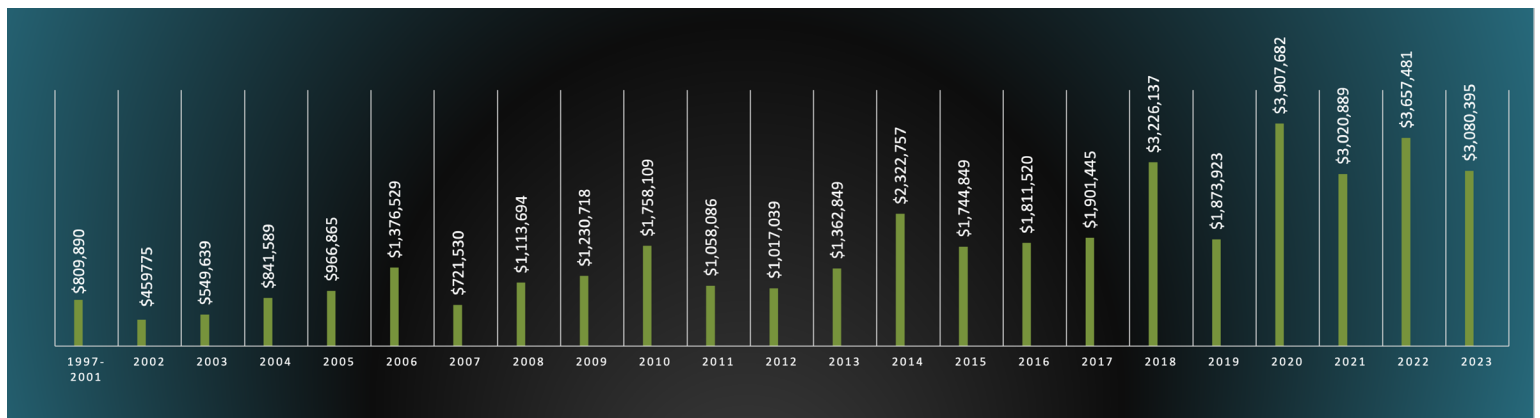
GIFTS BY SOURCE

NUMBER OF GIFTS	1,264
NUMBER OF DONORS	598
AVERAGE GIFT	\$2,437
AVERAGE PER DONOR	\$5,151
LARGEST GIFT	\$400,000
SMALLEST GIFT	\$2

SUPPORT BY PROGRAM

ANGOLA	\$11,400	CHAD	\$170,460	INDIA	\$5,000	MOZAMBIQUE	\$5,750	TRINIDAD	\$10,000
BELIZE	\$199,979	GENERAL	\$1,128,560	KENYA	\$265,473	NEPAL	\$84,500	UGANDA	\$57,775
BOTSWANA	\$11,005	GUYANA	\$10,000	LIBERIA	\$23,146	NIGERIA	\$8,650	UKRAINE	\$161,796
CAAP	\$42,675	HAITI	\$50,165	MALAWI	\$400,696	RWANDA	\$2,500	ZAMBIA	\$10,500
CAMEROON	\$3,200	HONDURAS	\$15,300	MMCC	\$258,980	SIERRA LEONE	\$141,885	TOTAL	\$3,080,395

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