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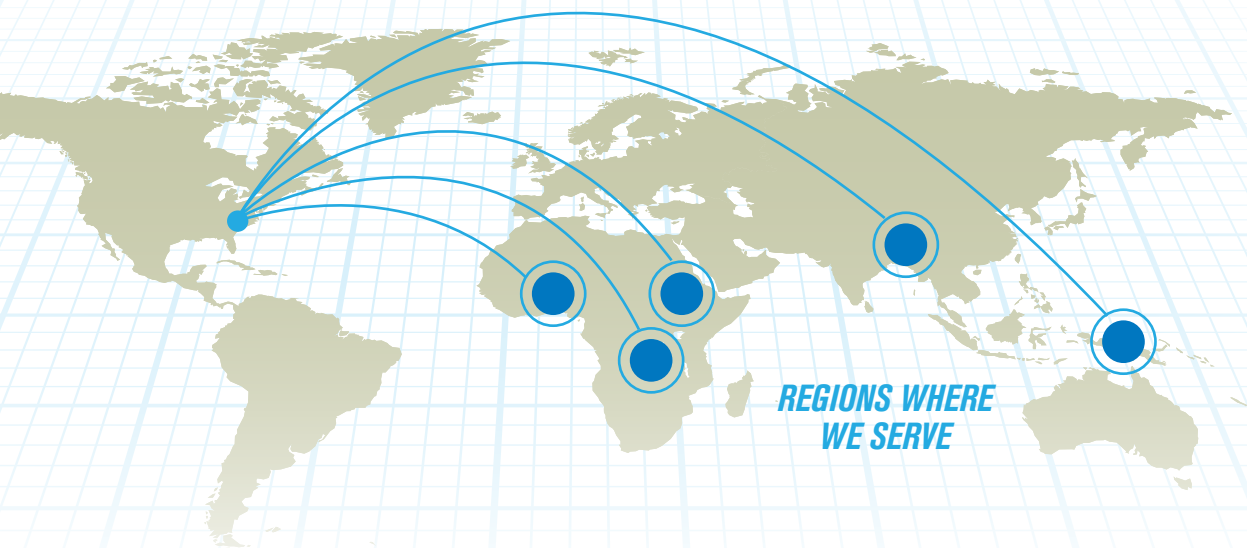


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Dr. Will Smith, an internist, brought his skills and his desire to share the Gospel to patients at Chogoria Hospital in Kenya. The hospital was started by Scottish missionaries in the 1920s.



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A Note from Franklin Graham



Dear Friend,

My grandfather Dr. Nelson Bell was a dedicated surgeon who loved the Lord and the people he served in China for a quarter of a century. That missionary heritage has influenced my life, and I am excited to see God raise up a new generation of medical missionaries through our Post-Residency Program.

These Christian physicians possess skills and ingenuity that would be welcomed at the most prestigious hospitals, yet they have chosen to follow God's calling into missions. As ministers of the Gospel, they have opportunities to bring the lost and hurting to the Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no other antidote for the consequences of our sins—no pill, no surgical procedure. Only Christ can redeem the human heart.

God has used the Post-Residency Program in extraordinary ways to help equip, sustain, and train doctors who will in turn teach other medical professionals. Is He calling you? As the Psalmist declared: *"Bless the LORD, O my soul ... who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases ... who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies"* (Psalm 103:2-4).

I encourage you to prayerfully consider how God can use you on the mission field. There will be challenges, yes, but also immeasurable blessings. Trust Him to direct your steps!

May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'FG' with a large flourish.

Franklin Graham

President, Samaritan's Purse



A Higher Calling

Around the globe, people are suffering, not just physically, but spiritually, cut off from the care and hope they so desperately need. World Medical Mission was established in 1977 by two brothers, Drs. Lowell and Richard Furman, and their friend Franklin Graham. The goal was to send physicians on short-term volunteer trips to understaffed and underresourced overseas mission hospitals. However, it became apparent that there was a void of career missionary doctors, and our Post-Residency Program was created to fill this crucial gap.

Since 2004, this program has drawn highly trained medical professionals who have been called to share Christ. In addition to all physician subspecialties, we are looking for dentists, pharmacists, and CRNAs. Mission hospitals are growing, learning

more about medicine from the West, and finding they have more needs. We are always looking for ways to improve our service to mission hospitals as we look for opportunities to advance God's Kingdom around the world. Several mission hospitals are 90% staffed by prior and current post-residents. Mission hospitals have told us the Post-Residency Program has been a major partner in keeping their hospitals open.

For our post-residents, the program provides an opportunity for Christian medical professionals to serve where their skills are most needed, and it gives them the spiritual, relational, and professional support to stay at a mission hospital for years to come. 🌐

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NAZARENE GENERAL HOSPITAL, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Located in Jiwaka province, this 134-bed hospital serves about 8,000 inpatients and 58,000 outpatients annually.



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Even though he is the son of a missionary doctor, Ben Radcliffe had no intention of becoming a missionary or a doctor. He wanted to play basketball.

“There have been several pivotal moments when the Lord reaffirmed His love for me and His call on my life,” Ben said. “The Holy Spirit worked on me until I got to the place where I was willing to say to the Lord, ‘Whatever it is You want me to do, however You want to use me, all I want to do is say yes to whatever that is.’”

For Ben, that calling meant returning to the western highlands of Papua New Guinea. That’s where he grew up and where he occasionally watched his father perform surgeries at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital (now Nazarene General Hospital).

Ben, a general surgeon, and his wife, Katherine, a family medicine physician, met in college and attended medical school at Wright State University in Ohio. They joined World Medical Mission’s Post-Residency Program in 2014 and chose the mission hospital in Papua New Guinea for their two-year assignment.

The experience proved so rewarding—both professionally and spiritually—that the Radcliffes decided to stay long term. Ben was able to work alongside his father until the elder surgeon retired, and now he and Katherine are raising their five children at Kudjip.



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Treating a wide array of medical conditions in a limited resource environment poses many challenges, but Ben says he enjoys being stretched to find practical solutions.

“The breadth of pathology that presents here is both a challenge and a source of joy,” he said. “The Lord taught me early on that those challenges could be opportunities to trust Him, to have fun, and to care for His people. The power of perspective is really key.”



Dr. Ben Radcliffe (left) and Dr. Sheryl Uyeda (center) came to Nazarene General through the Post-Residency Program and have continued to serve there as general surgeons.

Offering Real Hope

In 2017, Sheryl Uyeda, a surgeon from California, followed God's leading to Nazarene General Hospital as a post-resident. Like the Radcliffes, she decided to transition to long-term missionary service. Seeing God work miracles in the bodies and in the hearts of her patients spurs Sheryl to remain committed to her calling, even during times of discouragement.

"Missionary work is not a quick process. I have watched some friends spend years learning the language and culture before harvesting any fruits from their labor," she said. "But no matter what happens, I will be satisfied knowing that I am obeying God's call. My goal is merely to bring the Kingdom of God to whatever place He sends me."

The family of post-residents has grown over the past five years with the arrival of specialists that include emergency medicine doctors, pediatricians, a family medicine practitioner, and an OB-GYN. Some doctors elected to stay at Nazarene General Hospital beyond their term with World Medical Mission, while others answered God's call to serve in different locations.

Collectively, their expertise and compassionate Christian care have played a part in the hospital expanding patient services, particularly in the surgical and in the labor and delivery departments. A palliative care program was recently added and bolstered by the arrival of a post-resident who specializes in that field.

Life outside of the hospital provides opportunities for the doctors and their families to deepen bonds in more relaxed settings. Birthday celebrations, group dinners, Bible studies, and hikes to nearby waterfalls are among the blessings they enjoy as a close-knit community.

However, juggling the demands of work and home is not easy. First and foremost, emergency medicine physician Kendall Stewardson is a wife and mom to four children. She also has a hectic work schedule, dividing her responsibilities among the ER, the clinic, and the patient wards.

What makes the long days worthwhile is the inexpressible joy of seeing people experience genuine transformation as they come to faith in Christ.

One of her patients was seriously

ill with advanced bladder cancer. His ultrasound revealed a significant tumor invasion. Short of a miracle, there would be no medical cure.

"No operation or medicine could help this man. Yet, I could offer him real hope. Hope in a God who knows him and loves him," said Stewardson.

Serving outside of her comfort zone has been a faith-building exercise for Stewardson, too, as she adapts to a different culture and broadens her medical knowledge.

"Time and again I need to be reminded that I serve a God who does not depend on my abilities," she said. "As we look back on our lives, we are able to see how God had prepared us in hundreds of small ways. No detail has gone unaddressed by our Lord." 🌐



Dr. Ben Radcliffe (left) and Dr. Sheryl Uyeda (right) gained practical experience while working alongside national staff and Ben's father, Dr. Jim Radcliffe (second from right).



HUGH AND HELEN SIMS-WILLIAMS, KENYA

Living in Africa has been a wonderful adventure for the Sims-Williams family, and especially for the couple's children, Jesse and Grace.

Following God's Path

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Newlyweds Hugh and Helen Sims-Williams were medical residents in England when they accepted an opportunity to serve at a mission hospital in Uganda.

Both grew up in mission-focused families and felt a strong yearning to use their skills to help underserved populations and share the love of Jesus Christ. The sojourn in East Africa was an agreed-upon litmus test to determine their readiness for the challenges of mission life.

"It was one of the best five months we did as a couple," Hugh reflected. "There was definitely a part of us that said, 'This is what we would like to do if God wants us to do it.'"

They had one nagging concern. Would their specializations be practical for long-term work on the mission field?

"I remember thinking, is it at all possible for a nephrologist and a neurosurgeon?" said Helen. "I wondered if we had chosen specialties that would not suit serving overseas, but that was really far from being the case."

Through one of his contacts in Uganda, Hugh became acquainted with Dr. Will Copeland, a missionary neurosurgeon at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. The surgeon got his start through World Medical Mission's Post-Residency Program, and he encouraged Hugh and Helen to apply.



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Now, after more than two years in Kenya, Helen concludes, "There's no specialty that can't be used overseas."

The couple has settled into a busy but fulfilling schedule as they juggle work at the hospital and raising their children, Jesse, 7, and Grace, 6.

Hugh works full time, splitting hospital responsibilities with another staff neurosurgeon, who he helped train



Dr. Hugh Sims-Williams visits with a patient in the wards at Tenwek Hospital. “I have had patients say they come ‘because we can trust you.’ That means their care is going to be put first.”

through the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) program. Helen oversees the hospital’s dialysis unit and treats patients in the wards and clinic. Her schedule involves a full day on Mondays and morning hours Tuesday through Friday.

‘We Treat, Jesus Heals’

The motto at Tenwek is “We treat, Jesus heals,” and Hugh and Helen give praise to God for the many patients who have come through the hospital doors and experienced both spiritual and physical healing. Because of its acclaim throughout East Africa, Tenwek receives patients who sometimes travel hundreds of miles to obtain quality healthcare and experience Christ-like compassion.

“I have had patients say they come ‘because we can trust you.’ That means their care is going to be put first,” Hugh said. “It’s an opportunity to give them what they need most, which is Jesus.

A huge part of what we’re doing here is sharing Jesus with everyone, praying with everyone.”

Some of Hugh’s patients are disabled children, who in the local culture are considered cursed by evil spirits. “Just explaining to them that Jesus loves them, that He wants a relationship with them, that they are valued by God and made in His image, through doing that, people see Jesus. So even just how you are caring for a disabled child is a great witness,” he said.

Helen is the sole nephrologist at Tenwek and, as far as she knows, in the Southern Rift Valley. She finds it heartbreaking to treat so many patients who are battling kidney disease in their 20s. In particular, she sees many young women whose kidney function has been impaired by the autoimmune disease lupus.

Diana, 22, was referred to Tenwek after the treatment she received at four

different hospitals proved ineffective. When Helen first met her, the patient's entire body was swollen with 10 pounds of fluid. Tests confirmed she had lupus. Although very ill, she was also trying to care for her infant daughter.

Over the past several months, Helen has bonded with Diana, who returns periodically to the clinic for checkups. "She has gone through so much, and just before Christmas I gave her the Jesus Storybook Bible. She came back last week and was really thrilled," said Helen.

Seeing God answer prayers brings her immense joy. "This week in clinic I had at least two patients say, 'You prayed for me, and now I'm better. God has made me better.'"

Hugh has also seen God work in the hearts of the surgical residents he helps train and disciple at the hospital. On

Wednesday evenings the Sims-Williams family hosts a Bible study and dinner for the residents. Acknowledging how meaningful these weekly gatherings were to him, one neurosurgical resident personally thanked Hugh and Helen during his graduation speech.

That same depth of spiritual and emotional support is what Hugh and Helen consider one of the greatest assets of the Post-Residency Program.

"You have a team that is cheering you on, looking out for you, encouraging you, praying for you, and also helping you with all the challenges you might face to increase your success," Hugh said. 🌐

Special Note: *Hugh and Helen have completed the Post-Residency Program and are now serving long term at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kenya.*



Dr. Helen Sims-Williams and hospital staff join in praying for a patient. Prayer is the foundation for all of the medical and spiritual ministry that takes place at Tenwek.

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1 How do I apply?

Applications for starting the program the following year will be made available in October. The application deadline is March 1 prior to the beginning of your last year of residency and/or fellowship, or up to five years past your residency or fellowship. To receive information about applying for the Post-Residency Program, please email postresidencyprogram@samaritan.org. Please be sure to include your name, contact information, specialty, and anticipated date of completion of your final training. Or visit samaritanspurse.org/medical/contact-wmm/

2 How are candidates selected?

The leadership team of World Medical Mission will review applications and interview qualified individuals for approval for the Post-Residency Program. The committee will consider your testimony, medical specialty, references, the leading of the Lord in your life, and your long-term career goals.

3 Do I get to choose where I serve?

The Post-Residency Program staff will present you with two options of mission hospitals that can use your specialty and provide mentorship during these two years. We encourage you to do your international rotation through World Medical Mission with one of our partner hospitals, which may help in your decision of where to serve. However, the final decision is up to you.

4 What kind of preparation will I receive?

The Post-Residency Program staff will work with you and your family from the time your application is submitted through your term of service. As an employee of Samaritan's Purse, you will receive assistance with all ministry-related travel and country-specific field requirements. Prior to serving, you will be brought to Samaritan's Purse in North Carolina for orientation. If language training is required,

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. —MATTHEW 4:23

the program will make these arrangements prior to deploying you to the mission hospital. Once at the mission hospital, we will assist you by providing a missionary advisor from the hospital and connecting you with a chaplain from our Samaritan's Purse member care team. Our staff remains fully engaged with you to assist with any needs while you are serving through the Post-Residency Program.

5 Where could I be assigned?

Assignments will be in established mission hospitals and clinics in Africa, Asia, the South Pacific, and the Middle East within the network of World Medical Mission partner hospitals.

6 How will finances be managed?

Samaritan's Purse will pay a modest stipend and provide airfare, insurance, immunizations, and ministry-related travel expenses for the physician. We will also provide a housing and food allowance for you and your family. You will need to raise support to cover any personal expenses. Samaritan's Purse will not take any administrative fees from the funds you raise.

7 What about my student loans?

We are prepared to assist you as you raise support to cover your basic student loans. We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. You are eligible to continue with the Public Loan Forgiveness Assistance Program while serving with us.

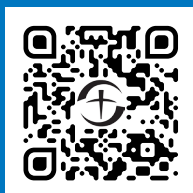
8 How do I transition to a sending agency?

After your acceptance into the Post-Residency Program, our staff will advise you of mission-sending agencies. You will also learn about long-term, mission-sending agencies that work with the particular hospital where you serve. We can assist you in making a seamless transition to a long-term sending agency and minimize the time spent at home raising support and completing the necessary sending organization requirements between assignments.



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"Go and do likewise." –Luke 10:37



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