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Foundation Elects New Officers

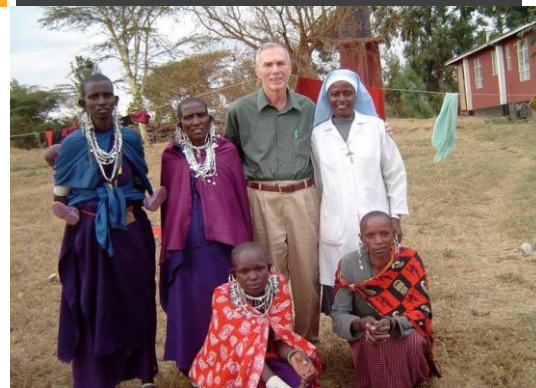
At our annual December board meeting we elected a new slate of officers for the foundation.

Carol A. D'Angelo, one of the founding members in 2006, was elected to a 2-year term as president. Carol has traveled to Tanzania on 3 occasions. She has seen the progress the foundation has made and assesses first hand the proposed future projects. Jack Antedomenico was elected vice-president and Michael E. D'Angelo, retains the office of treasurer. Jack has also been to Tanzania on two extended trips, where he instructed the staff on the use of the ultrasound machine. Our elected officials as well as the entire board is an all-volunteer group.

This allows more funds to be used for our core projects of advancing health care in Tanzania.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed Laughlin, our outgoing president, for his dedicated service to the foundation over the years. Ed served as president of our board from 2010 until 2017. During his tenure, we were able to accomplish many of our goals. This culminated with the building of the surgical theatre and the start of surgical procedures last year at N'garenairobi Health Center.

Let us continue this great work in the years to come! Thanking God for His many graces.





Dr. John K. Robert, N'garenairobi Resident Surgeon

It is our great pleasure to introduce you to the resident surgeon at The N'garenairobi Health Clinic. As of April 2018, Tanzania whose population is 50 million has 350 surgeons in the country. We consider it nothing short of a miracle that Fr. Calistus Kirongozi, Regional Superior of the ALCP was able hire Dr. Robert as the full-time resident surgeon.

After completing secondary school, Dr. Robert received his medical training at CMTC in Tanga. His surgical residency included 2 years at the Lugalo Military Medical School and Muhimbili National Hospital. Dr. Robert also completed 9 years of additional training at Mombo Government Health Clinic.

Dr. Robert reports that since starting at N'garenairobi Health Clinic in August of 2017, he has performed over 100 surgical procedures with no complications of sepsis or death. He ends his resume with these words "God blesses work in Jesus name, Amen". Dr. Robert operates without the benefit of any diagnostic equipment, such as ultrasound, X-ray or lab tests. He recently requested an otoscope, laryngoscope handles with blades and suture materials which we were able to secure and send with the help of Mediwish International. He also requested a skin grafting machine, Dermatome and Mesher, as they treat many burn victims in Tanzania. We are working on estimates for this equipment for possible future purchase.



Dr. Robert is 44 years old, married with three children. We have the opportunity with this young surgeon to elevate N'garenairobi Health Clinic to a premier surgical center. Please pray for him and his continued success.

Access to Surgery is Saving



In many areas of the world needing a surgery, as basic as an appendectomy, is a death sentence. 17 million people worldwide die each year because they do not have access to surgical care.

Last year we were blessed to begin surgery at N'garenairobi Health Centre and secure a contract with a full-time surgeon. Our first order of business which has been completed was the purchase and installation of a back-up diesel generator. This was needed because the electrical grid in East Africa is quite unreliable.

As word reaches the rural areas, people are traveling great distances many times walking 2-3 days to reach the clinic. Once their surgery is complete, they must recover sufficiently before they make the journey home.



Fr. Calistus Kirongozi, Regional Superior of the ALCP, and Dr. John Robert, resident surgeon, have requested we help raise the funds for the addition of a male and female surgical ward. The risk to patients of developing a post-operative infection is decreased when surgical patients have separate wards.

The cost of adding these surgical wards to the existing clinic is \$32,000. We are making a real difference and saving lives in Tanzania. Please consider a donation to this worth wild cause.

Microloan Project

The Microloan Project is a self-sustaining loan program that offers start-up funds for small business ventures in third world countries. This program has “enormous potential as a tool for poverty alleviation”. Any donation to this program will be used to buy shares or partial shares. Each share has a value of \$100. Loans will be made up to \$1,000 after the application has been reviewed and approved. These loans will be used to start small self-sustaining business ventures in Tanzania. Repayment of the funds begins one year after receipt.

On Fr. Mark’s recent trip to Tanzania, Sr. Janet, Headmistress of St. John Vianney High School, submitted an application for a \$1,000 loan to buy seeds for vegetables and animals for breeding. If you have interest in funding this project or any future projects, please contact Joan @ (561)748-6354 or hidhi1@aol.com



New Look to Website

For the past couple of weeks, we have been working on updating the website. Why? To make it more exciting to visit. The main purpose is to spread more information to others about the Tanzanian Cardiac Hospital Foundation. We want to help people to know us and what we do. The best part is to find out what you can do to help!!! So come visit soon.

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