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Training and empowering Christian dental professionals to create sustainability through gospel impact and excellent care.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. THOMAS & LITA

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past few months, our hearts are filled with gratitude—for your prayers, your encouragement, and your unwavering support. This season has held both challenges and great joy, and through it all, God's faithfulness continues to shine through.

After a year-long delay due to Dr. Lee's cancer treatment, we were finally able to return to Rwanda this June. What a gift it was to stand once again on Rwandan soil and witness firsthand the impact of your generosity—especially during our medical and dental outreach in partnership with CMDA and The Roots Network. Together, we served over 2,100 patients, delivered thousands of toothbrushes to inmates, and distributed the hope of God's Word. These were not just numbers—they were sacred, face-to-face moments of healing and love.

One of the most powerful reminders came during a visit to Nyamata Hospital, where we were embraced by leaders who have journeyed with us from the very beginning. Their joy at Dr. Lee's return was deeply moving—a testament to the lasting relationships that anchor this mission.

We also saw Joel again—a young boy whose life was changed by the care he received three years ago after a devastating accident. This time, he returned with his younger brother, both healthy and full of life. It reminded us why we stay. Long-term presence leads to long-term transformation.

As construction on the HOPE Dental Center progresses, we are reminded that buildings may serve as tools—but it is people and partnerships that truly carry this mission forward. Every story of healing, every life touched, is a glimpse of the Kingdom of God at work.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in this vision, and for being a part of the transformation happening in Rwanda. We're excited for what's ahead—and we're so glad you're walking this journey with us.

Blessings,
Tom and Lita

Q1 AT A GLIMPSE



OUTREACH PATIENTS TREATED

3,314



HOSPITAL PATIENTS TREATED

3,383



TOTAL RWANDANS TREATED

6,697

Q2
AT A GLIMPSE

2025 GALA

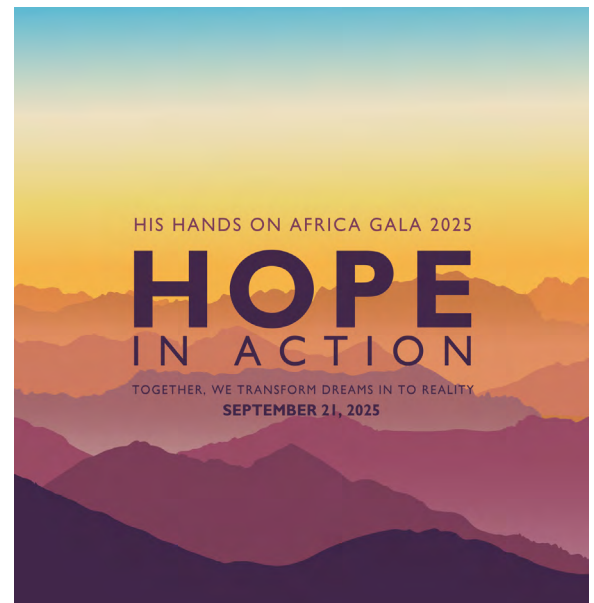
Join us on Sunday, September 21, 2025, for our annual Fundraising Gala at the stunning Air Force One Pavilion at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

This powerful evening will benefit the continued development of the Hope Dental Center and support our mission to bring sustainable dental care and the hope of Christ to underserved communities in Rwanda.

Enjoy a gourmet dinner, meaningful stories from the field, and an unforgettable live performance by Megan Tibbits—a gifted singer-songwriter who has shared the stage with artists like Brandon Lake, Jonathan McReynolds, and Jennifer Lopez.

Come be part of what God is doing. Your presence helps transform lives.

*“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength...
They will soar on wings like eagles.”
—Isaiah 40:31*



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CMDA AND ROOTS NETWORK

After a one-year postponement due to Dr. Lee's cancer journey, he, Lita, and the Rwanda team were overjoyed to finally welcome a group of 19 medical and dental professionals from CMDA to Rwanda. In partnership with The Roots Network, they served the Bugesera community from June 23–27.

It was a powerful collaboration:

- CMDA + HHOA: Providing medical and dental care with excellence and compassion
- The Roots Network: Leading gospel outreach, logistical coordination, and pastoral care

By God's grace:

- Over 2,100 patients received care
- 100 Bibles were distributed
- 4,000 toothbrushes were delivered to prison inmates

This trip served as a strong reminder of the power of partnership—and the seeds God can plant in just five days. Dr. Lee is especially hopeful about two dentists who expressed interest in returning to serve with HHOA's residency program. Please continue to pray that God will send more laborers into this field.



OUTREACH REUNION

A few weeks ago, Dr. Lee returned to Nyamata Hospital and met with the leadership team—many of whom have been part of this journey since the very beginning. He was warmly embraced by the hospital director, the clinical director, and the director of IT. Their smiles and hugs spoke volumes. No words were needed; their joy at seeing Dr. Lee back in Rwanda after his battle with cancer was deeply felt.

It was one of those sacred moments that reminded Dr. Lee that while the construction of the HOPE Dental Center is a monumental achievement, it is the people—the relationships—that hold eternal value. These bonds of love, trust, and shared purpose are what truly reflect the heart of His Hands On Africa's mission.

During a recent CMDA outreach, Dr. Lee also saw Joel—a young boy first treated three years ago after being hit by a drunk driver, leaving him with a broken jaw. At the time, Joel's mother returned a week after being referred to an oral surgeon, still in tears because she couldn't afford the treatment. Without hesitation, the HHOA team stepped in to cover the costs and ensured Joel received the care he needed.

Now, three years later, Joel is thriving—and he brought his younger brother to receive care from the team. It was a beautiful reminder of the long-term fruit of faithful presence. This is the gift of staying rooted in a community: walking with families through every season.

