



NEWS AND UPDATES

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A MESSAGE FROM DR. THOMAS & LITA

Dear Friends,

As we step into 2025, we are filled with gratitude for all that was accomplished in 2024 with God's guidance and your support. His Hands On Africa (HHOA) has grown in every way—fulfilling our mission, making significant progress on the Hope Dental Center (HDC) construction, expanding our team in Rwanda, meeting most of our financial goals, hiring a Director of Development, and even witnessing personal miracles like my recovery from cancer.

From standing at the brink of death to experiencing full healing, I am in awe of God's miraculous power. With immense gratitude, my wife, Lita, and I are preparing to return to Rwanda in early February to continue the mission He has entrusted to us.



We are also looking ahead to 2025 with great anticipation. This will be a year of milestones, including the completion of the HDC, which has been years in the making. We can't wait to celebrate this incredible achievement with all of you in Rwanda later this year.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and unwavering support. Because of you, HHOA continues to transform lives—bringing healing, hope, and the love of Jesus to many in Rwanda and beyond.

Let's lift a prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has done and for the miracles yet to come in 2025.

Blessings,
Tom and Lita

2024 AT A GLIMPSE

HOSPITAL PATIENTS TREATED

14,554

OUTREACH PATIENTS TREATED

3,226

TOTAL RWANDANS TREATED

17,780

MAIN FEATURE

KENYA MISSION

From October 21–26, our Rwanda team embarked on a journey that marked a transformational milestone for His Hands On Africa. For the first time, they traveled outside of Rwanda, experiencing many “firsts”—first passports, first flights, and first time serving beyond their home country.

In partnership with the Mercy and Love Foundation in Kenya, the team provided care to over 150 patients, bringing not only physical healing but also hope and compassion. This mission trip was life-changing for our team, an experience they will cherish forever.



This milestone is a testament to the incredible growth of HHOA Rwanda. In just four years, we've transitioned from being a mission-receiving organization to a mission-sending one. Praise God for His faithfulness!

Originally, we had planned for our first international mission in 2026, but we believe God had bigger plans to stretch our faith and expand our impact sooner than we imagined. We are in awe of how He is moving through this ministry, opening new doors to reach more lives.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support. Together, we are part of this exciting journey, stepping boldly into God's greater plans to bring hope and healing far beyond Rwanda's borders.

HOPE DENTAL CENTER UPDATE

We're thrilled to share that construction on the Hope Dental Center (HDC) is making great progress! After months of anticipation, the floor tiles we ordered from India have finally arrived, and they are now being laid throughout the building. This marks a significant milestone for the project!

In addition, work on the warehouse has begun. The second-floor flooring is now complete, and we're finalizing plans for this vital space. The warehouse will include:



First Floor: A multipurpose room/cafeteria (large enough to host over 100 people), a full kitchen, a laundry room, storage, and a staff locker/changing room.

Second Floor: A dental lab and four bedrooms to accommodate short-term volunteers supporting the teaching clinic.

While delays with the tiles temporarily impacted Phase I, we've made the most of the time by advancing Phase II work. Thanks to your continued support and prayers, we're on track to complete construction by May 2025, with an opening ceremony planned for August.

Stay tuned for more updates as we approach the finish line!

