# **NEWS AND UPDATES**



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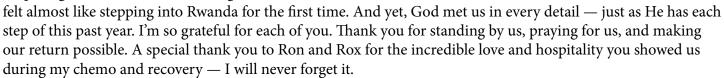
### A MESSAGE FROM DR. THOMAS & LITA

Dear Friends,

As I sit at my desk writing this, I'm still a bit in awe — first, that I'm alive, and second, that we're back in Rwanda. What a journey this past year has been. After months away, countless prayers, and so many unknowns, being back on mission feels surreal... and deeply good.

Lita and I have been back to Rwanda, to Korea, and now back in LA again, but there's nothing quite like seeing the familiar smiles of our Rwandan team, going out on outreach, and simply being back where God has called us. It's a gift I don't take for granted.

Preparing to return after such a long absence



It was one year ago this month that my health journey began. Looking back on all that's unfolded since then, I still can't believe we're pressing forward with this mission. But here we are — still standing, still working toward the dream we've carried for nine years — the completion of HOPE Dental Center.

God's grace has been so tangible through it all. We feel it every day. And we are thankful — for life, for this mission, and for each of you who continue to walk alongside us.

Blessings, Tom and Lita



## Q1 AT A GLIMPSE



**OUTREACH PATIENTS TREATED** 

627

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HOSPITAL PATIENTS TREATED

3,668

TOTAL RWANDANS TREATED

4,295

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### 2025 RUN FOR THE ONE





### **OUTREACH**

If you ask me which day is my favorite, I would definitely say Wednesdays. Why? Because it's the day of our weekly outreach. As many of you know, we've been visiting the men's prison once a month, but recently, some women in the community asked why we weren't also serving the ladies. In response, we've expanded our outreach to include regular visits to a women's rehabilitation center, where we care for former prostitutes and those recovering from drug addiction. It's been a powerful addition to our mission, and I'm grateful we can share not only dental care but also the hope and love of Jesus with these women.



Lita with a young lady she counseled and gave her a Bible



Oral hygiene instructions for the women

#### HOPE DENTAL CENTER UPDATE

The day after our arrival, I was back on-site at the HOPE Dental Center, reviewing construction progress and making interior design decisions. The building is progressing steadily—it's going to be a beautiful center that will touch and transform many lives. It's something we can all be proud of.

Although the building's exterior appears mostly finished, work on the interiors continues: walls and ceilings are being installed, and our signage is being fabricated in Korea and shipped soon. Progress has been slower in my absence, but we're gaining momentum. We're hopeful that finishing work will accelerate in the coming weeks,



