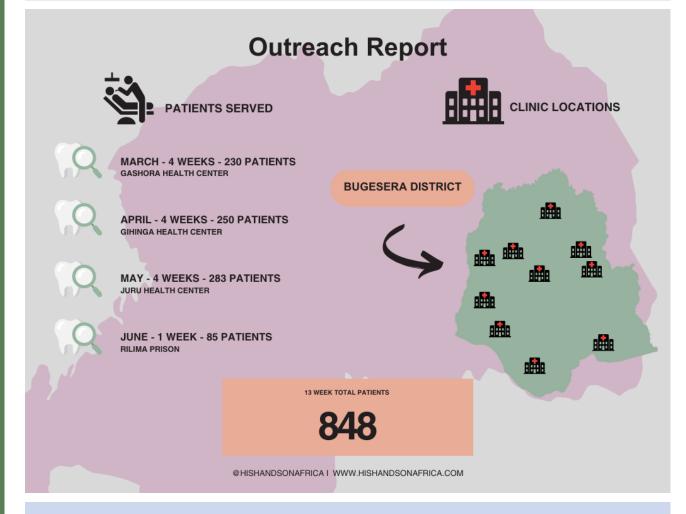




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# A Message From Dr. Thomas & Lita

Dear Friends.

Muraho from Rwanda! We pray you are well and thank you

for your continued support of us and our team. Our hearts are so full as we report what the Lord is doing here in Rwanda, and we hope you too are encouraged as you continue to read about the happenings with HHOA.

We are excited to announce the birth of our first grandchild, born to Noelle and Harry Eun, Asher. Lita was able to fly out and be with our daughter the week of Asher's arrival and I soon followed. The Lord was very gracious getting us to New York safely, and we are pleased to announce mom and son are doing great.



Many more exciting things are happening with HHOA. We have continued moving toward the purchase of the building to be the future Hope Dental Center! This is one of the most important projects for His Hands On Africa to date. To follow along with us on this journey and find out the latest information about this project, go to <a href="https://hishandsonafrica.org">hishandsonafrica.org</a>. You can also check out the teaser video at the link, and we encourage you to share it with friends and family. I also had the privilege of accompanying a prison outreach and sharing the gospel with Rwandan inmates. These are just a few of the amazing things happening, and we hope you will read on for the other exciting news included in this issue.

Continue to pray for the Lord's wisdom and protection, and please visit our website at <a href="https://hishandsonafrica.org/prayer-requests">hishandsonafrica.org/prayer-requests</a> to share with us how our Prayer Team can pray for you.

And we thank you! Your faithful support means everything to us. You remain in our hearts and prayers always.

In Christ, Thomas and Lita Lee

# MAIN FEATURE

### HHOA helps provide more living water in Rwanda!

Did you know that part of His Hands On Africa's mission is to bring clean water to the people of Rwanda? We are excited to share that just recently we completed our 3rd water well. You might be thinking to yourself "that's great but what does that have to do with oral health care?" Today, many Rwandans still obtain their drinking water from polluted rivers that can lead to more rapid & severe tooth decay. By providing clean water, His Hands On Africa grows closer to the goal of building a sustainable oral healthcare infrastructure in Rwanda. Cleaning and fixing the teeth of Rwandans will have a longer lasting - and positive - effect if they are also able to consume clean water. It is estimated that each of the three water wells HHOA has built so far will provide clean water for



approximately 1,000 families in the area. As we expand our reach throughout Rwanda, more water wells are being planned!

Our newest water well is located in the Karambi Village blessing the children at Mt. Hope Christian Academy along with their families and the surrounding community. This village has struggled for a long time due to inadequate water sources, affecting not only their bodily health but also their oral health and mental well being. While the Rwandan government installed two water wells in the general area, these two are still far from many villagers. Thanks to your help, our newest HHOA water well is providing clean water and blessing 450 families!

## Mission Work and Outreach

#### **Running Towards HOPE**



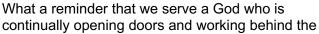
We are thrilled to announce once again we surpassed our goal for our annual Run For the 1 Fundraiser! Together, with your help, we raised \$37,741! Thank you for your support in raising awareness to the long journey many Rwandans still have to make to receive oral healthcare. One step at a time, we grow closer to shortening that distance for the Rwandan people.

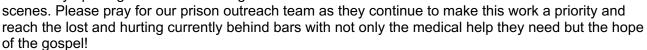
Check out our Instagram @hishandsonafrica to see our recap video!

#### **Transforming Lives and Restoring Hope Behind Bars**

We serve a God who opens doors! This past June, Dr. Thomas and some of his team went to the prison near our dental clinic to minister to the people in the local prison where they shared the gospel with a few hundred inmates, treated 65 patients and gave out 20 Bibles.

While that work alone is amazing and we give all the glory to God, this story gets even better. The HHOA Rwanda team had been planning a prison outreach for few months now. Just when they were about to reach out to Dr. William, our hospital director to work on the logistics of this outreach, Dr. William contacted HHOA that the prison director was requesting OUR help!







# **Homefront Operations and Updates**

### Prepare for an Unforgettable Evening of Entertainment!



We are pleased to announce our Emcees for this year's Gala are John and Susan Lee! John and Susan both attend the Garden Church, which is where they first met Dr. Thomas and Lita Lee, and learned about their plans for the amazing dental mission ministry that would become His Hands On Africa.

Susan serves at the Garden Church as the director of children's ministry, and John serves in the welcoming and community group ministries. John is an ordained minister through the American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles denomination, and after transitioning to clinical psychology, currently

works as a psychologist working with elders residing in skilled nursing facilities. Susan and John have been happily married for over 15 years, and have their hands full raising three wonderful children, Charlotte (13, going into 8th grade), Noah (10, going into 6th grade) and Grace (9, going into fourth grade).

Go to hishandsonafrica.org/2023gala to visit our Gala webpage!

### Here to Boost Efficiency and Success: Meet Our New Digital Marketing Assistant!

Victor DeMayo is our newest staff member working as the Digital Marketing Assistant. Since graduating with a Bachelor's in Marketing, Victor has accrued experience in both sales and marketing. At His Hands On Africa, Victor's main responsibilities will be marketing through digital platforms such as social media and the website. Having a passion for missionary work, Victor is excited to be part of HHOA's humanitarian and gospel-focused mission in Rwanda.



Victor lives in Santa Clarita, CA. He is an avid sports fan both on and off the court, playing and watching both football and volleyball. Victor counts it a blessing to work for a Christian organization and strives to fulfill our calling in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat for drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

## Partnerships & Research

### **Building Bridges with Rocky Peak**



We are pleased to share that Brian Morehead, the Local and Global Outreach Pastor at Rocky Peak, visited Rwanda June 29-July 3rd. Dr. Thomas spent four days with him to show him our ministry sites and share more about the mission of His Hands On Africa. During his visit, Thomas showed him the great work HHOA was doing including a visit to our newest water well! Please be in prayer for this new connection as we trust the Lord will be opening doors for a great partnership between HHOA and Rocky Peak Church!

### Fellowship with IntoFocus Vision

Thomas & Lita Lee, along with Keith Gosselin met with Karen Winn & Vivian Parcells of IntoFocus Vision to discuss the possibility of a collaborative mission trip in Rwanda next year. IntoFocus Vision believes "that too many people around the world suffer from correctable vision problems and correctable blindness due to economic and social problems that exist in their societies." IntoFocus Vision has given out free glasses

and shared the Gospel of Jesus with over 63,000 people worldwide, often doing so in prisons. Now that HHOA completed its first outreach trip to Rilima Prison in June, there are great opportunities to combine oral and vision care services in future outreach trips!



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